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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 4th November 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Tuesday 23rd

Grade 1M, 1N & 1Y Rippon Lea Estate Excursion

Wednesday 24th

Grade 3 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

December

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th

Grade 4 Lake Dewar Lodge Camp

Friday 17th

Last Day of Term 4 – 1pm Finish

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 4th October – Friday 17th December

Principal's Note

Students Onsite

It was terrific having all our year levels back onsite yesterday. A special thank you to our parents/carers for saying goodbye to their child/children at the gates and reducing the number of adults onsite. Just a reminder to please not enter the school premises at this point in time - please call the school (0394701546) if you need to collect children earlier or have something to drop off and we will assist you. Thank you also to our parents who have ensured their child/children have a mask whilst indoors at school, including spares ones in their school bags.

ICAS Assessments

The ICAS assessments have been rescheduled on the following dates:

Maths Assessments - Monday 15th November

English Assessment - Monday 22nd November

Thank you - Bostik

Special thank you to Bostik for their generous donation of pellets of hand sanitiser and wipes. The products will be well utilised at Preston West Primary School.

Term 4 Assessments

Classes across the school have been undertaking assessments in literacy and numeracy to provide staff with up to date information prior to documenting the end of year reports, which will be distributed on Monday 13th December. A whole school assessment schedule was revised last year and staff regularly review student achievement data in teams, which guides future planning of their curriculum.

Rephrasing Questions

The below list features alternatives to "What did you do at school today?" to which parents/carers often report to staff that they get a reply of "Nothing!" from their children. These questions may help you to initiate the conversation with your child/children.

"When were you happiest today?"

"What made you smile today?"

"Who were you kind to today?"

"What made your brain grow today?"

"Which places did you visit at school today?"

"Did you do anything nice for someone today?"

“Was it a quiet/busy/noisy/fun/relaxing/challenging day today? Why?”

“Tell me some things you saw today.”

“Did you spend time with a ‘new friend’ today? Would you like to become better friends with them/anyone else?” (Possible future playdate)

“Did you mostly work by yourself, with a partner or in a group today?”

“If you could do something from today again, what would it be? Why?”

“Did anything funny happen today?”

“Who did you talk to the most today?”

“If you were the teacher today, what would you have done more of or less of? Why?”

“Did you spend any time with students from other classes today? When? What did you do?”

“What were some good/strong choices you made today?”

“Did you do anything today to show that you are your own ‘boss’ (e.g. of your feelings, actions)?”

“What work are you proudest of from today?”

Cheryl Bondeson



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