



Wednesday Weekly

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The newsletter of Preston Primary School, 02 February, 2022

Website: www.preston-ps.vic.edu.au

Diary Dates and upcoming events

February

Fri 11 - Interschool Sport (Teams, Gr 5&6)

Mon 14 – Swimming Trials (Team members)

Th 17 – 3-Way Conferences (*info to follow on Compass*)

Fri 18 - Interschool Sport (Teams, Gr 5&6)

Fri 25 - Interschool Sport (Teams, Gr 5&6)

March

Mon 14 – Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)

From the Principal....

Welcome to the beginning of the 2022 school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families who started at Preston Primary this year. Tomorrow we will be welcoming our new Prep students which will be very exciting.

Our Grade One to Six students were happy to be back at school on Monday and were very excited to catch up with their friends. Many of them had lots of stories to share about their holiday adventures.

While we have had an extended period of very hot weather it was a welcome relief yesterday to get a cooler day. When it is hot, we endeavour to keep the children as comfortable as possible. We encourage every child to bring a drink bottle full of cold water to school each day. The children are permitted to have a drink bottle with a **pop-top lid**, which must **contain water**, with them during teaching times to ensure they stay adequately hydrated. Depending on the temperature we vary the amount of time the children spend outside during their break times. When it is raining the children stay inside and are able to do indoor activities of their choice.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Thanks to the parents who have picked up the RATs. The DET is recommending that each child do a RAT twice a week. We do not want to specify specific days that is up to parents to decide. If your child has a positive RAT or PCR parents are required to enter their child's positive result on the RA Test Portal <https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login>

We also ask that you notify the School so that we can inform the school community.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

This term we will be having 3 Way Conferences on **Thursday February 17th**. These conferences enable teachers and families to catch up early in the year to **share** relevant and important information. The conferences will be to:

- **discuss how your child has settled into their new grade this year**
- **for the students to share their goals for Semester 1**
- **discuss ways parents, children and teachers can work together to maximise the child's learning potential in 2022.**

Parents will need to book their conference time on **Compass**. If you have more than one child in the School please ensure that you leave sufficient time between interviews to allow you to be ready for the second or third appointment. Information relating to this term's 3 Way Conferences will be sent out to all families via Compass tomorrow.

The conferences will be done on WebEx. A link will be emailed to parents closer to the date.

We are requesting that **children do not attend school** on **Thursday February 17th**, however **all children must** participate in the conference as they play a vital role in the process.

If you are unable to keep your child at home, we ask that you let their teacher know.

BEGINNING AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to all of the families who have taken on board our request for the children to walk into school on their own or with their siblings in the morning. We acknowledge that it is difficult for some parents to let their children go at the gate, however I can assure you that it makes for a much calmer and productive start to the school day.

At the end of the school day parents can pick their children up at the gate that best suits their family.

BUILDING WORKS

Preston PS was a very busy place during the holidays. The COLA at the Senior School was finally built! It has been in the planning for several years and after raising the required funds to build it and then some delays due to covid it was finally completed during the holidays. We have also had new basketball rings installed. Next week the surface under the COLA will begin which will complete the project.

We have also had new fencing installed at the Senior School which looks great. We are still waiting for the new gates which will be installed in the next week or so. We are now getting quotes to have the fencing at the Junior School replaced.

The new toilets at the Junior School have also started. The underground works have been completed and they are now waiting for the works to be inspected before they progress to the next stage.

We were hoping that the new shade sails which will cover the stage area at the senior school would have been installed however we are waiting for approval from the Victorian School Building Authority. Hopefully that will come through soon and the works will be done.



MEETING SIBLINGS

If you have children at the Senior and Junior School we recommend that the children at the Senior School walk to the Junior School to meet their sibling and parents at the end of the day. The children are very safe to walk to the Junior School as they are able to cross Tyler Street at the crossing.

SHARING INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

From time to time parents have information that they want to share or discuss with their child's teacher. If this is the case, you can:

- email your child's teacher through Compass
- chat with them after school
- make an appointment to meet with them if it something that might require more than a quick chat
- call them on the phone, however please be mindful that although the teachers do have access to the phone it can be difficult to talk to them throughout the day. We suggest you call before or after school.

STATIONERY

The overwhelming majority of parents purchased their child's stationery through the provider that the School recommended. Unfortunately, some parents who purchased your child's stationery through another supplier have purchased incorrect items including books with the wrong sized lines. If this is the case your child's teacher will let you know and you will have to purchase the correct items.

TUTORING PROGRAM

In 2021 the government announced that it would continue to fund the Tutoring Program. The funding is to provide tutoring for children who had not made the expected progress due to remote learning in 2021. As with all DET programs there are guidelines, including selection criteria that we are required to follow.

The program is available to eligible students in years 1 to 6 and the focus is on English and Mathematics. Children who are deemed eligible qualify for three 45 minute sessions per weeks for two terms. The sessions can include individual and or small group sessions. **Julia Mutis** will be delivering the program.

The teachers from last year identified the students they believed met the criteria and Julia is now assessing them to ascertain who they will include in the program. Once the decisions have been made parents will be notified if their child is to be included.

CCTV CAMERAS

The School has CCTV cameras installed on both sites. There are signs on each of the entrance gates notifying anyone who comes into the school grounds that they are monitored. The cameras were installed with the approval of DET and the Preston PS School Council. The policy relating to the CCTV cameras is on our School website.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We publish a school newsletter that contains school related articles. It is **very important** that parents read the newsletter as it will keep you informed about what is happening in the School. The newsletter is our main form of communication with parents.

The link to the newsletter will be emailed directly to your email address via Compass. We **will not** be providing a hard copy of the newsletter. We have used the most current email address that you provided us. If you have changed your email address, please let us know. This can be done via Compass or you can email the School at preston.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you did not receive a newsletter via email please contact the Office.

If at any time you would like to read the school newsletter it is published on the school website at www.preston-ps.vic.edu.au

MOBILE PHONES

All government schools are required to have a policy that complies with the DET policy on internet connected devices including mobile phones and smart watches. Our policy is on our school website. Please ensure you read the policy. Please be aware that children **are not permitted** to wear smart watches to school that have internet connection.



The School and the DET take no responsibility for any lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones, smart watches or iPads.

MEDICAL ISSUES

We currently have many students in the school who have medical issues including, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes etc.

It is vital that we have current management plans and medication for every child who has a medical issue.

All Anaphylaxis plans need to be signed by a doctor and parents to verify the information is correct and that we have permission to administer an EpiPen if we need to. From time to time children's plans change so it is important that the school is kept updated on any changes. Each staff member has Level 1 First Aid, Asthma, CPR and Anaphylaxis training. A number of staff also have Level 2 First Aid qualifications.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Have you changed your phone number, address, work place or emergency contacts?

If the answer is yes, have you informed the school? It is essential that we have current details for every student.

If we need to contact parents it can be very frustrating when our information is not correct. If you need to update any of your details you can do so on Compass or email us at preston.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Preston Primary and the DET do not have accident insurance for students and as such if a child is injured at school parents are not covered for any out of pocket expenses including, doctor, hospital or ambulance bills. Parents need to arrange their own insurance.

Parents, please be aware that if your child is injured, is having an asthma attack or if we believe they are in any medical emergency, **we will always err on the side of caution and call an ambulance.** If the ambulance takes the child to hospital parents are responsible for the costs incurred.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

If children bring expensive items to school including, balls or toys they do so at parents own risk. If there is any damage to them or they are lost or stolen the **School does not accept any responsibility.** DET does not have insurance to cover teacher or student personal belongings.

Parents, please ensure you are aware of what of your child is bringing to School. All items brought to school must be clearly named. The School does not recommend children bring any expensive or treasured items to school.

SUNSMART

Children need to ensure they come to school each day prepared for the heat of the summer days. They **MUST** bring their hat to school **EVERY** day as we have a “No Hat no Play” rule that we enforce in Terms 1 and 4.

Students must wear a school hat; baseball hats are not permitted.



PARKING RESTRICTIONS

All parents need to be aware of the parking restrictions around the school. Cars are not allowed to **park or stop** on the

- West side of Bowden St,
- East side of Ellison St and the
- South side of Shakespeare St
- East side of Foch Street



between **8.30 & 9.30 in the morning and 3.00 & 4.00 in the afternoon.**

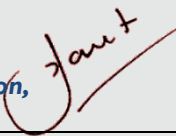
There are **no parking** spaces in each street surrounding the Junior School and in Foch St to allow parents to stop and **drop off and pick up** their children, however, you are **not permitted to stop and get out of your car in those spots or park there.** Parents need to be aware that the restrictions are in place to ensure the streets surrounding the school are safe for all of the people who use them.

Please take careful notice of the parking restrictions as the Parking Officers do patrol the street surrounding the school on a regular basis. They will issue infringement notices to drivers who are not abiding by the road rules.

I hope everyone has a great 2022 and remember that if at any time you are unsure or have a concern about anything that is happening don't hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to alleviate parent's concerns.

Regards,

Janet Paterson,
Principal.



What should I do if COVID Positive?

- If **any** member of your household tests positive **ALL members** of the families are classified as close contacts and therefore need to isolate for **7 days**.
- If another member of your family **becomes positive on Day 5, the seven days start again.**

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 : 31 January to 8 April

Term 2 : 26 April to 24 June

Term 3 : 11 July to 16 September

Term 4 : 03 October to 20 December

Uniform Shop.....

The Uniform Shop is NOT open for counter sales.

Orders can be made on Qkr through the week – up to 4.30 pm on Thursdays – and goods will sent home with your child on Friday afternoon. Both Mastercard AND Visa cards can be used.



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.

Do you have a health care card?

- If you have previously lodged an application for CSEF **it will roll over into this year.**
- If you are new to the School or your circumstances have changed, please complete the fillable form (attached in the newsfeed) and email to preston.ps@education.vic.gov.au

TWILIGHT KINDERGARTEN OPEN EVENINGS 2022

Discover your child's options for
3 and 4-year-old kindergarten



Local kindergartens will be open for tours between 6pm and 8pm on:
Thursday 24 March — Kindergartens North of Bell Street
Tuesday 29 March — Kindergartens South of Bell Street

For a list of participating services and visiting times please visit:
darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten



English

Visit your local kindergartens in March 2022 to explore early childhood education options for your child. To find out more visit: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Arabic

جى زياره رياض الأطفال المحليه فى مارس/ آذار 2022 للإطلاع على خيارات التعليم فى مرحلة الطفولة المبكرة لطفلك. لمعرفة مزيد قم بزيارة: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Chinese

请于2022年3月期间到访您当地的幼儿园，为您的孩子探索儿童早期教育选项。详情请浏览：
www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Punjabi

ਆਪਣੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਮੁੱਢਲੇ ਬਚਪਨ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਕਲਪਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੜਚੋਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਮਾਰਚ 2022 ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਕਿੰਡਰਗਾਰਟਨ (ਬਾਲਵਾੜੀਆਂ) ਵਿੱਚ ਫੇਰੀ ਪਾਓ। ਹੋਰ ਪਤਾ ਲਗਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਇੱਥੇ ਜਾਓ: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Vietnamese

Hãy đến thăm trường mầm non địa phương nơi quý vị cư ngụ vào tháng 3 năm 2022 để tìm hiểu về các lựa chọn giáo dục mầm non cho con. Muốn tìm hiểu thêm, hãy truy cập: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

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