

# Preston West Post

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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES

### June

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Prep B, Prep H & Prep K - Mad About Science Incursion

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Professional Practice Day - No students this day**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - No students this day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Prep D & Prep V - Mad About Science Incursion

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Grade 1M & 1P - Rippon Lea Estate Excursion

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 1A & YP - Rippon Lea Estate Excursion

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Last Day Term 2 – 2.30pm Early Finish**

## Term Dates

**Term 3 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Term 4 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

## Principal's Note

### Education Week

Now in its 78th year, Education Week celebrates the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector. This year's theme is 150 Years of Public Education, to coincide with this milestone anniversary for Victoria. Education Week 2022 is an opportunity for us to commemorate the past, celebrate the present and imagine the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week is a great opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate Preston West Primary School and the great programs we have on offer. Staff work conscientiously to provide engaging and challenging classroom programs and learning is tailored to ensure individuals strive towards achieving their full academic potential. When walking through the school each day the fantastic culture is evident. Our students strive to achieve their full potential in a safe and orderly learning environment where success, high expectation, persistence and confidence is paramount. We are fortunate to have an active parent community, who contribute across a wide variety of forums at the school and we thank them for their commitment, time and ongoing support. All in all as a community we have a great deal to be proud of at Preston West Primary School.

Our school captains Massimo and Holly, have been researching into Preston West Primary Schools past, reflecting on what makes PWPS a great school today and imagining what education will look like in 10 years time. Below is an outline of their work:

Interesting past memories for Preston West PS:

- The school opened on 25th January 1915. A picture of the first day is hanging in the school office area. Our school used to be called West Preston State School.
- In 1919 the school closed and was used as a hospital due to the Spanish flu pandemic.
- Past students at Preston West P.S. included Geoffrey Watson (international contemporary dancer) Kane Lambert (Richmond footballer), Bertrand Deacon (Carlton footballer in the 1940 & 50s), Clive Broadbent (awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for services to public health) and Gary Cosier (Australian test cricketer).

- The 1927 - 1931 the school band was very successful with the local newspaper publishing they were 'The finest school brass band in Victoria'.
- An army hut was added to the facilities after World War 2 - it is currently the home of our library.
- The longest serving of the 18 principals is John Horne who was at PWPS for 14 years.
- In 2014 our school values LEARN (Leadership, Excellence, Acceptance, Respect and Never Give Up) were created by students.

What makes PWPS a great school today:

- New buildings allowing students to learn in comfort.
- The specialist programs and extra activities including the art show, concert, camps. swimming, bike education, lunch time clubs and Grade 4-6 athletics day.
- Great school camps.
- Our new lunch order service.
- Variety of teaching and educational support staff.
- We are an inclusive school that values everyone.
- Wonderful sports facilities.
- The teachers are really nice and make learning fun.
- There is a clear focus on educating us to succeed in life.

In 10 years we imagine education Preston West Primary will:

- Have more buildings and development.
- Technological advances for teachers and students. Far more learning will be on a screen.
- Microchips in students brains to promote intelligence and memory.
- More mental health awareness and different styles for learning.

### **National Reconciliation Week**

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. Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2022, "*Be Brave. Make Change.*" is a challenge to all Australians to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. Be Brave, Make Change. Stand up to racism, enact systemic change in your workplace and local community, and show up for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### **Election Day BBQ**

Special thanks to David Bellchambers for coordinating the election day BBQ and to the group of parent helpers who assisted on the day. Thank you also to the parents/cares who donated baked goods.

## **Cheryl Bondeson**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 20/5/2022

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with their awards.

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep B	Stephanie D	Frankie S
Prep D	Jayden X	Luisa D
Prep H	Archie D	Iman D
Prep K	Theodore Mc	Xavier R
Prep V	Thomas Z	Ari P
1A	Daniel P	Winstone J
1M	Tomas C	Marlo C
1P	Ethan K	Mathew J
1Y	Melody H	Emma S
2H	Stella G	
2M	Whole Class	Nina H
2R	Dylan D	Pavlos S
2W	Luna B	Eva P
3D	Fatima S	Elvin D
3F	Aidan B	Dulcie G
3N	Louisa K	Louie A
3S	Daniel C	William L
4H	Oliver O	Noor Al Abody
4L	Ayla I	Mackenzie S
4M	Zara P	Ava C
4T	Andre D	Reno M
5A	Zack F	Scarlett M
5B	Jack W	Preston S
5M	Jamal C	Prihan S
5W	Carson W	Xavier M
6H	Alyssia B	Lexi M
6J	Franco S	Lucinda S
6M	Thomas K	Chilli C
6N	Lara I	Harper V
ITALIAN	Stella G 2H	
MUSIC	Ada M 2M	
PE	Marcus W 6N	
ART	Franco S 6J	



## GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

**SCHOOL FEES:** Please make payments via Compass.

### CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to collect a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website

- **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Preston West Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competitions this year. This is a voluntary test that students can sit, which is based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated and thorough level of thinking.

### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

**Preston West PS will be offering the following tests:**

	Sitting Window	Price
English	15 <sup>th</sup> August – 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	\$19.25
Mathematics	29 <sup>th</sup> August – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	\$19.25

The cut off date for enrolling your child is the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2022. No child will be enrolled after this date.

### How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)
2. go to Parent Portal [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>)
3. enter our school's access code – **KNF656**
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS tests shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

We will notify you of the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. You and your child can access the results once released via the Reports Portal using the TAP ID and pin found on the back of the ICAS certificate.

The following information is a *privacy notification* about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

### ***Privacy Collection Statement***

*Janison is aware of our responsibility to protect the identity of, and all information relating to, children, and students in general, from disclosure and consequently Janison does not:*

- collect any personal information or data of children other than as required for the purposes of completion of the assessment, test or exam;*
- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in Australia to any jurisdiction outside of Australia other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;*
- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in other international regions out of the child's jurisdiction other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;*
- share any personal information or data relating to children or students with any third parties (other than a third party whose services are necessary for servicing our products, e.g. print/distribution companies, medal engraving, etc.) except with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;*
- use any personal information or data relating to children or students for marketing purposes.*
- Janison may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer-at [privacy@janison.com](mailto:privacy@janison.com).*

We are proud to offer ICAS and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Marina Wirubov at [marina.wirubov@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:marina.wirubov@education.vic.gov.au).

Kind regards,

Literacy and Numeracy teams