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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 17th June 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

June

Wednesday 23rd

Friday 25th

Friday 25th

July

Monday 12th

Three Way Conferences – No school classes on this day

JSC - Pyjama Day

Last Day Term 2 – 2.30 Finish

First Day of Term 3

Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 12th July – Friday 17th September

Term 4 Monday 4th October – Friday 17th December

Principal's Note

Return to Onsite Learning

It has been great having our students back onsite since last Friday. It has been wonderful visiting classrooms and seeing our students promptly reconnecting with staff and classmates and enthusiastically returning to established routines. We have really appreciated your support in promoting health and safety across the school e.g. social distancing, promptly leaving the premises and wearing masks. All in all, it has been a great transition back to onsite schooling for our students and I am confident for our parents as well.

Three Way Conferences

Thanks to those parents who have already booked interview times for next week's Three Way Conferences. Interview time allocations to see our staff that teach Art, Physical Education, Italian and Music are not required and these teachers will all be located in the Art Room on the 23rd June. Please note there are no formal classes for students on this day and Before and After School Care will not be operating. Parents have been given the option of having the interviews onsite or via WebEx. Students are expected to participate in the Three Way Conference. Can parents/carers also ensure that students are not left unsupervised on the school premises. On days such as the Three Way Conferences, parents are responsible for their children. **Due to health and safety, I encourage all families to follow COVID safe guidelines and promptly depart the premises once their interviews are completed. Parents must download and complete the Victorian Check In Covid Safe QR App on the Three Way Conference Day. These will be located on the entry to each classroom.** Thanks for your anticipated support.

Protective Behaviours

During the first two weeks of Term 3 students across the school will be undertaking a unit of work on Protective Behaviours. Protective Behaviours forms part of Health Education and looks at promoting self-protection and the rights of all individuals to be safe. The Protective Behaviours unit will cover areas such as stranger danger, secrets and surprises, feelings, body clues, appropriate touch zones, safety network (trusted adults) and safety rules. Teachers have worked collaboratively in their area teams to devise a program deemed suitable for each grade level. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you require further explanation.

Early Dismissal end of term

Just a reminder that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday 25th June – last day of Term 2. We look forward to having all our students back on Monday 12th July.

Staff Leave Term 3

Leah French will be on leave early Term 3. Grade 3F will be taught by Lucas Kilmartin for the first two weeks of Term 3. We are so fortunate to have the services of so many quality replacement teachers who know our school and how it operates so well. This enables us to ensure our class programs continue to be delivered at the highest level.

Student Reports

Mid year student reports can be accessed via Compass on Monday 21st June. Special thanks to the staff for all their hard work over the past month with assessments, moderation within and across teams and documenting student reports.

JSC Out Of Uniform Day

On Friday 25th June the Junior School Council will be conducting an out of school uniform Pyjama Day. There is no fundraising attached to Pyjama Day.

School Council

A summary of this week's School Council meeting discussions included:

- The Grade 4 camp to Lake Dewar has been rescheduled to the 13th – 15th December 2021.
- Smile Squad (free Dental examinations for students enrolled in government schools) are visiting Preston West Primary School between 23rd May – 17th June 2022.
- Our new school webpage is now live, targeting prospective parents.
- Wendy Price will retire from the commencement of Term 3 2021.
- Following student feedback, a lego wall is being constructed.

Cheryl Bondeson

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: **\$125 for primary school students**

How to Apply: Contact the school office to collect a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website

All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 25th June 2021.