

# Wednesday Weekly

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## Diary Dates and upcoming events ....

### May

**Fri 21** – Gr 2 “Dreamer” Puppet Incursion (\$5)

**Fri 21** – Term 2 Interschool Sports

**Mon 24** – Grades Prep to 3 – Footsteps

**Wed 25** – Gr 2 Why Worry Wally incursion (\$7)

**Wed 26** – Darebin Cross Country Championships (team) (\$5)

**Fri 28** – Term 2 Interschool Sports

**Mon 31** – Grades Prep to 3 – Footsteps

### June

**Tue 01** – Last day for ordering Cheese Boxes for the Comedy Night

**Fri 04** – Term 2 Interschool Sports

**Fri 04** – COMEDY NIGHT 6.30 pm, Milking Shed (**SOLD OUT!**)

### June

**Mon 07** – Grades Prep to 3 – Footsteps

**Fri 11** – Term 2 Interschool Sports

**Mon 14** – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – no school

**Tue 15-Wed 16** – Grade 4 City Camp (\$170)

**Fri 18** - Term 2 Interschool Sports

**Fri 25** - Term 2 Interschool Sports

**Fri 25 – LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

## From the Principal....

### EDUCATION WEEK

Next week is Education Week in government schools across the State of Victoria. During Education Week schools showcase and celebrate excellence in education through open days, exhibitions and special events. Each of our year levels have chosen sessions that they will welcome families into the classroom to showcase their various programs.

Grades will send out an invitation via Compass to all families inviting them to attend various activities the year level will be doing. I hope families take the opportunity to come in and see their children at work.



### ASSEMBLY

On Monday morning at the Senior School assembly our School Captains, **Greta and Ruben** provided us with a detailed account of what is happening across the School. It is great to hear them present in such a confident and informative way. I’m sure **Izzy and Oscar** will also do a great job on Thursday at the Junior School.

### MURAL

Unfortunately last week’s weather hindered Chuck Mayfield, our mural artist, from working on the mural. Fingers crossed that this week’s weather will be fine as Chuck is hoping to get on with the job today and Thursday and Friday of this week.

Chuck is also going to take photos throughout the process and put together a time lapsed video.

### GROUNDS WORKS

This week we have our landscaper, Dan, from Rubble Landscaping coming in to do some work at the Junior School. Dan is going to redo the area around the Morton Bay fig tree on the west side of the site. The smaller roots of the tree are currently a trip hazard so the plan is to create a play area around the tree that will cover the roots. He is also going to top up the gravel around the snake.



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## CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

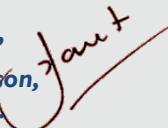
Preston PS is a Child Safe School and we comply with government policies to keep students safe at all times.

Families can access our Child Safe Policies on our school website and Compass. We are committed to ensuring we are providing every child with a safe environment in which to learn and play.

All adults are required to have a **Working With Children Check** if they want to attend any school event that takes place during the school day, including excursions and classroom helpers program. You also need to sign the **Code of Conduct** and the **Volunteers Duty Statement**. All of these documents are on our website.

To ensure our children are safe at all times **adults are not permitted to enter/use the student toilets at any times**.

If adults need to go to the toilet when they are on the school grounds they need to use the toilets in the Milking Shed at the Senior School or the toilets in the main building at the Junior School.

Regards,  
Janet Paterson,  
Principal  


## Mathletics Masters ....

Congratulations to our top Mathletics users for the last two weeks!



BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	TOP YEAR LEVEL	TOP GROUP
				Miss V's Grade 3 Maths Group

## Comedy Night ....

*The Comedy Night is a sell out!*

Cheese boxes are available to pre-order on Qkr! (same app as the Uniform Shop) <https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

Boxes are \$20 each and will include four types of cheeses, crackers and seasonal fruit.

Orders for cheese boxes will close on Tuesday 1 June.



## Safer Streets for Preston Primary ....

The petition is still open to call on Darebin Council for safer streets around Preston Primary.

Thanks to our local councillor (and parent) Julie Williams, this matter will be presented along with our petition at the Darebin Council meeting on May 24.

If you haven't already signed the petition please do so! You can do this either in person at the front office, or print, sign and send the attached form (check the newsletter link) back to school with your child.

Let's work together to make the streets around our school safer for everyone, but especially for our children.



## Grade 1 Report ....

Once upon a time, at a school that might not seem that far away, there was a class full of wonderful Grade 1 children who loved reading fairy tales. Each of the children had their very own favourite fairy tale, like **Christian** who loved The Golden Goose, **Chris** who loved the action of Little Red Riding Hood, and **Ashley** who enjoyed the suspense in The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

One cold winter's day, the children were reading so silently in the library that you could hear a pin drop. All of a sudden, the room started to shake.

"Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum! I smell children - Yum! Yum! Yum!"

Oh no, it was the menacing Art Critic Giant!

Thankfully the talented Grade 1 children knew the only way to get rid of this giant once and for all was to produce the most amazing artworks he had ever seen. They busily set about colouring, cutting, gluing, drawing, twisting and threading until they had completed their works. They showed the Art Critic Giant who couldn't believe his eyes!

The artwork was superb, there was nothing left for him to critique. The Art Critic Giant sighed a heavy sigh and ran away down Tyler Street, never to be seen again.

The Grade 1 children cheered and lived happily ever after at their school.



## Grade 2 Report ....

This term in Grade 2 we have been focussing on writing narratives. We have been working hard to create interesting stories based on picture prompts in class.

We have also been looking at Dream Time stories in our weekly literature sessions and have been reading a variety of Dream Time Stories. These are stories that the Australian Aboriginals believe explain how things came to be, such as why a rock is in a certain place or a particular shape, why the echidna has spikes, why the moon returns full every month, how kangaroos got their tails. Each week we read a different Dream Time story and discuss the characters and themes throughout and complete an activity based on the story.

Take a look at our work!



## Grade 6 Report ....

Last week 100 excited Grade 6 students ventured across town to the Melbourne Zoo. It had been a long time since their last excursion and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm displayed by all students who actively participated in the day.

Over the course of the day, the Grade 6 children explored and investigated the Ethics and Conservation program at the Zoo. Students learnt about the ethical considerations of keeping animals in captivity and the reasoning behind these decisions, how Melbourne Zoo's animals are cared for and treated, what is being done to save animals in the wild and considered arguments and made observations on the 'fair' treatment of animals in this environment.

Some highlights included seeing the Giant Tortoise who is around 80 years old as well as the Fur Seals and Orangutans!



## News from the Art Rooms ....

It's been an exciting start to our Term. The **Grade 2 to 6** children spent the first two weeks drawing up ideas for the two Art Murals that will be painted at the Junior and Senior school campuses. The artist, Chuck Mayfield, ran a workshop for a small group of children on how to create a story in a mural. We look forward to our Preston Primary School community enjoying the beautiful murals.

**Prep:** The children have begun to experiment with oil pastels and watercolours to create their own versions of a Monet garden. They have been looking at colours and brush technique.

**Grade 1:** Model Fish will be our focus for this Term. The children have used cardboard to create a cut out fish. These were decorated with colourful slix and paper glued on to make fins.

**Grade 2:** The Grade 2 students have begun to create a monster collage. The background has been made from gel plate printing with bubble wrap. The monsters will be made from colourful paper over the next few weeks.

**Grade 3:** Grade 3 have explored line and pattern in landscapes. They will soon begin to use acrylic paints to create a landscape. The students will be introduced to using a palette. Brush technique will be explored and colour choices discussed.

**Grade 4:** The Grade 4 students have begun to create an art piece inspired by the artist Bruce Goold. An outline of a bird has been drawn onto black paper. Metallic pens have been used to create intricate designs on the bird. A background will be painted to complete the artwork.

**Grade 5:** In Grade 5 we have started to create a model of an animal head using air drying clay. Simple clay techniques have been discussed and practised such as rolling, pinching, attaching the clay to form an animal head. Modelling tools have been used to create texture on the animal.

**Grade 6:** The Grade 6 students have been designing an image to create a plasticine relief on cardboard. The design will incorporate the use of a glued on texta for a body or another feature in their artwork. The background will be painted according to their plan.

**Art Teachers,  
Mavra and Debbie**



# Artists of the Week



Aimee Y, IAB



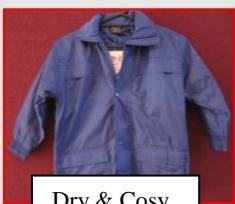
Eleni P, 6AD

Uniform Shop .....



Pinafores!!

Please note: Students should be wearing a long-sleeved school polo or gold skivvy with navy tights under their pinafore.



Dry & Cosy



Jacket in a Bag



Polar Fleece

Haven't got Qkr yet? Click the link for more info on Qkr:

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

Is your child's clothing labelled?????  
Write your child's surname  
CLEARLY on your child's  
windcheater or jacket and it can  
be returned to them!



Head Lice ....

A reminder to parents to regularly check your child's hair for head lice. **Headlice are extremely contagious.** We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of headlice:

- Generally: child scratching his/her head excessively,
- On pillows: fine black powder or pale coloured material,
- In the hair: signs of lice eggs ("nits" – cream or coffee coloured specks close to hair roots,
- Lice: small white or 'greyish' parasites the approximate size of a pinhead.

If you notice any of the above signs, treatment should be commenced immediately as your child could be excluded from school if not treated.

**CHESS CLUB ....**

Chess will return to on-site lessons in Term 2. All lessons are held at the **Senior School**, second floor Room 43.

- Junior – 7.45 am Thursdays
- Intermediate – 3.30 pm Thursdays
- Senior – 7.45 am – Fridays



As the costs of living are increasing DIVRS offers services that can assist families. Currently families who are living in Darebin and in financial crisis or difficulty are able to access their food program each fortnight. Each fortnight families can get pantry items including pasta rice UHT milk and fresh in season food. DIVRS supports clients to apply for Utility Relief Grants and the new Power Saving Bonus. DIVRS can also assist with Telstra bills and No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS).

To find out more you can contact them via phone; 9480 8215 or go onto their website [www.divrs.org.au](http://www.divrs.org.au)



## National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021) is a time for all

Australians to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### Guided Walk at Darebin Healing Trail (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 11.30am)

As part of Reconciliation Week, Darebin Council will be running a community walk at the Spiritual Healing Trail, in the beautiful setting of the Darebin Parklands, to celebrate and acknowledge National Reconciliation week and connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. Come on the walk and be part of the reconciliation journey in Darebin.

There are two guided walks and there is no cost to participate. A simple morning tea will also be provided.

Bookings are essential via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/145392130777>.

