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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 11th November 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Tuesday 16 th – Wednesday 24 th	Grade 2 Department Funded Swim & Survive Safety Program
Wednesday 17 th	Grade 4H & 4M Bicycle Excursion
Tuesday 23 rd	Grade 1M, 1N & 1Y Rippon Lea Estate Excursion
Wednesday 24 th	Grade 4L & 4T Bicycle Excursion
Wednesday 24 th	Grade 3 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
Wednesday 24 th	Grade 5 Superspeak Incursion
Thursday 25 th	Prep C, Prep H & Prep K Mad About Science Incursion
Tuesday November 30 th	Grade 1 Werribee Open Range Zoo Excursion

December

Thursday 2 nd	Prep Latitude & Malahang Park Excursion
Monday 13 th – Wednesday 15 th	Grade 4 Lake Dewar Lodge Camp
Friday 17 th	<i>Last Day of Term 4 – 1pm Finish</i>

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 4th October – Friday 17th December

Principal's Note

Voluntary Parent Financial Contributions 2022

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary finance contributions for 2022 that were approved by School Council this week. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Within our school, this support has allowed us to offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities and many other experiences we would otherwise not be able to offer. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is available for eligible families.

At Preston West Primary, we have endeavoured to keep our financial contributions as low as possible. In summary, the 2022 contributions will include:

1. General classroom consumables \$260 (materials and equipment \$150 & ICT / online subscriptions \$110).
2. First Aid equipment and supplies \$40.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our school community and eagerly head into 2022 with ambitious goals to continue our journey to provide an excellent primary school education for students of Preston West and beyond. If you have any questions regarding parent financial contributions please don't hesitate to contact me on (03)9470 1546.

2022 School Captains

Over the next few weeks, the process of selecting our 2022 student leaders will begin. Our Grade 5 students participated in a leadership presentation this week which highlighted the expectations, role description and processes to apply for roles as School Captains, House Captains/Vice Captains and Junior School Council. Special thanks to five of our current school leaders (Ruby, Felix, Caden, Katerini and Amelie) for sharing their leadership journey - they all communicated and answered questions with amazing confidence and insightful knowledge. From here, students interested in the School Captain role will complete a written application based on selected criteria and from there Mark and I will form the panel to short list, interview applicants, also communicate with previous teachers and specialist staff. Early this year we were impressed by the interest in becoming a student leader and are hoping for the same levels of enthusiasm to undertake next year's roles. Following this process, the Grade 3-5 student body will elect their House Captains and Vice House Captains prior to the end of this year. Early in 2022, each class from Grade 2-6 will elect their JSC representative. I wish all our students best wishes and congratulate all aspiring applicants (successful or not) in putting their hands up to undertake such a prestigious role.

Grade 2 Swimming Program

Next Tuesday 16th the Grade 2 students will commence their intensive swimming program at the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Tomorrow a group of Grade 5 students (Savannah, Sophia, Maxwell, Charlie, Juzer, Vivienne, Ruby and Ava) will coordinate a special school assembly (via video presentation) to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Special thanks to those who actively contributed to the ceremony.

ICAS Assessments

The ICAS assessments have been rescheduled to the following dates:

Maths Assessments - Monday 15th November

English Assessment - Monday 22nd November

School Council Summary

A summary of this week's school council meeting discussions included:

- In 2022 we will have an estimated enrolment of 689 students. Thirty classes will operate across the school and students will access a session per week of Italian, Art, Physical Education and Music.
- 2022 planning is well underway in relation to staffing, strategic direction (curriculum, staff professional learning), calendar of events and budgets etc.
- In Term 1 2022, we will undergo our School Review. The review is overseen by a panel led by an external school reviewer. The panel will analyse our data sets (student outcomes and all opinion surveys) between 2017-2021, observe students in classrooms and meet with members of our school community. The panel will then formulate our strategic direction for the next four years.
- NAPLAN and Parent Opinion Survey data was presented.
- At our next school council meeting we will discuss community group utilisation of our school gymnasium.
- Special thanks to Bostik and Courtney McDonald for the donation of a couple of pallets of hand sanitisers and wipes.

- Assessments have been conducted across the school throughout October and will continue in November and staff will moderate results in and across teams. Student reports will be distributed via Compass on Monday 13th December. The Promotions Parade whereby students meet their new teacher and classmates will be conducted on Friday 10th December.
- Over the summer school holiday break new synthetic grass will be laid where our current oval and athletics track is located.
- Pupil free days in 2022 will be on Friday 28th January, Monday 31st January, Monday 15th August and Monday 31st October. Students in Grades 1-6 will commence school in 2022 on Tuesday 1st February. Individual Prep assessments will take place between Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th February and the classes will commence their 5 day a week schooling journey on Monday 7th February.
- The Before and After School Care Programs Fees will remain the same as in 2021 (Before care \$8 and after care \$12).

Special mention to our School Council members for their efforts during this year.

School Access / Vaccination Status

As parents/carers are well aware since the end of lockdown 6.0, we have implemented numerous protocols and changes to promote a safe learning environment for our students and staff. After consultation with School Council, we are hoping that from late November we will welcome parents back on to the school premises during drop off / pickups. However, as at the 5th November 2021 the updated Departments Operational Guide highlights the following:

Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene. Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- ☒ when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- ☒ when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- ☒ when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Parent Teacher Interviews & Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually e.g. Webex.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

Vaccination requirements for visitors / volunteers performing work in schools

Visitors and volunteers performing work on school sites (both inside and outdoors) must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medication exception.

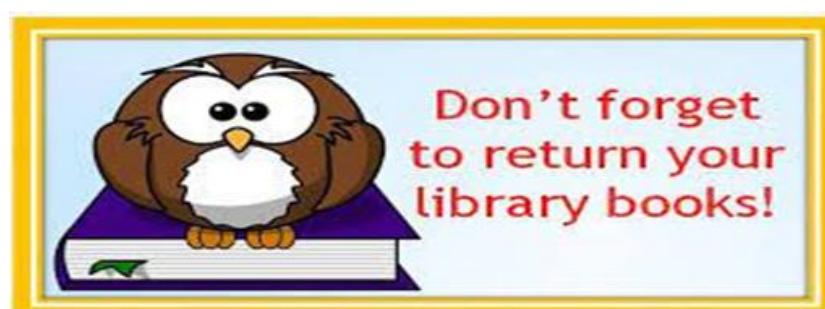
Thank you for your anticipated co corporation in abiding by the government school guidelines.

Cheryl Bondeson

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 5/11/2021

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
PREP C	Flynn M	Saamiya A
Prep V	Whole Class	Lucy N
Prep H	Mike N	Ty M
Prep K	Isabella T	Ava T
Prep D	Annaliese S	Meryam H A
1M	Patrick B	Cherise C
1A	Meggie C	Romir C
1Y	Ellison C	Emma J
1B	Marcus M-L	
1N	Miles Perkins	Heian P
2W	Jordan C	Eliza D
2M	Magnus L	Thomas E
2P	Sadeen G	Louis W
2D	Alexander B	Milly M B
3F	Sara H	Whole Class
3B	Matyas C	Lwazi M
3O	Elsa A	Leroy H
4L	Xavier R	Vincent D
4M	Samantha D	Branden Z
4T	Ava T	Dion Z
4H	Crystalia P	
5W	Lily S	Zoe P
5P	Charlie G	
5K	Finn H	Oliver S
5B	Nicholas L	Sierra Z
6J	Mariam A	Rodrigo D A
6N	Angelina Z	Julian M
6S	Lawrence M	Derek H
MUSIC	Juzer U W	
ITALIAN	Manvik T	
ART	Athan D	



Support for your kids to get active

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

As children return to sport over the coming months, the Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps [eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities](#).

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

The program also provides a special consideration stream to support children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round three of the program close at 5pm Tuesday 30 November.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [Get Active Victoria website](#).

