



Wednesday Weekly

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The newsletter of Preston Primary School, 09 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 (*book on Compass*)

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

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

Mon 28 – Gr I 'Mr Huff' Incursion (*info on Compass soon*)

Mon 28 – Gr Prep 'Your Birthday Was The Best' inc
(*info on Compass soon*)

March

Mon 14 – Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)

Wed 16 – Fri 18 - Grade 5 Log Cabin Creswick Camp

From the Principal....

COVID UPDATE

We have had a relative, small number of positive cases reported during the past week. Thank you to the families who have logged on to the DET Portal to report their child's positive results. It is very important that all parents log a positive result so that I can notify the school community. If parents are aware that there is a positive case in their child's year level, they can be more vigilant with the testing.

Please log on to <https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login>. When you log on to the site you will need to register before you can enter your child's result. I am aware that it can be difficult to log on to the portal at times however please keep trying.

If your child does test positive, please send an email to the School email address preston.ps@education.vic.gov.au to let us know directly. Your child's teacher will provide work for them to do. We understand that some families will opt to do the work and others won't. It is up to your family to make the decision that best suits you.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

We have received the second lot of RATs which we will distribute to the families who received them in the first round. This time we will be giving the tests to the children to take home on **Monday February 14th**. The teachers will ensure they are put safely in every child's school bag. We ask that parents discuss with their children the importance of not taking them out of their school bag until they get home.

We understand that some families will not want their child to be given the tests to take home and they would prefer to pick them up from the school. If you **do not want** us to give your child the test, please email the school to let us know. If we do not receive an email from you, we will send them home with your child.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

This semester's 3 Way Conferences are next week, **Thursday February 17th**. These conferences are a very important aspect of your child's education. Although it is early in the year we have them at this time to provide parents, students and teachers the opportunity to share valuable information.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED, PLEASE LOG ON TO COMPASS TO BOOK.

Classroom teachers will email parents the WebEx meeting link and password on Monday of next week.

To enable to the teachers to conduct the conferences we ask that parents keep their children at home next **Thursday February 17th**. If you are unable to keep them at home the school will offer an alternate program for the day. All children who attend on the day will work at the Senior School.

WHO DO I GO TO?

From time to time parents have issues or concerns that they wish to raise or clarify but they don't know who to speak to. There are several staff members you can contact, your child's classroom teacher, the year level coordinator, **Sarah Giles** - the Junior School Coordinator, **Dale Adams** - the Assistant Principal or myself. If it is a matter related to your child, I suggest you speak with their classroom teacher first. At Preston we don't have a hierarchy; you can approach the person who you believe will best sort out your concerns.

For those parents who don't know who the grade level coordinators are I have included a photo of them in this week's newsletter. Remember a small problem is easy to solve, a big problem is harder to solve.



Lefi Doumstsis
Grade Prep



Sarah Giles
Junior School
Coordinator &
Grade 1



Bev Taylor
Grade 2



Joe Greige
Grade 3



Joanna Bright
Grade 4



Tom O'Neill
Grade 5



Craig Smith
Grade 6



Dale Adams
Assistant Principal

PREP NEWS

Our preps have got off to an amazing start this year. They all seem so confident and ready to learn. Their teachers are so very proud of the way they are managing to walk into their classroom in the morning, put their bags away and get themselves ready for the start of the day.

SCHOOL VALUES

At Preston PS we have a set of four values that we expect all members of our school community to acknowledge. You will see the values displayed prominently throughout the School.

- **RESPECT**
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
- **RESILIENCE**
- **LEARNING SUCCESS**

At Preston Primary, we are committed to creating an encouraging environment which promotes and supports excellence in learning, recognizes and celebrates individual success, and demonstrates respect between students, staff, parents and the wider school community.

We actively promote students to take personal responsibility for their learning, social interactions, personal behaviour and belongings.

All stakeholders strive to develop skills, knowledge and confidence, which promote personal resilience.

We foster positive mutual interaction so all stakeholders can show respect and honesty with each other.

Regards,
Janet Paterson,
Principal

SUNSMART

Children **MUST** remember to 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.

Students can also bring a drink bottle with them. The children are allowed to have the drink bottle with them during school time however the bottle **must have a pop-top lid** and it can only **contain water**.



Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

Our School collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.preston-ps.vic.edu.au/page/180/Policies-and-Reports>.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

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

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

How to use CSEF / Credits in Compass....

Many families have credits and CSEF from 2021.

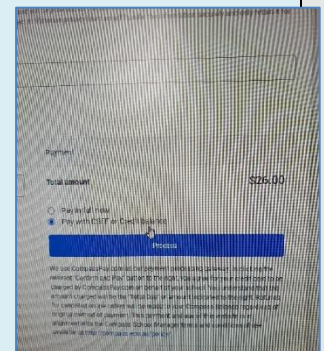
To use your credits or CSEF follow the steps to complete payment.

AFTER you have entered your permission, you will have the option of paying in full or paying with CSEF or Credit balance.

If the **Pay in Full** dot is highlighted and you wish to use credits, click the **Pay with CSEF or credit balance** button and then click Process.

If you don't have enough credit to cover the full excursion, the Office will process your credit and contact you to let you know the balance.

For instance, the excursion is \$26 but you only have a \$15 credit. The \$15 credit will be processed which will leave a balance to pay of \$11. Compass will be updated and you can then pay the \$11.



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 be sent home with your child on Friday afternoon. Both Mastercard AND Visa cards can be used.



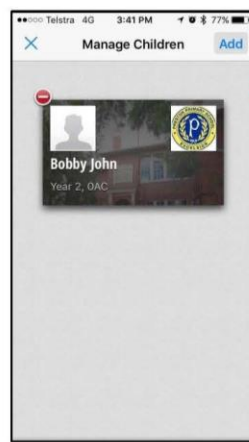
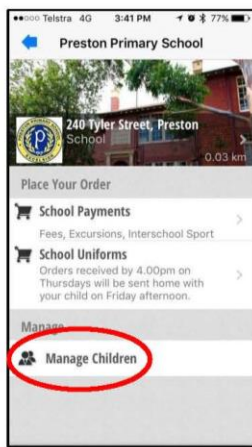
Bought the wrong size? If you need to make an exchange for a different size, please leave the item/s you need to exchange (*make sure all tags and packaging is included*) at the Office through the week. Swaps will be processed on Friday and sent home with children on Friday afternoon.

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.

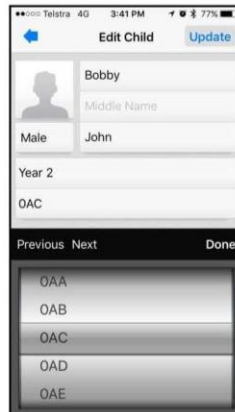
How to check and update your child's grade on Qkr:

1. Sign into Qkr
2. Select "Preston Primary School"
3. **At the beginning of the year you will be prompted to update.**
You can check by selecting "Manage Children"

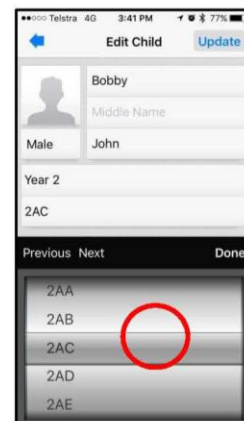


4. Tap on child you wish to edit

5. Check that the Year level AND the Grade are correct
 - In this example, the year is correct "Year 2", but the grade is incorrect "OAC"



- Touch on the grade & a list will appear. Scroll down until you find the correct grade. In this example it is 2AC. Touch on the grade to select.



6. **Lastly**, select Update in the top right hand corner to confirm the grade.
7. **Now check your other children.**

➤ **The Office can help you with this process if required.**

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 المحلية في مارس/ آذار 2022 للإطلاع على خيارات التعليم في 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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