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Dates to Remember



JUNE

Monday 4th

- School Council

Tuesday 5th

- World Environment Day

Wednesday 6th

- 2019 Prep Tour 9.30am

Thursday 7th

- Cyber Safety & Bullying Prevention Presentation.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to all the families who provided us with feedback on our Student Code of Conduct and Child Safety Standards Policy. Preston South Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to the protection of all children from all forms of child abuse. Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is our highest priority.

AFL CLINICS

Our four week AFL clinics started this week and students were very excited to participate. The clinics are aimed at developing the student's basic fundamental movement skills with an AFL flavour. It includes skills such as kicking, handballing, bouncing and marking along with many fun games and activities.

CURRICULUM DAY - Teachers are learners too!



Monday May 28th was a curriculum day. Staff implemented the 'Tiered Fidelity Inventory' (TFI) – which is used to measure the extent to which school staff are applying the core features of our SWPBS. School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole-school framework which provides school professionals with an approach to promote improved behaviour at their school. The afternoon session involved teachers exploring ways to engage students in our student inquiry program. Teachers also visited Cathryn and Gary's house which is an amazing example of how sustainable principles are used in the design of a house. Teachers used this best practice model to link this design to the Victorian Curriculum. Thank you to Gary and Cathryn for letting us into their beautiful home.

MSO EXCURSION

The year 4, 5 & 6 students attended an excursion at Hammer Hall to see Tripod on stage with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. The students later visited the national Gallery of Victoria followed by making music in the park with nature.

Welcome to Sonya Foster- our Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Today our school had a visit from Sonya Foster, who is the Koorie Engagement Support Officer for our school (KESO). KESOs are an integral part of Victoria's state education system. KESO's support Koorie children and their families with assistance to make the journey through primary and secondary school as seamless as possible. KESOs focus specifically on the engagement of Koorie students, families and communities within the government school and early childhood systems, as well as kindergartens and other areas of early childhood.

KESOs connect with other relevant internal (school and regional staff) and external support workers to assist family engagement. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with Sonya, please contact our school office staff.

**CHILD SAFETY
STANDARDS
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Students in year 4, 5, 6, enjoyed building the Solar Buddy lights with parent Gavin.



PIZZA DAY - PFA NEWS

PFA NEWS

Our PFA are organising a yummy pizza day lunch on Wednesday June 20th, we would love a couple of extra volunteers to help sort the pizzas. Please email Janet at 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 8th to avoid disappointment.

ENROLMENTS

We already have 42 students enrolled for Prep next year. We have 18 families booked in for our school tour scheduled for next week. We want to finalise our enrolments for 2019 by June 12th this year. Families who have a child already enrolled at our school and have another child turning five years of age by 30th of April next year and wish for them to enrol, please let the office know ASAP.

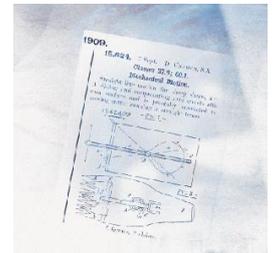
National Reconciliation Week

This year during National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June, Reconciliation Australia invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation.

“Don’t Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow” explores history hidden just beneath the surface, ready and waiting to be uncovered. This National Reconciliation Week learn more about the Australian story. This year’s campaign highlights some of the lesser known aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, histories, cultures, and achievements, to prompt Australians to ask themselves: what are some of the things *I don’t* know about our shared history?

Inventors

David Unaipon (1872 – 1967), a Ngarrindjeri man, was an inventor and innovator most commonly known for his modified design of the shearing shears. During experiments to attain perpetual motion, Unaipon discovered a way for the blades of the shearing handpiece to move in a straight line, which is the basis of modern shears today. As well as being represented on this year’s NRW poster, Unaipon and his work are also represented on the current Australian \$50 note.



Heroes

Wiradjuri woman and tennis star Evonne Goolagong-Cawley (b. 1951) was ranked as the world number one in 1971 and 1976 alike. She has since started the Evonne Goolagong Foundation, which uses tennis as a meaningful platform for promoting educational health.



Families

The kinship system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is significantly different to how most Australians view their own families and their relationships to each other. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kinship is more than a social hierarchy.



It goes back to belonging and connection to the land. It's this connection to country that defines identity and brings families together. Under this system, you can have many mothers, fathers, uncles, aunties, brothers and sisters who are not related by blood, region or language group. For example, the traditionally western idea of aunty and uncle would be considered your mother and father. Their kids would be

considered your brothers and sisters, not your cousins. This complexity of kinship is more than just titles, it can influence social protocols, how people care for children, business, or how the wealth is shared.

NATIONAL MUSIC TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM



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This year our school is participating in The National Music Teacher Mentoring Program, which aims to enrich music education practice in Australian primary schools through the mentoring of generalist classroom teachers by experienced music educators. David Perry is our school mentor. Teachers and students are thoroughly enjoying this experience. I am sure your child has told you all about it and is coming home singing some very interesting songs.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June each year and is the biggest, most globally celebrated day for positive environmental action. Students at P.S.P.S will be conducting some amazing initiatives on this day. Initiated by the United Nations in 1972 as part of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), World Environment Day helps everyone to realise their responsibility to care for the Earth and reminds people of their power to become agents of change.

CYBERBULLYING AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

On Thursday the 7th of June students will be participating in a cyberbullying and prevention program that will be run by 'Bully Zero Australia Foundation'. This program aims to cover the following content including: what is bullying, the different types of bullying, facts and Australian statistics, cyber safety, responding to bullying, empathy and respect, and how to seek help. Each year level will attend one of the four sessions that will be taking place on the day.



Zero Australia Foundation is also offering, a **Parent information session**, to inform parents about the impacts of bullying and strategies to prevent bullying. This session will take place on **Thursday 7th June, between 4.30 pm - 5.30pm** and will take place in the Library. We encourage all parents to attend.

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.



FURNITURE

Preston South Primary is having a big clean up! We have furniture to give away. If you would like staffroom tables, small tables or trolleys please contact the school office.

REPORT WRITING

The teachers are currently in the midst of writing student reports. Teachers are creating personalised reports with direct linked achievements from the Victorian Curriculum.

Our teachers are working hard and are on track in collecting evidence which supports and captures the learning and developments of your child. This year our new reporting software will allow us to distribute reports as an email or families can access their child's report form the Sentral Parent Portal.

Grade two/three news

Persuasive Texts

Over the past few weeks the grade 2/3 students have been focusing on, 'Persuasive Texts', during their writing sessions.

The students have been looking at the text structure and different techniques used to persuade the audience to agree with them. Students looked at the topic, 'Is school better than staying at home?'.

Students enjoyed stating their opinion and outlining three different arguments that support their view. Students decided their point of view and conducted research to further persuade the audience. Once the students drafted their Persuasive Texts, they developed an advertisement, using slogans and illustrations.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this activity!

