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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 28th 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

World Teachers Day – Friday 29th October

Tomorrow is World Teachers Day. It is a privilege being principal of a school which such a dedicated, talented and motivated staff of teachers who promote such a positive team culture. On behalf of the community, I thank our wonderful teaching staff for their efforts to promote authentic relationships, high expectations and engaging class programs to ensure all students can achieve their full academic, social and emotional potential. I have also appreciated the efforts of the Preston West PS staff throughout the remote learning from home experiences.

Parent Opinion Survey

Special thanks to the parents/carers who completed the Department of Education and Training's Parent Opinion survey last term. The results of the survey will be analysed alongside the staff and student opinion surveys to establish what's working well at Preston West Primary and areas that can be improved. This year's Parent Opinion Survey generated the following results - Parent general satisfaction 90% positive responses, school support 88%, teacher communication 76%, physical environment 93%, school improvement 78%, school pride & confidence 88%, high expectations for success 86%, student motivation & support 86%, participation & involvement 67% stimulating learning environment 80%, effective teaching 79%, student agency & voice 80%, confidence & resilience skills 88%, managing bullying 88%, promoting positive behaviour 94%, respect for diversity 95%, school connectedness 89% and positive transitions 81%.

Updated return to school arrangements

We are looking forward to having all our students (Prep -Grade 6) back onsite on Wednesday 3rd November. **Just a reminder to parents that there will be no school for children on Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd November. Monday 1st November is a Curriculum Day for staff (forth school council approved pupil free day of 2021) and Tuesday 5th November is Melbourne Cup Day.** We are wanting to keep the curriculum day on this scheduled date to minimise the disruption of taking a day later this year and ensure the continuation of onsite learning from November 3rd - December 17th. The updated Departmental Operations Guide allows for excursions, incursions, camps and swimming to recommence from next week. We have created 'safe bubbles' across the school to reduce the interactions/contact of grades, cohorts of students and staff. This would eliminate the number of people who could potentially have to quarantine if we were to get a positive case. As a consequence of creating a 'safe bubble', there will be significant changes next week to our specialist/support timetable and also to the times students will be eating their play lunch/lunch and playing outside. The Prep - Grade 2 students will have a separate recess and lunch break compared to the children in Grades 3-6.

Just a few reminders:

- Parents/carers are to remain off site. Students in Prep - Grade 2 will continue to be walked out to the Jessie Street side on the school until further notice. Grade 3 students will also exit from the Jessie Street side of the school and the Grade 4-6 students will leave via Murray Road.
- 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.
- If you wish to make contact with any staff member this can be done via phone or email (Compass).
- Masks are mandated for students in Grades 3-6 and recommended for students in Prep - Grade 2. Can you please ensure your child has spare masks in their school bag.
- If students are unwell or showing any of the COVID symptoms, please ensure they remain at home and get tested. I also ask that our community follow the daily updates and advice, in regards to exposure sites and isolation where required.

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 which 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.

Thanks once again for your wonderful efforts and support throughout the remote learning period. I hope all our PWPS families enjoy a relaxing weekend and Cup Day.

Cheryl Bondeson



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Come and Try 6th Nov 2021



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