Dear Parents,

Lots of terrific things happening again at Prairievale PS. Keep up to date on our website: http://www.prairieval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome back. It has been a terrific couple of weeks catching up with the PPS families. Mrs Piccinin did a great job leading the school during my leave and it has been wonderful to come back and see all the exciting things that are happening.

Just a reminder that I am currently working on Mondays and Tuesdays during Term 4. Miss Mair will be Relieving Principal on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Melia will take over the supervision of Stage 1 this term.

Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to our Stage winners who represented Prairievale PS at the District Public Speaking Finals on Tuesday. Alisha Ung, Sharokina David, Sophie Condell and Desmond Hwang represented our school proudly and did an amazing job! Congratulations to Sophie for winning her age group.

Next P&C meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2014 at 2pm
School canteen news

The wonderful ladies in the canteen are looking for suggestions to change some of the items or to add new items to the school canteen menu. There will be a suggestion box at the canteen window. Please feel free to come to the canteen and place your suggestions in the box.

Jump Rope for Heart

This term students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Students will receive additional information in the next few days regarding this activity.

More information can be found on the school website through the link https://jumprope2014-prairievaleprimaryschool-108798.everydayhero.com/au/prairevale-public-school

Head lice

It is that time of year again where head lice love to appear at schools. It is important to regularly check your child’s hair for these little creatures. Keeping long hair tied up and washing hats regularly will help keep the lice away.

Sport/ Group photos

The last day to order sport/group photos will be FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER. Order forms can be collected from the office and/or library. If you require additional information please see Mrs Rajapakse.

Year 6 Farewell

Just a reminder that the Year 6 Farewell is on Thursday 4th December 2014 at St John’s Park Bowling Club, starting at 6pm.
2015 Classing

In the last weeks of this year, my staff and I will begin looking at 2015 class placements for students. If you would like to discuss the needs of your child, I encourage you to book a time to talk with me as soon as possible.

Teachers have not been assigned to grades yet (I cannot do this until numbers are finalised in early 2015), however I am more than willing to meet with you regarding individual requirements should you so wish.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will begin on Thursday 6th November for our 2015 Kindergarten students. Our orientation program runs for 3 weeks.

Thursday 6 November  Parents and children attend
Thursday 13 November  Children only
Thursday 20 November  Children only

These sessions run from 9:30am –10:30am. Mrs White will also be available to assist with uniform sales. Letters will be sent home this week to all students who are enrolled for Kindergarten in 2015.

Enrol for Kindergarten now

If anyone has a child or knows of a child who lives in our area - mainly Greenfield Park, Bossley Park (some streets) and Prairiewood (some streets) who is due to start Kindergarten in 2015, we encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to arrange enrolment.

Have a great couple of weeks,
Nikki Perrin
Principal

PRAIRIEVALE PS 2015

We will not be returning to Prairievale PS in 2015.

Student’s name(s)
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New School ____________________________

Please return to the office as soon as possible
## P&C News

On Saturday 11 October the P&C held a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings warehouse at Bonnyrigg. It was a huge success and it raised over $1000 to go towards the school. A big thankyou to Mr and Mrs Martin, Mrs Dodd, Chris and Ross Smith, Mrs Halisdemir, Mrs Terun, Mrs Cetinay, Mrs Warda, Mrs Culmone, Mrs Jonson, Mrs Allum, Mrs Hird, Mrs Lawrence, Ms Perrin and Miss Mair.

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NRMA Science & Road Safety Day

Wednesday, 22nd October, 2014

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists’ Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe off the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick.

The shows combine important road safety messages with science. Messages such as “Wear their seatbelt” have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash. In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day (9 -10 am) to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students already enjoyed the program while learning more about road safety. We are one of 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host a day in Season 2 and with your help we aim to make it a great success.
Last term 2L read Fantastic Mr Fox as part of their literacy unit. Children chose their favourite character and had the opportunity to develop i-movies with the class iPads.

This term 2L are studying the Science unit ‘Back to Nature’. They will be learning about natural and man made objects.
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.