Diary Dates and upcoming events ....

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From the Principal….

SWIMMING PROGRAM
On Monday November 7th the Grades 2, 3 and 4 students will be attending the first of their six swimming lessons at the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

Parents please remember that your child will need to bring their bathers and a towel to school on Monday. We won’t be calling parents if children forget their swimming gear - unfortunately they will miss out on the first week of swimming.

CHESS NEWS
Each week we have chess lessons for our interested students. Many of chess players compete in tournaments at various schools throughout the year. The students get points at each tournament based on the number of wins they have. These points add up and if they have enough points they qualify to play in the state finals. Our students competed recently in the semi-finals and based on their results Preston PS qualified for the State Final. At the state finals five of our top players will represent the school:

Preston State Final team
1. Vincent L
2. Matthew A
3. James A
4. Jack M
5. Liam K

Congratulations to all of the students who made it through to the semi-finals. Good luck to our team in the state finals.

ART SHOW
Our Annual Art Show which is on Friday November 18th is fast approaching and the planning is well underway. For families who are new to the School this year the Art Show is a spectacular event so make sure you have the date in your diary, you don’t want to miss it. Every student will have a piece of art work displayed. We will also have performances by the Prep-I choir and the Grade 5/6 band. We are also looking forward to an encore performance from the teacher band and not be outdone this year we also have a parent band.

There will also be a Market Place set up under the COLA. It will be a good opportunity for families to purchase some Christmas presents. Of course as always we will have a sausage sizzle, drinks, popcorn and fairy floss.
ABSENCES
As Monday October 31st was a school day at Preston PS all students who did not attend must provide their teacher with a note. It is a DET requirement that we follow up all student absences.

GRADE SELECTION FOR 2017
We are currently starting to organise the grades for 2017 and as per usual, parents have the opportunity to put in writing any requests, based on educational grounds, for their child or children for 2017. Once we commence placing students into their proposed grades we will be unable to make any changes. When we arrange classes we take into account various things including:

- the child’s social, emotional, and physical stages of individual development;
- the children’s ability to cope with change;
- the needs of English as an Additional Language learners and other learners with special needs;
- balancing the number of males and females in each classroom where possible;
- individual friendship groupings (the students have input into this area)

The class teachers take all these variables into account when they create the grade lists for the following year.

If you have any special requests for the placement of your child based on educational grounds, you are welcome to write to me outlining your thoughts. While it is appropriate to talk it over with your child’s teacher **ALL final requests must go through me. Parents are reminded that requests for specific teachers will not be met or considered.**

Any written parental requests must be with me no later than **Friday November 7th.** Unfortunately late requests will not be taken in to consideration. Information from parents is considered along-side teachers’ views, student input and the needs of particular groups of students so that there are positive grade placements.

Parents please be aware that requests from previous years are not taken in to consideration. You are welcome to make the same request again however we do not go back and consider previous requests.

 Regards,

Janet Paterson,
Principal.

Tech Expo …..

Thursday 24 November
Location: Senior School, in the PAC

**Session 1:** 2.45 – 4.00 pm
**Session 2:** 6.30 – 7.30 pm

The Technology Expo will showcase the amazing skills our students have with using technology.

It is also a great opportunity to show our school community how the students and teachers are using the laptops and iPads in the classroom.

A group of our Grade 5 and 6 students are busy preparing mini presentations and will be available to demonstrate a wide range of apps and programs.

There will be two session times, the first session is from 2:45 to 4.00 pm and the evening session will run from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

We hope to see lots of you there!

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Book Levies ….

Thank you to all families for prompt payment of the final instalment of this year.

If you haven’t made your final instalments, payment can be by Qkr or at the Senior School Office.

Just a reminder, fees are $250 per child for the year, $125 per child if paying half yearly or $62.50 per child if paying by quarterly instalments.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulties please contact the Office.

CAKE STALL AT THE ART SHOW AND THE NIGHT MARKET

We are calling all amazing dessert makers in our school to join us for our Cake Stall during the Night Market, on November 18th. All proceeds will go to school. Sweets of any kind can be dropped off from 3pm on November 18th (day of the market) at the reception, where Lisa, Cath or Slobodanka will be there to accept your generous donations. We will also need some helpers from 4pm, so if you are free, let us know (details for registration to volunteer will be available next week). Get your cookbooks off the shelves and start planning some amazing creations.
Grade Prep Report ....

On Thursday the 27th of October, the Grade Preps went on a very exciting excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium!

At the Aquarium we were able to walk around and go on an underwater journey through the Melbourne Aquarium Sea life areas where we saw some of our favourite animals - jelly fish, sharks, stingrays and sea horses - through the glass. One of the best parts of the day was entering the penguin area where we saw lots of King Penguins waddling around and also some of them swimming very, very fast!

Before we left the aquarium we were all able to be very gentle and touch a sea star! It felt very rough and wet!

The Aquarium was lots of fun! Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help during the day. We were able to finish our day with a big play at the park out of the front of the Melbourne Museum.

We love learning about different sea animals!

Grade 3 Report ....

On Monday 24th October the Grade 3 students were very lucky to have the St John Ambulance come and train us in first aid.

We learnt how to identify when there is an emergency, keep ourselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance.

We were all given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage all the parents to “do their homework” and go online (www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid.

Are you First Aid READY?

“I didn’t know that there were so many body parts.” Alex

“I now know DRABC.” Ellis

“Now I know if someone is breathing or not.” Steven

“Ouch! My arm.” Allira
Grade 4 Report ....

The focus this term in Science has been on forces. We began the term with an array of games such as blow hockey, dominoes, tunnel ball, soccer and many more to capture students’ interest and find out what they already knew about forces.

Many children demonstrated a prior knowledge of push and pull along with a variety of interesting questions. Throughout the course of the term we have discussed, hypothesized and experimented with friction and gravity. We looked at friction by experimenting with how different materials move on a variety of surfaces and linked it to real life situations such as the importance of speed limits and what effect it can have on moving cars, the importance of maintaining and oiling parts to machines to ensure they run effectively, as well as the effect grip on the soles of trainers may have.

The Grade 4 students also enjoyed working with their peers to keep balloons in the air while drawing conclusions about what gravity is and how it works. This discussion lead to questions about the ability of aeroplanes to move through the sky without falling as well as the idea that gravity may be different on other planets.

One student offered the explanation about how gravity “fades from gravity to no-gravity like the way colours are blended on the colour wheel from yellow to red.”

The Italian Report ....

Ciao!

This term the Preps have been learning about I Dinosauri.

They have been singing about dinosauri, counting dinosauri, making dinosauri and reading about dinosauri!

Do you recognise the dinosauri in the poem we have been learning?

I Dinosauri
Collo lungo ha il brontosauro,
Denti aguzzi il tirannosauro,
Il velociraptor è molto violento
Lo pterodattilo vola nel vento.
I dinosauri un po’ strani e assai belli
Lo li disegno coi pennarelli!
Junior School Council …..

Next Meeting: Monday 7 November, 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s room

Upcoming Junior School Council Fundraisers:

- November 11th - The Great Book Swap
  Please bring your preloved books to swap and your GOLD COINS to be able to take home other books at the Great Book Swap on 11 November
  Each book is one gold coin – every child will have the opportunity to purchase books. Gold coin donation to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation
  Books can be dropped off at the Senior School OR with your child’s classroom teacher until 10 November

  Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend from 3.15 - 4.00 pm on 11 November

- Food Drive for DIVRS
  From Monday 14th to Monday 21st November the DIVRS Food Drive Collection for Christmas Hampers will be running.
  Please see the attached flyer for full details of what foods are needed.

Thank you to everyone for your support of Bandanna Day to raise funds for Canteen which supports kids with cancer.
**Before and After School Care Program**

Permanent and Casual Bookings / Cancellations – Telephone / SMS - 0407 351 708

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**School Banking …**

Next banking day:
Tuesday 8 November (Week 6, Term 4)

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**2016 Term Dates:**
Tuesday 4 October – Tuesday, 20 December

**Wednesday 7 December**
Curriculum Day – NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

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**CHESS Timetable**

- **Thu 03** – Chess: Junior 8.00 am, Gr 2 Area, Room 15
- **Thu 03** – Chess: Intermediate 3.30 pm, Gr 2 Area, Room 15
- **Fri 04** – Chess: Advanced 8.00 am, Gr 2 Area, Room 15

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**Two FREE Library Chess Tournaments!**

1. SATURDAY 5/11/16: ELTHAM LIBRARY
   10.30am – 2.30pm - Bookings: 9439 9266
2. SATURDAY 26/11/16: ELTHAM LIBRARY
   10.30am – 2.30pm - Bookings: 9464 1864

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!!
Trophies and Medals awarded!
Mums and Dads encouraged to participate!
Nibbles and drinks provided

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**Parents & Friends**

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**Twilight Market / Art Show**

Friday 18 November

If you or anyone you know would like to have a stall please contact Silvana on 0438 783 909

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**Icy Poles …..**

Icy Poles will be on sale **TOMORROW: THURSDAY 03 November** and cost .60¢ each.

- Grades 2 to 6 can buy directly over the counter at their lunch times.
- Grades Prep and 1 – can pay for the remainder of term (7 weeks @ .60c = $4.20)

Please send your payment into your child’s teacher in a CLEARLY MARKED envelope with your child’s name. If your child is not at school on the day unfortunately we cannot offer a refund or “hold icy poles over”.

If you would like to put your name on the roster please email Kate: katewood@netspace.net.au
PRESTON PRIMARY

TECH EXPO

2:45 - 4:00pm
and
6:30 - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY 24TH
OF NOVEMBER

Location
Performing Arts Centre
(new building)
The Great BOOK SWAP

Friday 11th November 2016

Performing Arts Centre, Senior School

Our School is holding a book swap to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Please bring your pre-loved books to swap and your gold coins to be able to take home other books.

Each book is one gold coin. Every child will have the opportunity to purchase books.

Books can be dropped off at the office from now until 10th November.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend from 3.15 - 4.00pm.

Should you have any queries, please contact Silvana 0438 783 909.

Many thanks, Silvana and the Junior School Council.

https://indigenousliteracyfoundation.secure.force.com/CD_Fundraise?id=701A0000000s3MWV

Art Show

And Twilight Market

Friday 18 November 5-8pm

Food Stalls, Market Stalls

Performances by the school bands

All children have a piece of artwork on display
DIVRS and Need a Feed are working together to collect and distribute food to those who need it most in our community. Are you able to help?

- DIVRS is a not-for-profit community organisation supporting over 4000 local residents of Darebin City in emergency relief each year. Our services include provision of fresh foods, food hampers, no-interest loans, volunteer placement, tax help and learn to drive program.
- In 2015, Need a Feed Victoria was established. Within 6 months, Need A Feed Victoria collected over 3 tonne of food and care products and assisted over 350 families with care parcels.

We are more than happy to accept items listed below for our end of year drives:

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Non-food Items
- Canned dog or cat food
- Dishwashing liquid/powder
- Laundry liquid/powder
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap, liquid soap & sanitiser
- Nappies & baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors, shaving cream & batteries
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Lip balm & sunscreen
- Toilet Paper, paper towel & tissues
- Band aids & antiseptic cream

Additionally we are also happy to accept small treats and gifts for children for our end of year holiday hampers.