



Wednesday Weekly

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Diary Dates and upcoming events

August

Fri 12 – PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 15 – Prep Melbourne Aquarium (\$35)

Wed 17 – Italian Day Whole School Event (\$10)

Thu 18 – Grade 5 Debating Round 1 (team)

Fri 19 – Grades 5 & 6 attending Grease Performance (\$10)

Mon 22, Tues 23 – Gr Prep & Gr I Hands On Science
(rescheduled)

Wed 24 – District Aths Carni (Team) \$15

Thu 25 – Book Week Dress Up Day

Fri 26 – Grade 5 Planetarium (\$20)

September

Fri 09 – Professional Practice Day - Pupil Free Day

Wed 14 – Grade 6 Drama Show – day Rehearsals & Evening Performance

Fri 16 – Last Day of Term 3

2.30 pm finish

From the Acting Principal....

Casual Clothes Day

Last Friday on the 5th August all students took part in the casual clothes day to raise money for State Schools Relief. Well done all students who contributed to this great event. What a great achievement!

School Assembly/ Parade

Senior School	Junior School
Monday - 15 th August	Thursday - 18 th August
Thursday - 25 th August Book week Parade, 9.10am	Thursday - 25 th August Book week Parade, 3.00pm
Monday - 29 th August	Thursday - 1 st of September
Friday - 15 th September at 2pm (last day of term 3)	Thursday - 15 th of September

PUPIL FREE DAY -Friday 12th August

Teachers will be working on various Curriculum aspects on this day. An alternative program will be available for students who currently attend the OHSC program. David Gibson (OSHC Assistant Coordinator) has communicated this via Compass to all current parents.

Italian Day - Wednesday 17th August

Students are encouraged to wear clothing that represents Italy or its culture. In the past we have had students dress up as Mona Lisa, Pinocchio, La Befana, gondolier, a famous Italian painter or artist. Again, if students don't come in a costume, we ask that they come in the Italian colours.

The cost is \$10, which will cover materials used on the day, a performance and a gelati (or alternative will be provided for students with allergies). On the day students will be grouped in multi-aged House groups and will be working with a different teacher for the day as well as participating in a parade (see times above).

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Book Week – Monday 22nd August– Friday 26th August

This week is Book Week, which is promoted by the Children's Book Council of Australia. The week is aimed at focusing on children's literature. One big focus for the week is the announcement of the winners of the book of the year in each of the categories including the book of the year for: Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood and Picture story book.

We have purchased the shortlisted books; teachers are reading the books to the children and some are doing activities related to the books. At Preston we promote literacy every week of the year not just during Book Week.

I hope families enjoy celebrating Book Week and spend time each day reading together!

CHILD SAFE STANDARD I- Culturally Safe Environments

New and updated Child Safe Standards came into effect as of July 1st 2022. There are 11 Child Safe Standards that schools need to address. Currently I am updating policies to reflect the changes and have achieved Standard One. The new policy will be placed on our School website and on Compass for the school community to read. As we update the other policies throughout the term, they will be put on the School's website and Compass.

***Ameera Hassanein,
Acting Principal.***

Girls Regional Tee Ball - 09 August

On Tuesday the Preston Primary girls Tee Ball team represented Darebin division at the Regional Tee Ball finals in Mill Park.

Playing against the best schools from the Northern Region of Victoria, the girls played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. We narrowly lost three games and won one game convincingly.

It was a fantastic effort from the girls who all improved significantly on the day, tried their best and supported one another at all times.

Congratulations to Evie, Ivy, Bea, Heidi, Hannah, Claudia, Molly, Alyssa, Maryse, Chloe, Isabella P and Georgia.

Huge thanks to Luke (Evie's Dad), David (Molly's Dad), Tania (Maryse's Mum), and Clare (Hannah's Mum) for driving the girls to and from the event and for their great support.

**Karen Jones
PE Teacher**



Netball Division Comp - 09 August

On Tuesday 9th August the Netball A Girls team competed in the Netball Division Competition.

Having won the Netball Gala day last term against the schools in our district, they had the opportunity to play in a much more challenging competition. The girls played extremely well against some very strong sides.

They lost their first game against Our Lady of the Way and won their second game against Northcote Primary School.

Well done to all of the girls - what a great way to top off an excellent season!

Thank you so much to Clare (Hannah's Mum) and Naomi (Charlotte's Mum) for driving our students on the day!

**Alexandra Bennie,
Netball Coach**



Grade Report

Hooray! Our pet goldfish have arrived.

This term in science, the Grade Prep students have been learning about living things. Living things have a variety of external features and live in different places where their basic needs, including food, water and shelter, are met.

Last week we looked at the needs of a plant and the students planted some seeds.

Yesterday our class pets arrived. The students were very excited and are eager to help look after our new friends.

Introducing our pet Goldfish:



**PAA -
Zoe**



**PAB -
Finn**



**PAC -
Goldy**



**PAD -
Squirtle**



**PAE -
Eevee**



Grade 3 Report

Science!

In science the Grade 3 children have been studying about erosion. We did an experiment to show how water erodes the earth. Our experiment was with skittles and water.

At first, we all had to predict what would happen when we pour the warm water into the plate with the skittles. Most people predicted that the colour from the skittles would flow to the middle of the plate.

We made a circle of skittles on the edge of the plate.



We slowly poured some warm water into the middle of the plate.



At first nothing happened, but as we poured more water the colours of the skittles began to flow into the middle.



This was the end result. Our prediction was right.

We learned that the colour of the skittles was like the soil that gets taken away by water from the land's surface.

We all enjoyed this experiment, but the best part was eating the remaining skittles!!

By Meika, Nina and Heide (3AA)

Grade 4 Report

Exploring Antarctica!

On Wednesday the Grade 4 children travelled to Antarctica with the help of our friends at IMAX. The excursion was to support students with their information reports where the exhilarating 3D experience had them reaching to touch the sea floor.

The students were thrilled to explore Melbourne Museum throughout the day in addition to the movie, discovering Melbourne's history, native flora and fauna, walking with dinosaurs and crawling with bugs!

The Grade 4 teaching team want to say a huge thank you to all our parent/guardian helpers on the day! 😊



News from the Music Rooms

Hi all!

It has been a great start to the term in music across all the year levels. Our initial focus for the term was learning about compositions and allowing students to create their song based on particular themes, sounds and instruments. This short unit of work allows students to have some say and direction with their work and it was fantastic to see them work on them and hear them perform their pieces of work to their peers if they chose to.

Students then had a listening activity to complete. We do these at various times throughout the year and these listening tasks allow the students to connect to the music whether the focus is about a famous composer or song or even particular instruments - perhaps even an entire orchestra!

Over the last week or so, our focus has turned to learning to play a new instrument. **Grade Prep and One** classes are learning about the Ukuleles, the **Grade Two students** will this week use the Guitars whilst **Grade Three** are learning about playing different beats and rhythms on the Bucket Drums!

I look forward to seeing the students learn about these instruments, develop their skills to play them and finally use the skills to play some short songs or rhythms!

Til next time ... Rock on!

Jason



Artists of the Week



John N, PAA



Kevin M, PAA

2022 Term Dates

Term 3 : 11 July to 16 September
Term 4 : 03 October to 20 December

2022 Pupil Free Days

Friday 12 August
Friday 09 September (Professional Practice)
Friday 9 December

Uniform Shop

On-line orders can be made on Qkr up to 4.30 pm on Thursdays and it will be sent home on Friday afternoon.



Bought the wrong size? If you need to make an exchange for a different size, please leave the item/s you need to exchange (make sure all tags and packaging is included) at the Office through the week.

Swaps will be processed on Friday and sent home with children on Friday afternoon.



- **PLEASE ensure your child's hat and jumper/jacket is clearly labelled with your child's full name.**

Staff regularly check the Lost Property boxes and return uniform directly to classrooms.

Pinafores!!

Please note: Students should be wearing a long-sleeved school polo or gold skivvy with navy tights under their pinafore. (Pinafores and long/short sleeved polos are sold separately.)



Jackets!



Dry & Cosy



Jacket in a Bag



Polar Fleece



Bomber Jacket



Knitted Beanie

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