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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 21st October 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Monday 1st

Curriculum Day – (No students this day)

Tuesday 2nd

Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday (No students this day)

December

Friday 17th

Last Day of Term 4 – 1pm Finish

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 4th October – Friday 17th December

Principal's Note

Transition back onsite

It was great to have our junior students back onsite this week and we will be welcoming our Grade 3-6s in a staggered return commencing tomorrow (please refer to table of the following page which highlights year level attendance over the next few weeks). Congratulations and thank you to our Prep parents for confidently saying goodbye to students at the gate. The Prep students promptly settled back into the classroom routine and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm when playing in the yard. I thank parents/carers who have sent their children with masks, as strongly recommended by the Department of Education and Training for students in Prep - Grade 2. Just a reminder to parents of our Grade 3-6 students that masks are mandated at these year levels.

Transition back to school

We understand that for some of our students and parents the transition back to school is quite daunting. The following link is to a session presented by the Royal Children's Hospital titled Supporting Primary School aged children on their return to school. I recommend parents take the opportunity to watch it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQvh3Wmk4Zc>

Updated arrangements for the return of students

Numerous measures have been put in place at Preston West PS to help minimise the risk of COVID-19 transition e.g. mask wearing, only essential visitors onsite, open doors/windows, students eating food outdoors under supervision and restrictions on movement of staff and students. This week we have also created "safe bubbles" within the school. This is to reduce the contact the children and staff have with other people while at school. This would eliminate the number of people who could potentially have to quarantine if we were to get a positive case. To maintain the "safe bubbles", specialist teachers have been assigned to a specific team in the school each day and different year levels have been allocated specific play spaces. The Departments Operations Guide, which is regularly updated, highlights restrictions in school based on updated information from the Chief Health Officer, in the aim of minimising transition of COVID-19.

If there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 at our school, there is support available for our school community. The Department has comprehensive procedures in place with the Department of Health to manage suspected or confirmed cases. Please note there are various complexities in such situations and we are directed as to which action plan to undertake for either a grade, cohort of students or the entire school. Action plans could involve temporary school closure for some/all staff and students, COVID-19 testing and isolation.

If students need to be collected from school early, parents can make a phone call and we will endeavour to have your children come and meet you promptly.

Prep Students - Primary Nursing Program

On Monday we sent home a form for the Primary Nursing Program, including a School Entrant Health Questionnaire for parents/carers to fill in and return to school. Please ensure you complete and return the form to school by Monday October 25th.

Attendance from 22nd October - 5th November

Week 3 Term 4

Fri 22nd Oct
Grades 1, 2, 5 & 6

Week 4 Term 4

Mon 25th Oct	Tue 26th Oct	Wed 27th Oct	Thur 28th Oct	Fri 29th Oct
Preps	Preps, Grades 3 and 4	Preps, Grades 3 and 4	Grades 1, 2, 5 and 6	Grades 1, 2, 5 and 6

Week 5 Term 4

Mon 1st Nov	Tue 2nd Nov	Wed 3rd Nov	Thur 4th Nov	Fri 5th Nov
Fourth school council approved curriculum day for 2021. Pupil free day.	Melbourne Cup Public holiday	Preps, Grades 3 and 4	Grades 1, 2, 5 and 6	All students back onsite - assuming no further public health announcements.

Compass - Parent Information Portal

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the schools website has been recently updated and its key purpose is now as a promotional site for anticipated future enrolments. Compass continues to be the key resource for our current parents/carers. In addition to utilising Compass for the distribution of information (updates, newsletters and school reports), it also houses timetables and important documentation e.g. Annual Report and a school policy library. There are a multitude of policies on Compass including Child Safe, medical, eLearning and student engagement.

Cheryl Bondeson

Commitment to Child Safety

Preston West Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Preston West Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Preston West Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

The schools approach to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment is guided by our philosophy and values. Our vision is 'Preston West Primary School is committed to providing a learning environment and educational programs which will motivate, challenge and support students to become life long learners. The school aims to maximise student potential in a safe and caring community in which academic achievement, positive self-esteem, cultural diversity and the rights of all are highly valued and respected'. Our mission is 'Preston West Primary School aims to provide a safe, stimulating and supportive environment that develops all students to their full potential – academically, socially and personally. We instil in children a lifelong love of learning'. We know children can struggle to achieve their personal best if they are not safe from abuse.

At this school our values guide the decisions and behaviours of all members of our school community.

The school values we promote at Preston West Primary School are:

L	Leadership in our actions and behaviour. As exemplary leaders we demonstrate responsibility fairness, kindness, honesty, loyalty and cooperation with other students, teachers and parents within our school environment and in our community.
E	Excellence in our learning and interactions with other people. We strive to achieve high expectations in our daily learning endeavours and celebrate our successes. We demonstrate fair play and encourage the achievements of others.
A	Acceptance of others. We understand and celebrate the array of abilities, backgrounds, beliefs and opinions of other people. We value our rich multicultural community and acknowledge our diversity is our strength.
R	Respect for ourselves, other students, teachers, our parents and the wider community. We value and acknowledge every person as an individual who deserves to be treated with appreciation and dignity. We respect the work, ideas and belongings of others.
N	Never giving up on ourselves or others. We demonstrate persistence and resilience in the pursuits of higher learning and to become well rounded individuals socially and emotionally. We also show support, helpfulness and care for others and to assist them in the attainment of their goals.

If there are any concerns or questions regarding Child Safety procedures, please see the Cheryl Bondeson (Principal) or Mark Ross (Assistant Principal).

Acknowledgement of Land

Preston West Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.



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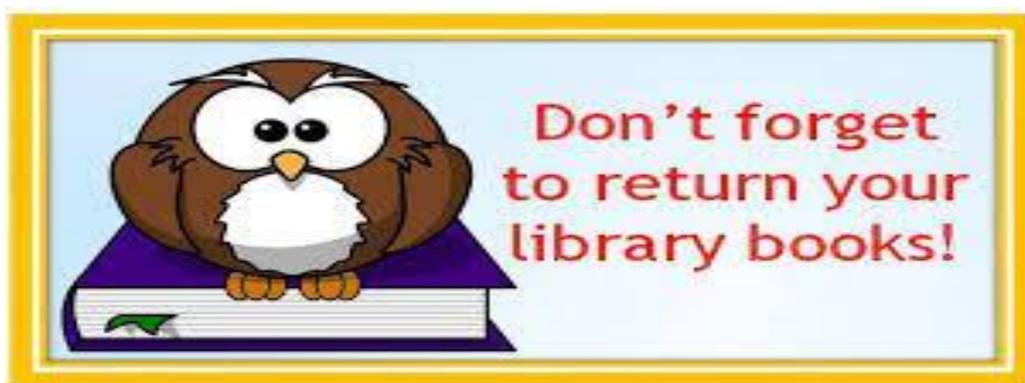
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Why wait? Sign up Today!
Term 4, 2021 runs from 4 October - 17 December

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**FREE TRIAL LESSON
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Three Vs: Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVIDSafe Steps

Vaccination

- Getting vaccinated is the best way to be protected from and prevent the spread of COVID-19
- All staff working in schools will be required to have received a first dose COVID-19 vaccination by 18 October and to be fully vaccinated by 29 November*

Ventilation

- All schools will continue to maximise ventilation through opening windows and doors and setting air conditioners to use outside air, where possible
- Ventilation audits and CO2 monitoring are being conducted
- A total of 51,000 air purifiers will be distributed to Victorian schools from the start of Term 4
- And all government schools and low-fee non-government schools will be able to install new shade sails to expand outdoor learning spaces

Vital COVIDSafe steps

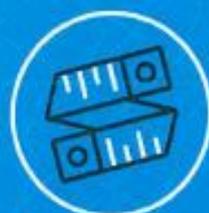




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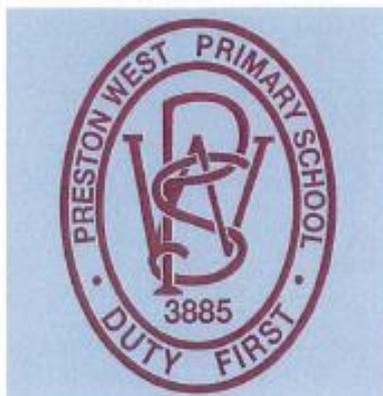
Pre-book your Personal Fit



*** No new lay-bys in January. Lay-bys require a 20% deposit. Lay-bys available without pay. Extended lay-by for "Back to School 2021" must be placed between Mon 2nd Nov and Fri 10th Dec 2020. Lay-by must be paid for and picked up by Fri 2nd Jan 2021.

** Store trading hours are subject to change. please refer to www.coolbay.com.au for all store trading hours, holiday trading and public holiday information. Or call the customer service team on (03) 9768 0337.

* School Price Legs are subject to change throughout the year.



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**2/283 REX RD,
CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061
(03) 9768 0337**

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS**

15 Nov 2021 - 12 March 2022

Monday to Friday: **9:00am – 5:00pm**

Saturday: **9:00am – 2:00pm**

NORMAL TRADING HOURS**

All year round except Extended Trade Period

Tuesday to Friday: **9:00am – 5:00pm**

Saturday: **10:00am – 1:00pm**

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AVAILABLE**