Diary Dates and upcoming events ....

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Tuesday 20 December –
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016:
1.30 pm finish

From the Principal…. 

STAFFING FOR 2017
Yesterday the children spent the day with their 2017 teachers and classmates. The task of constructing the grades is a very complex one that has taken the teachers most of this term to complete. EVERY child is in a grade with one of the friends that they wrote on their list. We take in to consideration a considerable amount of information and try our utmost to get the best balance for everyone.

This year we also included our new Preps in the transition process. They attended school yesterday and spent the first two hours of the day in their classroom with their new classmates and teacher. A couple of them even came along in school uniform. They were very excited to go out in to the yard to play as they hadn’t had the opportunity to do that during the orientation sessions.

In 2017 our teaching team will be:

GRADE PREP
Bev Taylor, Lefi Doumtsis, Jane Petersen, Grace Battista, Marnie Clark and Jennifer Cora

GRADE 1
Hugh McKenzie, Robyn Brock, Antonia Louka, Rachel Srblin, Katia Aloia, Mavra Kotsabouikis and Camilla Bell

GRADE 2
Tracey White, Anita Pintimalli, Sofy Kourlinis, Cameron Shaw and Emma French

GRADE 3
Tom O’Neill, Vikki White, Stephanie McLoughlin and Ben Crellin

GRADE 4
Sharee Dobson, Joe Greige, Felicity Carden, Alex Bennie, Ashleigh Kaye and Craig Smith

GRADE 5
Tim Cunneen, Marissa Mercuri Katie Stephens, Maree DeLuca and Dale Adams

GRADE 6
Christa Kosmatos, Louise McNaughton, Gayle Dart, Joanna Borlase and Jason Sofra

SHARED GRADES
In 2017 we will have four grades that will have two teachers:

Dale Adams and Maree DeLuca will be grade sharing in Grade 5. Maree will be teaching the grade on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Dale will be teaching the grade on Thursday and Friday.

Mavra Kotsabouikis and Camilla Bell will be grade sharing in Grade 1. Mavra will be teaching the grade on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Camilla will be teaching the grade on Thursday and Friday.

Joe Greige and Felicity Carden will be grade sharing in Grade 4. Joe will be teaching the grade on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Felicity will be teaching the grade on Thursday and Friday.

Jason Sofra and Joanna Borlase will be grade sharing in grade 6. Joanna will be teaching the grade three days of the week and Jason will be teaching the grade two days of the week.

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Specialists:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Mary Kalogianis and Louise Petersen

ART
Debbie Galtry and Carol Watson

ITALIAN
Angela Perrone and Melinda Langley

DRAMA
Glynis Angell

MUSIC
Jason Sofra

ICT
Joanna Borlase

Curriculum Coordinators:
Sue Norton will coordinate the curriculum in Grades Prep to 3.
Dale Adams will be coordinating the curriculum in Grades 4 to 6.
Sue and Dale will also work together to ensure there is a consistent approach to teaching and learning across all year levels.

Farewells:
As always we have some staff who won’t be returning to Preston in 2017:
Lisa Evans is due to have a baby in mid-February so we wish Lisa and her husband Brett all the very best as they enter a very exciting period of their life.
Narelle Fraser is taking a year’s leave without pay to travel and volunteer in Nepal.
Gabby Maher is moving to Darwin and intends to do some teaching work before heading off on an overseas trip.
Ida Elliott is going to pursue a teaching position in a secondary school in graphic arts which is her first passion.
I would like to thank each of them for the contributions they have made to Preston. I wish them all the very best for the future.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS & HOUSE CAPTAINS
During the past few weeks the Grade 4 and 5 students have had the opportunity to campaign for the School Captain, House Captain and Vice-Captain positions. At the conclusion of the Dodgeball competition yesterday the winning candidates were announced. All of the candidates did an outstanding job however as with all elections there has to be a winner.

For 2017:

School Captains
Captains: Noah W and Holly I
Vice Captains: Seb R and Maddy K

House Captains
Hanna
Captains – Victoria B and Billy K
Vice Captains – Luis G and Lily S

Bowden
Captains – Brigitte F and Oscar K
Vice Captains – Tirr R and Jake F

Tyler
Captains – Sophie P and Brody O
Vice Captains – Danae J and Sebastian W

Jeffrey
Captains – Lucette B and Harvey D
Vice Captains – Jorga S and Josh H
WINNING HOUSE
Last Thursday we had our annual Dodge Ball competition. As always it was a very competitive atmosphere as the winning team enjoys the glory that comes with such an event. The teams comprise of staff and Grade 6 students. At the end of the round robin event Bowden and Tyler played off in the grand final with Bowden winning the event.

At the end of the competition we also announced the 2016 winning house which was Bowden. It was a very close result considering the points are totaled throughout the year.

Students in Bowden House will enjoy a movie, bbq lunch and an icy pole next Thursday, 15 December.

SOFTBALL FINALS
Recently I had the pleasure of going with our boys' Softball team to the State Finals at Jells Park in Glen Waverley. There were eight teams from various regions across the state who had reached the state level. They had two pools of four teams who played each other in the preliminary round then the top teams from each pool played in the grand final. Our boys won all of their preliminary games and played Strathmore North in the grand final. Our boys played a very skilful, competitive game however they were beaten in a very close and exciting game.

I was very impressed with our boys’ sportsmanship; they were outstanding and did a wonderful job of representing our school. It is a huge achievement to finish second in the state and the boys should be very proud of their achievement, they were thrilled to receive their silver medals. Thanks to Karen Jones and Mary Kalogianis for coaching the boys.

SCHOOL FEES 2016
In this week’s newsletter we have included information about next year’s school fees. Please read the information carefully. If you want to provide your child/children with the items on the Booklist section of the school fees please return the slip to the school prior to the end of the school year. You will then be provided with a list of the stationery items your child will need for the 2016 school year. Families will still be required to pay Part B the Consumable Items of the fees even if they choose to purchase the stationery items.

PARENT HELPERS
Last Thursday morning we had a morning tea to thank the many parents who help out in various ways throughout the school during the year. It isn’t until you see them all together that you realise how just many parents help out in so many different ways. The staff and students are very fortunate to have so many parents who are willing to assist them in the classroom and beyond. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the school in any way.

Uniform Shop …

The Uniform Shop is now closed for 2016.
The Uniform Shop will not be open before school starts in 2017.
The first day of trading for 2017 will be Friday 3 February.
Qkr will be available in January 2017 and orders can be made but please note that orders will not be filled until 3 February.

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

Tuesday 20 December
Last day of school for 2016
1.30 pm finish

Return to School 2017:
Grades 1 to 6 – Wednesday 1 February
(Prep Assessments will be held Wed 1st, Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd)
Preps start Monday 6 February and for the first week finish at 1.00 pm
(staggered start on the first day – take note of your time in the letter you will receive)
From Monday 13 February Preps start at 9.00 and finish at 3.30 pm
Grade 1 Report ....

Grade One children headed off to LaTrobe Wildlife Centre as part of their Science unit this term. We were lucky enough to see a mother kangaroo with her joey as soon as we entered the Wildlife Centre! We have been very busy researching Mini Beasts and discovered some extraordinary facts about those tiny creatures. We have listened to amazing presentations about all sorts of creatures and learnt a huge amount together! This was one of our favourite excursions this year because we get to do so many fun activities out in the bush.

Grade 2 Report ....

Wow! It’s hard to believe it’s nearly the end of the year! We have had an awesome year in Grade 2. Last week as part of our unit on ‘Water Works’, we travelled to the City by train where we walked from Flinders Street Station to cruise along the Yarra River to Williamstown. Each Grade had the chance to step out on to the end of the ferry and see the different ways that people use water. On the way we saw people fishing, other boats and ships and even a seaplane that took people out on scenic tours. We had a fantastic day learning about ways in which we use WATER!
Grade 6 Report ....

Grade 6 Memories of 6AD .........

Making it into the state softball final and coming runners up – Felix
Being the first year of Grade 6 students to visit Canberra – Felicity
Writing and recording our own graduation song with MusoMagic – Daniel
Reading Sadako and making paper cranes with the Grade 3 students – Angelique
Visiting Chinatown while learning about Asia in Humanities – Denzel
The Scienceworks excursion during our Electrifying Science unit – Thomas
Learning about coping strategies in the Wellbeing Program – Nene
Being selected to go to Somers camp in February – Jade
Writing and performing our own acts in the Drama Show – Noah
Running assemblies at the Junior School – Patrick
Reading Girl Underground in English groups – Tahsina
Competing in the dodgeball competition against the teachers – Scarlett
Making it to regionals with the girls soccer team – Mia
Decorating carnival masks in Italian using gems, textas and paint – Alan
Taking part in Sports Aerobics in Terms 2 and 3 – Rachele
Performing in the school band at the PPS Art Show – Amelie
Attending the School of Rock and performing in front of other bands – Raf
Creating our cyber bullying videos in Drama – Paul
Making our owls of clay, hessian and newspaper in Art – Luke
Coming to Preston Primary and making so many new friends - Foos

The Italian Report ....

It’s hard to believe the end of the year is upon us, with a visit from La Befana and Babbo Natale not too far away. This term has been a busy one with assessment and reporting. We are always blown away by the outstanding level achieved by the students. Preps are counting beyond their benchmark and the sixes are equipped with the skills and knowledge that will help them with their studies in secondary school regardless of the language they choose to study.

This term the Grade 4s were busy working on their masks and learning their individual parts for the fable La Gallinella Rossa. The children rehearsed and performed the roles of La Gallinella Rossa, L’asino, il cane, il gatto e il coniglio.

They were all very entertaining.
Junior School Council ..... 

Next Meeting :::: Breakfast !!
Monday 12 December, 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s room
Breakfast for the Junior School members

School Banking . . .
Last day for banking is 8 December  Banking will start in 2017 on February 15

Out of Hours School Care . . .
Reminder to all parents using the (Out of Hours School Care) OHSC service of the need to RE-ENROL every year.
Updated forms for 2017 are on the website and the links are below.
• Bookings are only set up to the end of this year.
• Bookings cannot be accepted for next year unless children are enrolled.

Do you have any GLASS JARS at home that you would be happy to donate to OHSC?
Jars can be left at the Senior School office or pass them on to David or the OHSC staff – thanks!

CHESS Timetable
Thu 08 – Chess : Junior 8.00 am Gr 2 Area, Room 15
Thu 08 – Chess : Intermediate 3.30 pm, Gr 2 Area, Room 15
Fri 09 – Chess : Advanced 8.00 am, Gr 2 Area, Room 15

Icy Poles . . .
Icy Poles will be on sale TOMORROW :
THURSDAY 08 December and cost .60¢ each.
• Grades 2 to 6 can buy directly over the counter at their lunch times.
• Grades Prep and 1 – 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

Connecting Cultural Communities
Morning Tea ☕️
On Friday 9 Dec 2016
from 9am- 10.30am
at Junior School staff room
Enjoy a coffee/tea, nibbles, chat, and connect with our wonderful diverse school community

PPS parent Lani will cook Fijian food
 Toddlers Welcome Play area setup

Before and After School Care Program – Permanent and Casual Bookings / Cancellations –
Telephone / SMS - 0407 351 708
November 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians,

2017 School Fees

Parents will receive an invoice for the fees at the beginning of the 2017 school year along with options for payment methods, including a payment plan. The fees will remain at $250 per student.

As with all government schools Preston PS must comply with the DET Parent Payments Policy and have a Hardship Policy, which is aimed at assisting families who are experiencing financial difficulties. Each of these documents can be accessed on our school website, or a hard copy can be provided on request.

The statement contains two sections, Part A which is the booklist section and Part B the consumables which the school provides for each student. In 2017 parents will have the option of providing their child with all of the items contained in the Booklist section however they will be required to pay the consumables section. It is the school’s preferred option that parents purchase the books through the school as that will ensure they are the correct books. Students require different sized lines at different grade levels and it is imperative they are the correct size.

If you do not wish to purchase the books through the school you will need to return the attached slip so that we do not order a book-pack for your child.

What do your school fees cover?

**BOOKLIST:**

These are materials used by children throughout the year. Due to the fact that we purchase them in bulk we are able to offer them to families at a considerable discount. Every child who is issued an initial book pack through the school will be provided with sufficient additional materials throughout the year. **Parents will not be required to purchase any additional materials** unless the items are lost, damaged or destroyed by the child. All items supplied by the school are **GST free** to parents.

Parents who opt to purchase their own books will be required to provide their children with additional supplies throughout the year.

**CONSUMABLE ITEMS**

There is substantial expenditure incurred by the school to provide materials that your child uses in a broad range of teaching and learning programs within the school program. This includes resources such as classroom sets, take home books, paper, art supplies, photocopying, ICT equipment and software, PE equipment etc.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

Parents are not required to pay until the beginning of the 2017 school year. You will be sent a statement in February. If any parents are experiencing financial hardship please refer to the Hardship Policy on the school website. You can contact the Principal or Assistant Principal at any time to make alternative arrangements. **All conversations will be strictly confidential.**

Yours sincerely,

[Signatures]

**Janet Paterson, Principal**

**Suki Styant-Browne, President, School Council**
SCHOOL CHARGES FOR 2017

The following outlines the School Council approved allocation of funds for 2017. DET recommends Parent Payments should be under three categories, Essential Items, Optional Items and Voluntary fees. All of the items below are classed as Essential Items. We will not require parents to pay for items under the Optional or Voluntary sections.

Funds are allocated as follows:

**ALL FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO THE GRADE LEVEL AND SPECIALISTS:**

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**TOTAL**  | **$250.00** |

Please return the slip below

I will provide my child/children with all of the items on the Booklist in 2017.

Child’s Name __________________________ Grade (2016) __________________________

Child’s Name __________________________ Grade (2016) __________________________

Child’s Name __________________________ Grade (2016) __________________________

Parents Name __________________________

Signature ____________________________

*Please remember - If you opt to purchase your own items you will be required to provide your child with all additional items as required throughout the year.*