Welcome Back to 2013!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2013. It is great to be back with lots happening here at PPS.

House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as house captains yesterday. Their first leadership duty will be performed tomorrow at the school swimming carnival.

Brennan
Captains: Angelina & Locklear
VCs: Anhar & Kelly

Abbott
Captains: Joshua & Venora
VCs: Elamar & Youala

Jamison
Captains: Tina & Kienan
VCs: Tarin & Sabrina

Hyland
Captains: Jayden & Eilbrat
VCs: Sarah & Mattias

Next P&C meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 13th February 2013 @ 7pm
Staffing

Parents of students in 1M were informed yesterday that Miss Mansfield will be leaving us next week to take up a new position at Gladesville PS. Miss Mansfield gained this position through merit selection and we are very happy for her and wish her every success in this new venture. She will be greatly missed by the entire PPS community as she has been an integral member of staff not only in a teaching capacity, but with her outstanding skills in sport, dance and technology. Our loss is most certainly Gladesville’s gain.

1M will be taken by Miss Jenny Quintel as of this Wednesday. Miss Quintel has previously worked at Prairievale and we look forward to her joining our team.

Donations

We would like to say a huge “Thank You!” to the St George Football Club for their donation of an ipad to support one of our students in his learning. A special mention also to Mrs Clifford for all of her assistance in making this happen 😊

Voluntary School Contributions

A reminder that school voluntary contributions are now due. Thank you to all those families who have already contributed as these funds help us to run a variety of programs here at Prairievale PS.

As of this year the resource fee has been abolished.

Contributions are as follows:

1st Child = $30  
2nd child = $20  
3rd + children = $10
Meet The Teacher Afternoon
Notes will come home in the coming weeks regarding the meet the teacher afternoon. This will be held on Wednesday 27 February from 4:30pm-6:00pm and is a great chance to hear what is happening in your child’s class this year.

Phonics Hero
Just a reminder that Phonic Hero subscriptions are due for all students K-2. This is an important program used in the teaching of sounds and phonemes at PPS. We highly recommend all students purchase this program.

(Please note that it is a yearly subscription so it must be paid every year)

Gates and Safety
Please be aware that staff car parks are out of bounds for all students. Please do not encourage students to walk through these areas. This is a safety issue, as these are busy areas throughout the school day including being used by trucks for deliveries. Please help us to keep your children safe by using the correct gates when coming to and leaving school.

Parents are also asked NOT to park in staff car park, even on wet days.

School Programs
Community Language and Library programs will begin in Week 4 of this term. Students will also begin homework and home reading during this week. Notes will also be going home for scripture next week. Please be aware that you may choose any scripture class for your child, but once chosen, they are expected to stay in that class for the entire year.

Parent Helpers Wanted
On Monday we will be having a parent helper orientation session. This is for any parent interested in helping out in classrooms whether they have previously or not. Notes will go home this week.

Have a great couple of weeks,
Nikki Perrin Principal
PPS Calendar

**February**

Wednesday 6  Swimming Carnival
Monday 11  Parent Helpers Workshop
Wednesday 13  P&C AGM
Thursday 14  K-6 Assembly
Monday 18  Community Language, Library and Homework begin
Tuesday 26  Scripture begins
Wednesday 27  Meet the Teacher afternoon ** Free Bbq**

**March**

Monday 4  School Photos
Thursday 7  K-6 Assembly
Friday 8  Speech therapist parent workshop
Thursday 28  Easter Hat Parade

**April**

Friday 12  ANZAC Ceremony
  Last Day of Term 1