

# PRESTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dates to  
Remember



## MAY

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

- School Council Meeting

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

- NAPLAN

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

- Grade 1 excursion

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

- Life Education Van

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

- District Cross Country

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Grade 5/6 excursion

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Curriculum day

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

At last! After almost two years our playground works are finished. The feedback from parents and students has been very positive and it is a delight to see many families enjoy the new space. I would like to thank the Building and Grounds Committee and all the families, staff and students that came to our working bee. We managed to complete everything on our list. Lots of hands made the tasks easier and we were able to plant trees in our large pots, spread mulch, trim vines, weed areas, plant shrubs and trees, lay out the bluestone, prepare garden beds and sweep areas. We enjoyed a BBQ lunch to finish off a good day's work.



## DENTAL VAN

Students who returned the school dental consent form visited the school dental van this week. You may have noticed the van in the school grounds during the day. If you have any questions about this program please contact the school. Teachers will be following up with dental health lessons in the classroom.



## PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Preston South Primary School is participating in The Premiers' Reading Challenge. This challenge encourages children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. It is a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. This is the eleventh year of this Challenge and since 2005 it has helped inspire nearly two million students to read an incredible 34 million books. In addition the Challenge has encouraged families and parents to support children's literacy development. For those parents who are new to the Challenge, you will find that it is a great way to motivate your children to read more books and discover new and exciting



titles.



## LUNCHTIME CLUBS

This term students will again be given the opportunity to participate in lunchtime clubs. Thank you to the teachers who will give up their lunchtime to run the clubs. This term we have - choir, chess, basketball, skipping rope activities, colouration, and construction. We also have science club every Wednesday.

If you are interested in helping with a garden club, we would love to hear from you! Students this term will also be supported to start their own club! Stay tuned.



**ENROLMENTS**

Families who have a child already enrolled at our school and have another child turning five years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> of April next year and wish for them to enrol, please let the office know ASAP. We want to finalise our enrolments for 2019 early this year.

**RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

This term all classes have formed their inquiry units based on our whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships, which recognises that Preston South Primary school is:



- a workplace where all staff should feel equally respected, safe and valued and have equal opportunities
- a safe space where young people can learn about gender equality and respectful relationships, in and out of the classroom
- part of the wider community that can model gender equality and respectful relationships

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials cover eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all levels of primary and secondary education: Emotional Literacy; Personal Strengths; Positive Coping; Problem Solving; Stress Management; Help Seeking; Gender and Identity; and Positive Gender Relationships.

We look forward to seeing the exciting action inquiries that each year level will come up with!

# Prep Grades News Item

Prep Inquiry Unit for this term is titled "Changes". Students will be aware of changes in their lives and understand changes are in their lives. Some of the activities that they will participate in will generate the following question – how do living things change to survive?

We planted beans and I think it will take three years to grow. By Jacob

We planted beans in the soil and watered our beans to make them grow. By Matina



After we put the beans in the soil, they will grow into a bean stalk. By Joshua