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Dates to Remember



MARCH

Wednesday 8th

- Picnic Supper (Family Fun Night 5.00-7.30 pm)

Monday 13th

- Labour Day (Public Holiday) No school

Tuesday 14th

- School Council AGM 4pm

Wednesday 15th

- Parents & Friends of PSPS meeting 9am staffroom

Friday 17th

- 5/6 K Cake Stall 3.30pm (after school)

Wednesday 22nd

- Futsal Clinic

Tuesday 21st

- Prep Tour

Thursday 30th

- School Photos

Friday 31st

- Term One Ends

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended our 'meet the teacher evening' on Wednesday. We are absolutely thrilled by the number of parents who attended. Family-school partnerships are collaborative relationships. Preston South Primary school values and is committed to family school partnerships. This collaboration is central to children's learning and development.

BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

We are delighted with the amount of students who attend our breakfast program on Friday mornings. This will run every Friday this term. School breakfast programs have benefits for students' academic, behavioural and social development.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

We have noticed that many parents are allowing their children to bring Ipads and mobile phones to school. If you need your child to have access to a mobile phone after school for personal reasons please ensure that these devices are handed into the office. As we provide Ipads to students at our school we discourage students to bring their own. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

BASKET SUPPER

This year we have replaced our 'Family Fun night' with the inaugural 'Basket Supper'. We would like families to get to know each other and enjoy a meal together. Bring along a basket of food and enjoy the company of other families in our school grounds on Wednesday 8th of March 5.00pm to 7.30 pm.

NAME PAVERS

Our name pavers have arrived and we are seeking to employ the services of a paver who can lay our brick pavers. If you know of anybody who can help us, please contact the school office. If you are still interested in purchasing a named paver please let us know ASAP.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Congratulations to Liberty H who is our new President of Parents and Friends of Preston South Primary School. P & F have decided that they will have two major fund raising events this year! A Bunnings sausage sizzle and an inaugural dinner dance. Funds raised this year will go towards upgrading our 'sand play' area in the playground. They will also be organising student lunch days at school throughout the year.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Congratulations to all our elected student leaders for 2017- School Captains, House Captains, Junior School council and Environmental Leaders. Students at Preston South have many opportunities to be involved in student forums that exist for students to develop leadership skills and have a clear voice in what is happening within the school. These opportunities contribute to a positive school environment where students feel they are an integral part of the school community and can have an impact and a say concerning their own learning, personal well-being and that of others

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A sincere thank you to the members of our school community who have nominated for School Council. Unfortunately at the time of writing this piece I am unable to share with you the names of the nominees, however this will be communicated in the next newsletter or via a letter to all families.

2017 CURRICULUM DAYS

Please be aware that the following days have been approved by School Council as our Curriculum Days for this year:

Monday 15th May:

Friday 18th August:

Monday 6th November:

STUDENT AWARDS

One of the really enjoyable aspects of having school assemblies is that we all have the pleasure of sharing when the children are acknowledged for their skills, talents, and achievement. At our school we have "Student of the week" which are based on our school values. Classroom teachers will endeavour to contact parents when your child is to be presented with a certificate as we feel that it is important for the child's family to be aware and involved in the celebration.

PUNCTUALITY

Being punctual is an important part of school and working lives. Preston South Primary School is encouraging all students to work closely with their family to appreciate the value and positive impact of being on time. Arriving on time not only improves academic results, but enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and assists in building organisational and communication skills. **School start time is 8.50am**



SAY CHEESE

School photos will take place on Thursday, March 30. Students are required to wear best dress on photo day (school uniform). Individual, class and Co-curricular group photos will be taken.

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Visual Arts @P.S.P.S

Performing Arts Teacher: Mrs. Niceski

Term 1 has been busy and productive for all students.

All students have been involved in guided drawing instruction with a focus on the elements and techniques involved in the process. Grade Prep students created wonderful 'bugs life' drawings. Grade 1/2 students created owls, tugboats and an air adventure project. Grade 3/4 students made their own 'life islands'. Grade 5/6



students studied Frida Kahlo and created portrait work based on the life of the artist. The results were quite incredible.



Performing Arts @ P.S.P.S

Performing Arts Teacher: Mr. Lukic



Performing Arts offers students a unique, expressive, creative and communicative outlet to engage their critical and creative thinking. The Performing Arts program has allowed students to communicate their perceptions, observations and make connections with their peers.

This term students have been working on using their voice as an instrument. Students will explore, pitch, dynamics, tempo and melody.

Each year level has also been learning a song that ties in with their Inquiry units of work. Prep to 2 students have focused on "Welcoming Song: Come On In", the Year 3/4's are learning "Playing To Win" by LRB, while the 5/6's have been exploring the song "Getting' Better" by Tesla.

Physical Education@ P.S.P.S

Physical Education Teacher: Mr. Lukic

This semester students will be involved in numerous activities that focus on developing knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of physical activity. Physical Education is a part of each student's academic, emotional and physical development.

The Year 5/6's have also been involved in a district wide Interschool sports based competition. In term one, students competed in Rounders and T20 Cricket. A number of students have also competed in the District Swimming Carnival.



Students across the school will also participate in Hockey, Futsal and AFL clinics.