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Preston West Primary School Newsletter Thursday 22nd March, 2007

<u>Important Dates</u>		
Friday	March 23 rd	PWPS v's St Raphael's at St Raphael's (Cricket & Tee Ball at Zwar Park)
Tuesday	March 27 th	School Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 28 th	Prep Excursion – Melbourne Zoo
Thursday	March 29th	Multi Cultural Day
Friday	March 30th	Last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm Finish
Friday	March 30th	Rotary Raffle Tickets must be returned.
Monday	April 16th	Term 2 Begins – 9:00am Start
Thursday	April 26 th	Curriculum Day

<u>Term Dates 2007</u>			
Term 1	31 st January - 30 th March	Term 3	16 th July – 21 st September
Term 2	16 th April – 29 th June	Term 4	8 th October – 21 st December

Principal's Note

CURRICULUM DAY REPORT

Yesterday was a very productive day. Staff completed a number of important tasks. In particular the development of a prep-6 assessment continuum for speaking and listening will prove to be very useful. Feedback on our new maths planning processes, resources and implementation approaches was extremely positive. Karen Attrill delivered her International Teaching Fellowship presentation as a result of her year in England last year. The final part of the day was a presentation by Gregory Nicolau on the behavioural and emotional development of children and the role that teachers play in this development. Gregory presents a very powerful message in a most engaging manner and this was appreciated and enjoyed by the staff.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The annual report to the school community provides an opportunity for the school council, management team, staff and parents to reflect on the success of our improvement strategies, and informs planning for ongoing improvement. Feedback and evaluation from the 2006 report process has led to improvements in the annual report guidelines and templates for 2007. The key improvement has been the adoption of a simplified template. The annual report will be ratified by school council at the meeting next week prior to being submitted to the regional office by the end of term. Copies of the report will be distributed to all families.

SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available?

Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

END OF TERM

Next week will be a very busy one with a number of additional activities planned. I would draw your attention to our Multicultural Day with the details for the day contained later in the newsletter. If you are free and can participate please come along.

Craig French.

MULTI CULTURAL DAY

As many of you are aware, Preston West is a very diverse school with a student population that represents countries from all over the world. We believe that this diversity allows our students to learn and develop in an atmosphere of understanding and enrichment reflective of the world around them. Hence we will be holding a Multi Cultural Day on Thursday the 29th of March. Students are invited to come to school dressed in their traditional costumes or in national dress of a country of their choice.

A parade will commence at 10:30am and all parents are invited to attend.

Students will be participating in a shared lunch from 12:00pm -1:00pm. We invite all students to bring a traditional dish to share with their classmates.

The Junior School Council will be collecting a gold coin donation on this day. All funds will be sent to an International Aide Organisation.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

As part of the ride2school program the students in grades four, five and six have been asked to take part in a survey. A consent form has been sent home and I urge all parents to return it as it will give us valuable information on how to best cater for students who wish to ride to and from school. The first event of this program will be the ride to school day on March the 28th. It would be great to have as many students as possible to ride their bikes to school. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to have fun and get some exercise. If children under 10 wish to take part they should ride under supervision of an adult as they are not old enough to perceive all possible dangers. Children over 10 need to ride in a safe fashion. Students need to walk their bikes through the school grounds to the bike shed which will be open from 8.45. We would also like to organize a 'bike train' where a group of children ride under the supervision of an adult. If you are interested in supervising a group then please contact Martin Gleeson or Mr. Cohen. We hope to get a couple of bike trains organized so that all children have the opportunity to ride to school. Remember all students **must** wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear with their names clearly displayed.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE. 2007

There is still one week for students to register in the Reading Challenge, as forms need to be returned to school no later than the 30th March. We now have **144 students** registered for the challenge. Many of these are well on their way to reading the set number of books for their grade level. Congratulations to **Maryam El Houli of 5/6D** who has already completed the challenge. ***Fantastic effort Maryam!*** If you have read all your books for your grade level please return the sheet, with the titles and authors of all the books you have read listed and has been signed by your parents, to school so we can verify that you have finished the challenge for this year. Keep up the effort and have fun reading.

Robyn Schmid

AUSKICK

Auskick will commence at Preston West Primary on Tuesday 17th April. The sessions will run from 3:45pm – 5:00pm. Registration forms are available from the office, and the enrolment fee is \$47.00. We need several Parent Helper Coaches to assist to enable the program to operate.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

A CRACKER NIGHT ON THE GREEN

Parents Club will be holding a social night of lawn bowls at Fitzroy Victoria Bowling and Sports Club on Friday 27th April at 8:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person. This includes green fees and finger food. Drinks will be available at bar prices. Please complete and return the form accompanying the newsletter today.

ROTARY RAFFLE 2007

All Rotary Raffle tickets must be returned sold or unsold by ***Friday 30th March***. Each ticket costs \$2.00 –***for every ticket we sell Preston West PS receives \$1.50*** If you do not wish to sell any tickets please return the book immediately to the school. We thank-you in anticipation for your support.

CAMP

In order to finalise numbers for the 5/6 Camp, it is important that all \$50.00 deposits and permission forms are returned by the *end of term*.

HEAD LICE

We have had several recent cases of head lice reported to the office. It may be advisable for parents to check their children's hair.

HOT CROSS BUNS –Hot Cross Buns will be delivered on Monday 26th March ready to eat or freeze!

PLANT CUTTINGS – We need succulent cuttings for our Mother's Day Stall. Anyone with cuttings please bring them to the office or give them to Mary Watts.

NEXT MEETING – We will be meeting next Thursday 29th March 2:30pm-3:30pm in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME !

RCH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Please return all donations to school by Monday 26th March.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with their awards this week.



	Academic Achievement	You Can Do It Award - Getting Along		Academic Achievement	You Can Do It Award -Getting Along
Prep A	Lucas Nicholas	Teshia Riley	Grade 3/4D	Georgie Carrington	Aditya Kaushal
Prep B	Abu-Bakar Ayoubi	Jett Manzie-Adams	Grade 3/4H	Jay Frampton	Salah Abikar
Prep T	Cathy Zhang	Achmad Jufri	Grade 3/4R	Rosie Duffy	Thomas Bell
Grade 1/2D	Emily Kypriotis	Liam McErlain	Grade 5/6I	Lachlan Hayes	Melissa Carvalho
Grade 1/2E	Pandelis Flytouris	Gabriel Castro	Grade 5/6M	Najma Atosh	Paige Kelly-Cleeve
Grade 1/2G	Nicholas Doulos	Loveleen Kaur Hayer	Grade 5/6T	Lance Rima	Lanre Bolarinwa
Grade 1/2M	Grace Duffy	Hassan Houssein	Art	Troy Sullivan	
Grade 3/4A	Brigitte Khalil-Salib	James Mazzone			
Grade 3/4C	Jake Sullivan	Zakarea Mohamud			

UNIFORM SALES

The Uniform Shop is opened for sales Monday & Friday from 8:45am, and Monday & Friday afternoons from 3:15pm. In keeping with our Sunsmart policy, it is compulsory that all students wear a suitable hat outside at all times during Term 1 and Term 4. The school uniform includes Anti-Cancer Council approved hat design. The school has a stock of navy bucket hats available for \$6.00.

COMMUNITY NEWS

INFORMATION EVENINGS

La trobe Secondary College

La trobe Secondary College's Information Evening for 2008 Year 7 students will be held on Thursday 19th April at 7:00pm in the library. School Tours can be arranged by ringing 9459 9633.

Thornbury High School

Thornbury High School's information evening is on Thursday 22nd March at 7:00pm.

Preston Girls' Secondary College

Tours held every Wednesday at 9:30am. To book a tour or make an enrolment enquiry call Lynette Prime 9470 2755.

Viewbank College

Viewbank College's Information evening is on Thursday 19th April. First tour begins at 7:30pm, second tour begins at 8:30pm.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Darebin Community Sports Stadium (YMCA)

Information and registration forms regarding Darebin Community Sports Stadium School Holiday Program are available from the office.

POCKETFOOL PRODUCTIONS

Pocketfool Productions will be performing "Cheep-Cheep" at Jika Jika Community Centre on Sunday 25th March at 10:30am. All tickets \$5.00. Suits ages 3 & up. Bookings: info@pocketfool.com or 9354 2459.

PRESTON GARDEN CLUB INC.

Autumn Garden Show will be held on 24th March at Preston City Hall between 2:00pm-8:00pm.



Northcote High School

Northcote High School will be holding an Open Day on May 2nd 2007. Tours & Displays will be held from 2pm – 7pm. An information evening will held at 7:00pm.

Macleod College

Macleod College's Information evening for 2008 Year 7 Students will be held on Tuesday 24th April 6:00pm-8:30pm. School Tour Dates are as follows 15th, 21st March, 18th April, 1st, 7th 15th May. Bookings are essential for tours. Please phone 9459 0222.

Enhanced Acceleration Program (Year 7, 2008) – Entry Test Saturday 5th May 2007

(Bookings are essential – places will be offered to students on the basis of test scores.)

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