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## Dates to Remember



### MAY

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

- Life Education Van

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

- Grade 5/6 excursion

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

- Curriculum day

### JUNE

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

- School Council

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

- World Environment Day

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

- 2019 Prep Tour 9.30am

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

- Cyber Safety & Bullying Prevention Presentation.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is our highest priority. We know that our school is a safe place for our children and that Preston South Primary School staff, School Council, and our community work hard to protect all students from abuse and neglect. The Department of Education (DET), together with the Victorian Registrations Qualifications Authority (VRQA) published new *Child Safe Standards*. These standards are the result of recommendations from the final report of the Victorian Parliament's *Betrayal of Trust* inquiry. These Standards were introduced through Ministerial Order 870 and build on the existing processes and commitment to student safety in schools.

Every two years we updated our range of policies to comply with these standards on top of the existing policies. In today's newsletter, you will find our updated Child Safe Standards Policy and our updated Student Code of Conduct. Please read and become familiar with these policies.

We seek feedback on these policies before school council endorsement. Please email us at [preston.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:preston.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with suggestions, thoughts or questions.



## LIFE EDUCATION VAN

This week our school will have a visit from the Life Education Van. This is a face to face delivery of an essential curriculum-based program empowering children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices now and into their adult lives.

The curriculum based modules focus on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity and cyber safety.



By taking a comprehensive approach to drug and health education, the modules help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. This will provide students the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Each module presents an issue or issues with memorable and engaging activities. The specially trained educators ensure that all messages are age-appropriate, relevant and enhance and support the messages taught in Australian schools. The Life Education Program compliments many of our other school policies such as Child Safe Policy, Bullying and Harassment Policy, Student Engagement and Healthy Eating Policy.

## CURRICULUM DAY - Teachers are learners too!

Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> is a curriculum day. Please remember **this is a student free day**. Teachers will be at school on this day enhancing their own learning.

**If any parent/carer needs OHSC with Leapkids this day, please contact them directly on 1300 366 235.**

**PIZZA DAY - PFA NEWS**

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Our PFA are organising a yummy pizza day lunch on Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, we would love a couple of extra volunteers to help sort the pizzas. Please email Janet at [pfaprestonsouthprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pfaprestonsouthprimary@gmail.com) if you can help out on the day, from 12pm -1.30pm. Please also ensure you have your order forms back before Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> to avoid disappointment.



**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 by June 12<sup>th</sup> this year.

**AFL SCHOOL CLINICS**

All students at Preston South Primary school will be involved in AFL clinics. School clinics are aimed at developing the student's basic fundamental movement skills. The AFL clinic includes skills such as kicking, handballing, bouncing and marking along with many fun games and activities.

**Grade One news**

As part of the inquiry unit about 'Respectful Relationships', students in grade one attended the Royal Botanical Gardens. Students learned about 'mindfulness' and respectful relations during the 'Health and Wellbeing in Nature' excursion. Students got to practice yoga moves and made potpourri and mandalas. What a relaxing and calm excursion.



**Procedural text**

Grade One students have been learning about writing procedural texts. Last week they got 'hands on' and made 'Chocolate Crackles' following a recipe. We have some talented chefs in our grade level.



**Sharing time lines**

Students had the opportunity last week to share their timelines and stories with senior citizens. They also learnt a thing or two about growing up before iPads, computers and television.

