



Wednesday Weekly

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Diary Dates and upcoming events

February

Fri 07 - Interschool Sport (am) (\$30, for the term)

Fri 07 – Uniform Shop open, 9.00 am

Wed 12 – Swimming Trials (\$15)

Thu 13 – 3-Way Conferences

Fri 14 - Interschool Sport (am)

Fri 14 – Uniform Shop open, 9.00 am

Mon 17 – Senior School Assembly, 9.00am

Thu 20 – Junior School Assembly, 9.00am

Fri 21 - Interschool Sport (am)

Fri 21 – Uniform Shop open, 9.00 am

February

Wed 26 – District Swimming

Thu 26 – Gr 3 Go Climb exc (info on Compass soon)

Fri 27 – Gr 4 Go Climb exc (info on Compass soon)

Fri 28 - Interschool Sport (am)

Fri 28 – Uniform Shop open, 9.00 am

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 – 28 January to 27 March

Term 2 – 14 April (Tuesday) to 26 June

Term 3 – 13 July to 18 September

Term 4 – 5 October to 18 December

From the Principal....

Welcome to the beginning of the 2020 school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families who started at Preston Primary this year. On Monday, we welcomed our new preps and while there were a few tears overall they settled very quickly. Our local pre-schools teachers do an outstanding job of preparing the children for school.

Our Grade 1 to 6 students were very happy to be back at school last Thursday and were very excited to catch up with their friends. Many of them had lots of stories to share about their holiday adventures.

We welcomed one new staff member this year, **Jeremy Murphy**, who is teaching Grade 2. Jeremy is an experienced teacher who has taken up a leadership position at Preston PS. We welcome back **Bev Taylor** who has returned from a year's leave and **Marnie Bardon, Maree De Luca, Lisa Evans and Jane Stepancic** who have all returned to part-time positions.

Weather-wise it has been typical of Melbourne, hot one day and chilly the next. 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.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

This term we will be having 3 Way Conferences on **Thursday February 13th**. This will enable teachers and parents to catch up early in the year to **share** relevant and important information. These conferences will be to:

- **discuss how your child has settled into their new grade this year**
- **for the students to share their personal goals for Semester 1**
- **discuss ways parents, children and teachers can work together to maximise the child's learning potential for 2019**

Information relating to this term's 3 Way Conferences was sent out to all families via Compass yesterday afternoon.

To enable the classroom teacher to meet with all parents we have to maintain a strict timeframe of **15 minutes** per interview. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

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 get to the second or third appointment.

We are requesting that **children do not attend school** on **Thursday February 13th**, however **all children must attend** school at the time of their conference as they play a vital role in the process.

SCHOOL FEES

A copy of the information relating to the 2020 school fees has been attached to this week's newsletter. We will not be sending out individual invoices to every family at this stage.

All of the fees have been set up on Compass so that parents can log on to Compass and pay the fees in full or enter a payment plan.

The school fees for 2020 are \$250, which includes everything your child will need for the year. Last year School Council made the decision not to increase the fees for 2020. We have not had an increase in fees since 2014.

Any families who have a Pension or Health Care Card are eligible to apply for the **Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF)** which you can use to offset the costs of camps and excursions. The School will receive **\$125 per child**, which can be used to pay for any camp, sporting activity or excursion that the child attends throughout the year. Once the \$125 has been expended parents will be changed for any further events. The application form will be included with the school fees information.

We strongly encourage all new families who are eligible or families who have recently received a Pension or Health Care card to apply to do so ASAP.

Families who received CSEF in 2019 will automatically rollover into 2020 - you don't need to reapply.

CCTV CAMERAS

During the holiday period we had CCTV cameras installed at both the Senior and Junior School campuses. We have also placed 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.

BABY NEWS

During the holidays two of our staff gave birth to their first child.

Congratulations to **Rachael Srblin** and her partner Matt on the birth of their beautiful little girl **Lucia Elizabeth**. Congratulations also to **Anita Ciccone** and her husband Dominic on the birth of their gorgeous daughter **Liana**.

We are all looking forward to Rachael and Anita visiting us shortly.



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 return the form attached to this newsletter to your child's classroom teacher and you will be added to the email distribution list.

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Senior School assemblies will be held on a fortnightly basis of a **Monday morning at 9am**. **Junior School** assembly will be held on a fortnightly basis at **9am Thursday**, on the same week as the Senior School assembly.

There will be an assembly at the Senior School on **Monday, February 17th at 9am**. The first assembly at the Junior School will be on **Thursday February 20th at 9am**. All parents are welcome to attend.

MOBILE PHONES

Last week we sent out our updated Mobile Phone Policy. The policy complies with the State Government and DET regulations relating to the use of mobile phones and personal devices in schools. The policy is also on our School website so could all parents please ensure they read the policy.

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



PRIVACY POLICY

The DET Privacy Policy is on our website.

CHILDREN GOING TO THE FOCH ST PARK AFTER SCHOOL

Parents please be aware that children **should not** be going to the park in Foch St after school **unless they are supervised by an adult**.

All students need to be picked up from the School or if they are walking or riding home they need to go straight home. Children cannot go to the park after school to wait for their parents to pick them up. When the children are left unsupervised there can be problems that arise. We all have a duty of care to ensure the children are safe.

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 and 9.30 in the morning and 3.00 and 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 Officer 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 2020 and remember 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 concerns.

Regards,
Janet Paterson,
Principal



Uniform Shop.....

The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings only from **9.00 am until 9.45 am approx.**

Please note that it is **only open for a short time, not all day.**

Orders can be made on Qkr through the week – up to 4.00 pm on Thursdays – and goods will sent home with your child on Friday afternoon. Both Mastercard AND Visa cards can be used.



Ukulele

Grades 2 and 3 'Come and try session' for students who are interested in trying Ukulele - this Friday 7 February (there will be an announcement when Clare arrives.)

Start-up day for students returning to Ukulele is **next Wednesday 12th February** - with any new students in Grades 3-6 able to come for a session to try out next week.



Regards
Clare

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Thu 06 February – Junior 8.00 am
Thu 06 February - Intermediate 3.30 pm
Friday 07 February – Advanced 8.00 am

PLEASE NOTE ROOM CHANGE : Senior School, Grade 2 corridor, last room on the right.

Sustainability News....

The Preston Primary Parents Sustainability Team would like to welcome new and returning parents to Preston Primary in 2020.

We are looking forward to a rolling out more sustainability initiatives, providing information and working with parents, teachers, students and the PPS Junior Sustainability Reps.

If you are keen to join our working group or have suggestions and enquiries, please feel free to contact us at ppsustainabilityteam@gmail.com.



Have you been cleaning out your wardrobe during the break? Did you know we have an [SCR drop off hub](#) at Regent train station and [other close locations](#) which accepts all clothing items, handbags, accessories and shoes in any condition?

100% of what is collected is diverted from landfill. What can't be reused, is either turned into rags or converted into an alternate fuel called biofuel.

SCR Group also supports local Australian charities and its business model is based on maximising social and environmental impact.

Don't throw out your used plastic writing instruments (pens, highlighters, textas, etc). Recycle them [here](#) along with many [other plastic items](#) that would otherwise end up in landfill.

