

PRESTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We, at Preston South Primary School, would like to show our respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, of elders past and present. We extend a warm welcome to everyone who visits our school.



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Dates to Remember



AUGUST

- Monday 27th**
- Curriculum Day (student free day)
- Tuesday 28th**
- Farm Rescue Day (Dress as a Farmer)
- Friday 31st**
- Melbourne Zoo excursion (Prep)

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 4th**
- AFL Fun Day
- Thursday 6th**
- Art Fair (after school)
- Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th**
- School Camp
- Sunday 16th**
- Sustainable House Day (see attached flyer)
- Monday 17th**
- School Council
 - Scienceworks excursion (Grade 2/3)
- Thursday 20th**
- JSC Disco
- Friday 21st**
- Last day of term (2:30pm finish)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

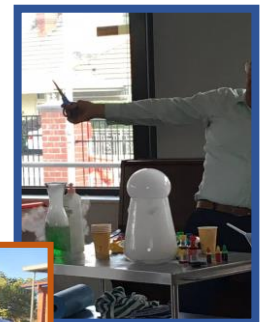
Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I have witnessed numerous kind and thoughtful behaviours and actions from our students, teachers and parents that make me proud and honoured to be this wonderful school's Principal. I am most impressed with the level of community engagement with all the extracurricular activities and exciting fun days that we have organised in the last fortnight.

Our book character parade was a huge success this year and I was delighted to see so many students come to school dressed as their favourite book character! Every staff member joined in on this fun day and I was impressed to see so many parents stay for the parade.



Science week proved to be an eventful week full of amazing experiments and innovative ideas. Thank you to all parents who came along to the science fair and to the parents who purchased photos of 'things under a microscope'. We still have framed photos left for sale. Thank you to Mr. Tass Tsousimis, who together with the lunchtime science club displayed some very fun and exciting experiments.





I have to commend the exceptional behaviour of the students who continually impress me with their great manners and the way they conduct themselves. At the last school assembly I informed the students that I have organised a great fun day for them to thank them for making our school an even better school. Next week (Tuesday 28th of August) all students will participate in the AFL Footy Roadshow [between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm]. We will be running this sports day, which involves an interactive and exciting inflatable activity program, designed to introduce participants to the game, in a fun, encouraging and non-competitive way. Students need to wear their school uniform and runners.



On the last day of term PFA are organising a hot dog day and students can come to school dressed in their footy colours.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

The environmental student leaders worked with Angela Foley, the Special Engagement Programs Coordinator from Merri Creek Management Committee to talk about creating an Indigenous garden in the school. The outcome looks amazing and we now have an area that has mostly Indigenous plants and a couple of native plants. The students learnt so much about the importance of these plants and how they are used in various different ways. Thank you to all the parents who came along to help plant.



CONGRATULATIONS JEDDA – we’re so proud of you!

As you would be aware at our school, social action and thinking of others is one of the biggest elements of our student inquiries. It is always a delight to hear how some of our students go on to create a change for others outside school hours. Here is a recent email we received from a parent.

“Last year in the winter Jedda saw a person sleeping on the ground with blankets out the front of a shop. Jedda was quite concerned and asked lots of questions around why someone would be sleeping in the street and why they don’t have a house. She asked could we buy him dinner and take it to him. So we did and he was very thankful. Jedda’s concern and curiosity grew around the homelessness issue and she decided to do something to help. So we started a go fund me page and Jedda recorded a video which we uploaded on social media about how she wanted to help the homeless. Within a month Jedda had raised \$1554.00.



We then researched homelessness charities and decided to go with the Melbourne Homelessness Collective. We donated the money to them and they were able to buy 51 sleeping bags for the homeless. Jedda is already thinking about what she can do next to help the homeless as she believes that everyone deserves a place to call home.”

SUPPORTING OUR FARMERS – TRUNDLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Junior School Council have been very proactive this year in supporting others in our community. This time they have decided to take their philanthropic idea interstate. We have made contact with Trundle Central School in NSW who also have an active and passionate JSC. Students from both schools are keen to support farmers – and for Trundle Central School, it is the members of their own community who are affected by the drought. The best part of fundraising this way means that one hundred percent of all donations received will go directly to supporting families in that community.

JSC from both schools are hoping to Skype each other soon. To the families of Trundle Central School - from one boutique school to another we are proud to support you! Students at school will come to school dressed up as a farmer. Please bring a gold coin donation on the day. Donations of any other amount are also kindly appreciated.

CURRICULUM DAY 27TH OF AUGUST

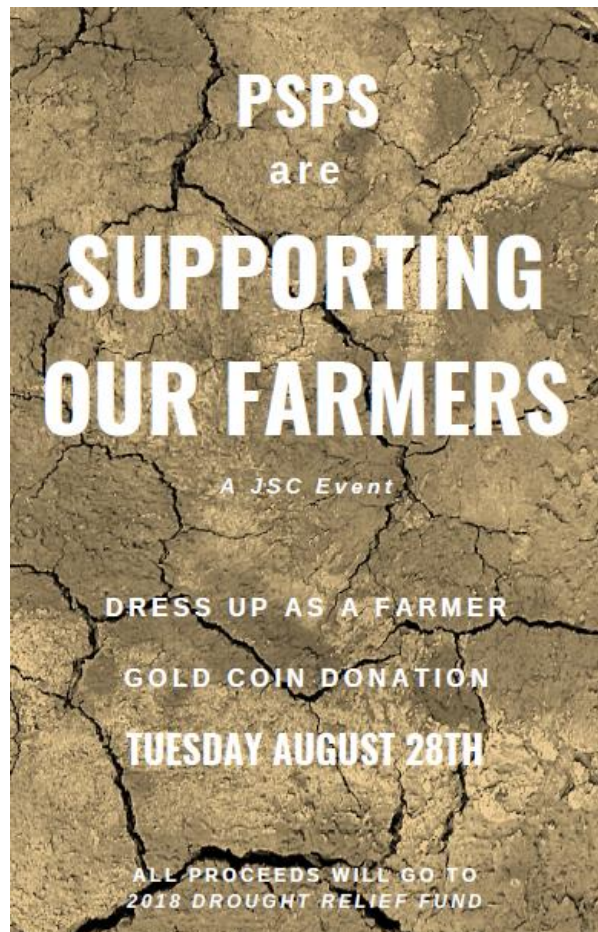
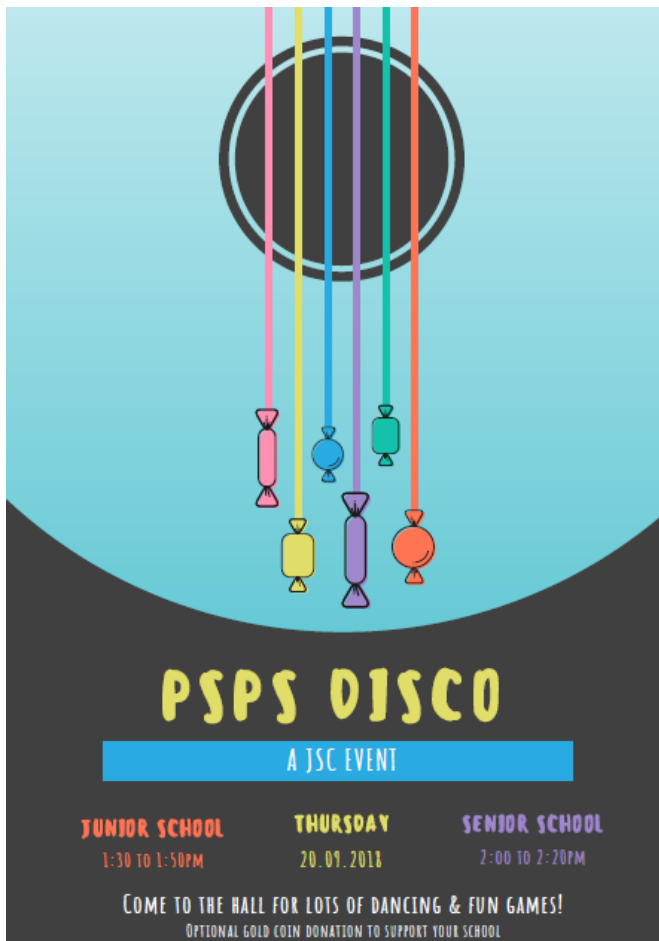
Monday 27th of August is a curriculum day. This is a non-school day for students. In the morning staff will be working with Yarra Me School to complete workshops about Understanding Attachment and Trauma- in the afternoon staff will be completing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural awareness training.

News from JSC

SUPPORTING OUR FARMERS & PSPS DISCO

Preston South Primary School will be **supporting our farmers!** On Tuesday August 28th, staff and students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and dress up as a farmer to raise awareness. All donations will go to the 2018 Drought Relief Fund.

JSC are also organising a whole school disco on Thursday 20th of September. This is a lunchtime event and students need to be in school uniform on the day!



A reminder to all families that we are a sun smart school.

Sun protection is recommended whenever UV levels are three or higher. Average UV levels in Victoria are three or higher from **mid-August** so it's time to dust off the sun protection gear and not wait until term four.

1. Check the daily sun protection times for your location

Available from:

- Free SunSmart app (<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app>)
- Free SunSmart widget (add it to your website – instructions are available at <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget>)
- [sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)
- Weather section of the newspaper

2. During the sun protection times, please remember to:

- **Slip** on covering clothing
- **Slop** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Remember to reapply throughout the day.
- **Slap** on a wide-brimmed hat that shades the face, neck and ears
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on wrap-around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) if practical

School Crossing Supervisor



Darebin City Council

Looking for a rewarding way to contribute to Darebin's vibrant community? Do you enjoy interacting with children and community members? Apply now to be a School Crossing Supervisor for Darebin Council.

We're looking for people who are reliable, responsible and enjoy working directly with the community. As a School Crossing Supervisor you will be required to:

- Assist children and community members to cross roads safely
 - Understand traffic laws and Council policies
 - Communicate well with the diverse community
 - Be flexible and able to travel and work within the municipality, often at short notice
- Shifts are rostered from 8am to 9am and/or 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday during **school term**.

Contact: Cassie Pearce on 8470 8529

Come and Try Tennis!



East Preston Park Tennis Club, TA Cochrane Reserve (behind the school)

Adrian Barry has run the tennis program at the school for the last four years and is offering a free trial lesson at the end of term three (or the beginning of term 4), to children interested in participating in tennis classes next term.

Classes are held on the following **afternoons** and **mornings (before school)**.

Wednesday 4pm and 4:45pm (45 minute classes)

Wednesday 8:10 am and Friday 8:10am (30 min classes)

Term 4 prices:

30 min before school classes cost \$135 for 9 classes

45 min after school classes cost \$170 for 9 classes

Children train in a group of no more than five students and all lessons are supervised by Adrian, a Tennis Australia club professional coach with over twenty years of full time coaching experience.

Please contact Adrian for further details:

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