From the Principal....

TECH EXPO

Last Thursday we held our second Tech Expo. The Expo provided students with the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents to the wider school community. All of the Grade 2 to 6 students attended and they were very excited and interested to see what can be achieved using technology. We also had sessions for the parents to attend and many of them were astounded at the skills of their own children and their peers.

The students demonstrated how they use many of the apps at school on their individual iPads and also how they use the notebook computer that the school provides. The scope the apps provide is amazing from simple games to improve spelling or maths skills to teaching coding skills to write programs.

Thanks to our Grade 6 teacher, Joanna Borlase for organizing the expo and to all of the students who presented.

BUSY TIMES

Tomorrow is a very busy day on our school calendar. We are having a morning tea to thank all of the parents and grandparents who have helped out in various roles within the school this year. At Preston PS we are very grateful for the support parents provide to assist with a wide variety of jobs including listening to children read, helping with hot food days, organising fundraising events, the list is endless. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Our Grade 1-2 students are having their transition to the Senior School day. Our Grade 1 parents are invited to attend to hear all about Grade 2 and have a tour of the Senior School.

We are also having our annual Dodge Ball game and the announcement of the School Captains and Vice Captains and House Captains for 2017. We will also be announcing the 2016 winning house after the Dodgeball competition.

The day will end with our Family BBQ for our 2017 Prep children. This is always a good opportunity for families to meet other families as well as their child’s teacher.
SCHOOL FESS 2017
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 2017 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.

TRANSITION DAY
Next Tuesday December 6th our Grade 6 students will be attending a transition day at their secondary school. At Preston we will be having our own transition day. All of the Grade Prep to 5 students will be spending the day with their 2017 grade. The day gives the students and the teachers the opportunity to meet each other which makes the beginning of the school year less daunting for all concerned.

Regards,
Janet Paterson,
Principal.

Uniform Shop …
The last day of trading is this **Friday, 2 December**.
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

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

**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**

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

Junior School Council …..
!!! NO MEETING on Monday 5 December !!!
Next Meeting :
Monday 12 December, 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s room
Breakfast for the Junior School members
Grade Prep Report ....

Wow! It’s hard to believe it’s nearly the end of the year!

It only seems like a short time ago that our Preps were just starting school and now they are looking forward to being in Grade 1.

This week for writing our students have written letters explaining what they are looking forward to next year in Grade 1.

The children’s writing has progressed so much over the year and all of the Prep teachers are enormously proud of them.

On Friday, as part of our Language experience program, the students made “Ocean Habitat” collages.

Students worked in groups or with a partner to create an ocean environment using a range of different materials.

As you can see, the results are spectacular.

Grade 3 Report ....

Peace Poems

In writing the Grade 3 students have been learning about poems. Our students have enthusiastically embraced words and poetry, writing about what peace is and what peace is not.

Here are some examples from our students:

Peace is when a kitten comes and sits on my lap at night;
Peace is not when a black cat meows at the moon.

Tashfia 3AE

Peace is when I’m watching TV;
Peace is not when my sister turns it off.

Amir 3AE

Peace is when I play with my pigeons;
Peace is not when they flap on my head.

Joey 3AE

Peace is when I am swimming in the ocean;
Peace is not when I am getting chased by a shark!

Ron 3AE

Peace is when I eat ice-cream with friends;
Peace is not when I have no money for ice-cream.

Eleni 3AE

Peace is when I am floating on water;
Peace is not when I fall under the water.

Gryphon 3AE

Peace is when I am playing with my rabbits;
Peace is not when they scratch and bite me.

Suzanna 3AE
Grade 5 Report ....

This term in Science Grade 5 have been learning about the three states of matter – solids, liquids and gases.

Last week the students presented their States of Matter presentation based on their knowledge of the three states of matter. The students had to explain what each of these substances are, give examples of each, explain their features and how they can change form.

There were a number of creative and unique ways the students presented such as; multimedia presentations, posters and even conducted real life experiments in class!!

“"It was super fun watching the experiments that my classmates did and how they explained the experiment." Oscar D SAD

“"It was cool to watch Paul’s experiment with the bicarbonate soda, vinegar and balloon and watching the gas expand the balloon." Andrew T SAD

“"This term in Science was really fun and I enjoyed learning about solids, liquids and gases. The Grade 4 children should be looking forward to it." Lucas B SAD

“"I enjoyed being able to do a lot of experiments and we got to find out new things about solids, liquids and gases." Hannah L SAD

“"I enjoyed studying solids, liquids, and gases this year I found it lots of fun and I learnt lots of things." Idalia B SAD

“"I enjoyed making oobleck infront of my entire class, I liked oobleck is both a solid and liquid in one!" Gracie S SAD

News from the PE Department ....

Gymnastics
The Grade 4, 5, and 6 students have been performing some incredible jumps during our Trampolining sessions. Students practiced the tuck jump, star jump and splits in mid-air and all were able to execute safe motorbike landings on the giant mat. We also performed a few challenging tricks with various pieces of equipment for fun!

Fitness Circuits
In conjunction with our Gymnastics Unit, students have also been participating in Fitness Circuits for the past month. Fitness Circuits are a fun and interactive way for children to be physically active and consist of several stations with various activities designed specifically for strength and cardiovascular fitness. The students worked in small groups for a specified time limit (approx. 1-2 minutes) before rotating to the next activity. It was great to see everyone participating and challenging themselves at the various stations, and most importantly having fun whilst getting fit!

This term the Boys Softball team made it to the State Finals!
It was an extremely close final against Strathmore North Primary School. Preston was down 5-0 and fought back to 5-5, and in the end lost by only one run with a final score of 6-5. There were some spectacular displays of catching and fielding, and they should all be very proud of themselves for making it so far in the competition and for being Runners Up in the State. The boys should also be congratulated for their dedication during training sessions. Thanks to Mary and Karen for coaching the boys at before school trainings for the past term.
TECH EXPO 2016

Last Thursday we held our second Technology Expo. We had 80 Grade five and grade six students present and showcase how we use laptops and iPads in the classroom. They demonstrated over 30 different programs and Apps and discussed the many benefits of using technology at school and answered any questions. Many of them spent their lunch times preparing posters and signs. The 1st session was from 2:45 – 4pm where all of the grade 4 classes came along to see the many ways they will use iPads and laptops in grade 5 next year. The evening session was from 6:30-7:30pm. It was fantastic to see so many students and parents come along to see how creative our Preston students are with using technology. Well done to all the presenters and thank you for all your hard work! To see all of the photos from the day, go to the following link!
http://tiny.cc/techexpo16

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 01 – Chess : Junior 8.00 am Gr 2 Area, Room 15
Thu 01 – Chess : Intermediate 3.30 pm, Gr 2 Area, Room 15
Fri 02 – Chess : Advanced 8.00 am, Gr 2 Area, Room 15

Icy Poles …..

Icy Poles will be on sale TOMORROW : THURSDAY 01 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

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 students. 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
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) __________________

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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.