



# Wednesday Weekly

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## Diary Dates and upcoming events ....

**Mon 8** – Gr 2-3 Swimming  
**Tue 9** – Gr 2-3 Swimming  
**Wed 10** – Gr 2-3 Swimming  
**Th 11** – Gr 2-3 Swimming

**Fri 12** – Gr 1 Melbourne Zoo excursion

**Mon 15** – Gr 2-3 Swimming  
**Tue 16** – Gr 2-3 Swimming  
**Wed 17** – Gr 2-3 Swimming  
**Th 18** – Gr 2-3 Swimming

**Mon 22** – Gr Prep Melbourne Zoo excursion

## From the Principal....

It's lovely to finally have the children back onsite. The School has gone from being a very quiet place to a bustling hive of children and noise. It seems that Melbourne is quickly coming out of lockdown and our lives are returning to normality.

In line with the easing of restrictions across Victoria the DET has also made changes to the guidelines for schools. The table below is a summary of the changes, that came into effect as of Monday November 1, that most affect us at Preston PS:

| Key actions for schools  | Phase C   |
|--|---|
| Face masks for students in Years 3-6 and Recommended for students in Prep to Year 2.   | <b>YES</b>  |
| Minimise cohort mixing: Stagger breaks and arrival and departure times   | <b>Recommended</b><br>There are no prescribed requirements, however schools must take step to minimise wherever possible. |
| COVIDSafe routine cleaning   | <b>YES</b><br>Deep cleaning not required  |
| Visitors to schools  | <b>YES</b><br>Yes, consistent with vaccination requirements and other health and safety controls.                         |
| Health, wellbeing, inclusion visits  | <b>YES</b>  |
| School tours   | <b>YES</b><br>School tours must align with public gathering limits and density requirements.                              |
| Excursions   | <b>YES</b>  |
| Swimming and all other pool use  | <b>YES</b>  |
| Incursions   | <b>YES</b>  |
| Camps and overnight stays  | <b>YES</b>  |
| Assemblies and other events exclusive to staff and students from single school only  | <b>YES</b><br>Outdoors where possible, must align with public gathering limits and density requirements                   |
| Formals, graduations, and other ceremonies (including events held off school premises and/or with parents/carers and other guests) | <b>YES</b><br>Must align with community settings  |
| Kinder transition program  | <b>YES</b>  |
| Statewide transition day   | <b>YES</b>  |
| All interschool activities (such as debating and interschool sports)   | <b>YES</b>  |

## EXCURSIONS

Each year level will be holding one excursion between now and the end of the year. As many parents had already paid for excursions that we have not been able to go ahead with that money will be used to pay for the current excursions. Any excess money will be taken forward in to 2022.

## SWIMMING

The new guidelines for the DET came into effect as of **Monday November 1**. Prior to that we were not able to go ahead with the swimming program.

We are very fortunate that we still had our booking at Reservoir Leisure Centre so we will be able go ahead with the swimming program. The program will include the Year 2-4 students.

Unfortunately, there is a very tight timeline as the program was booked for the Year 2 - 3 students to begin next **Monday November 8**. The Year 2 -3 students will go over 4 days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for the next two weeks.

The Year 4 students will do the same four days per week in weeks 8 and 9 (November 22 to December 2)

We are currently organising the buses and timetable. A note will be sent to parents via Compass on Thursday outlining the cost and parent permission.

## PREP ORIENTATION

Next week we are holding the Prep Orientation Program for our 2022 Preps. Information on how to book for the sessions has been emailed to all families.

If you have a child who is due to start school in 2022 and you haven't enrolled them, please do so as soon as possible so that you don't miss the sessions.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you need to purchase new uniform for your child, you will need to do so on QKR. The shop will not be open for onsite purchases.

Please remember to clearly name your child's uniform. When it is named, it will be returned to the child however when it doesn't have a name, it is very difficult to distinguish who it belongs to.

Regards,  
Janet Paterson,  
Principal.

## Uniform .....

Our Uniform Shop is closed for counter sales.

Orders made on Qkr up to 4.30 pm on each Thursday will be processed each Friday and sent home with children.

- Please remember that Term 4 is a "hat" term and children will need to wear a hat when playing outside.

2022 Grade 6 jumpers and polos are now available to order on Qkr. Information has been sent to Grade 5 families by Compass newsfeed.

<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>



## Grade 1 Report ....

### READ IF YOU DARE !

Something frightening has been happening in Grade 1. Have you noticed strange creaking noises in the classrooms or the cackling in the hallways (not Tom)? Do the hairs stand up on the back of your neck every time you pass the Fairy Garden? Crazy clowns, bloodthirsty vampires and terrifying werewolves have taken over Grade 1. Be alarmed parents, Halloween was a fright for all!

Grade 1 students have had lots of fun working on Halloween activities this week. They have written terrifying narratives, used procedural texts to create spooky self-portraits and even created their very own Frankenstein characters! Activities have been fun, exciting and even a little bit scary (for the teachers mostly). Using stimulus, like Halloween, is a great tool for teachers to motivate children in their learning. When students are engaged the learning comes naturally!



## Grade 2 Report ....

The Grade 2 children are very excited to be back in at School and it's wonderful to see how easily the students have slipped back into the routines of their classrooms.

We have certainly hit the ground running and the students are enjoying a range of different reading, writing and maths activities. As always, mindfulness and wellbeing is a priority in Grade 2, with students and teachers engaging in daily mindfulness activities. There are also plenty of opportunities for the students to share and discuss their feelings with their classmates.

The best thing about being back at school:

**Albie 2AD:** "seeing my friends"

**Lincoln 2AD:** Seeing my teachers and my friends"

**Toby 2AC:** "playing with my friends"

**Anastasia 2AC:** "getting to see my friends"

**Dion 2AC:** "having snack and lunch with my friends and getting to play with them".

**Ava 2AB:** "being with my friends and having my teacher there to help me with my learning"

**Hugo 2AB:** "getting to see my friends and not being on a computer all the time."



## Grade 5 Report ....

During the past week, Grade 5 have been celebrating being back at school full time and we have loved every minute!

There have been some adjustments to our usual classroom routine and the students have been absolute superstars in adapting to the changes. They are looking forward to enjoying the next few weeks in Grade 5 before the big move to Grade 6 and their final year at Preston Primary School.

*I am happy to be back because it means I get to learn with my friends and my teacher – Sierra*

*It is like trying something new, when you first get back you're a bit nervous but once you get used to being at school again, it's fun – Minh*

*It is great to be back because I get to hang out with all my friends – William*

*I'm excited to be back at school to see people in person and not over WebEx – Sal*

*I did miss my friends a lot and my teachers. I'm also really excited to be working on some fantasy narratives in class – Belle*

*I am happy to see people back at school because we have been at home for so long and I've missed my friends – Markella*

*I'm really happy to be back at school because I can see my friends and learn lots of new things - Sarah*



## News from the Art Rooms ....

To all our Art Hub Community, we made it!!!

Thank you to all the children and families who participated every week and worked hard during this time to create and produce amazing pieces of artwork. We are proud of each and every one of you for all your hard work you put in.

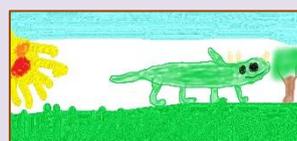
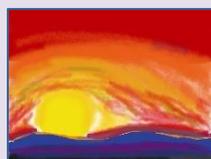
This term we focused on specific artists like David Hockney and Pablo Picasso. We looked at specific pieces of art to create our own masterpieces. We also got outside and created Spring Mandalas. They were outstanding. Our last task was to create a Cubism Portrait.

Once again, you all out did yourselves with the stunning artwork that was produced and submitted.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces back in the Art Room. We can't wait to start creating more masterpieces.

See you all soon,

**Debbie Galtry and Mavra Kotsabouikis**



# Artists of the Week



Oscar C, PAB



Freya M, IAD

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In line with the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy, schools can no longer buy educational items and on-sell to parents, for students to own.

We recommend that parents purchase book list items from WINC (or your chosen supplier).

Preston Primary School's recommended supplier is WINC and parents can purchase their child's classroom essentials and also pay the requested Curriculum Contributions and On Line Subscriptions.

- **WINC is offering FREE DELIVERY to your home for orders made by 01 December 2021.**

Payments for Curriculum Contributions and On Line Subscriptions, **the last two items on the Requirements List**, will come straight to the School, detailed below:

- **Consumable items for Classroom (\$95): Art, Italian, Music programs (P-3), Drama (4,5,6)** Includes craft paper, paints, cardboard
- **On Line Learning Subscriptions (\$55):** including Mathletics, PM Reading eCollections, Story Book Online, Sunshine OnLine, Maths 300, Essential Assessment, Music Curriculum Pack (P-3); eSMART Digital Subscriptions (4-6).

Please follow the link to find the list of items that the School recommends parents purchase: <https://www.wincschools.com.au/VIC/Preston/Preston-Primary-School>

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This link will take you to our School's website which has all of the grade requirements: <https://www.preston-ps.vic.edu.au/page/199/Parent-Payments-2022>

Order on or before 31 December 2021  
for delivery before Term 1

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