I would like to thank all the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher afternoon on Wednesday 26th March. We had a great increase in parents in the primary years and stage 1. There will be opportunities for working parents to meet with the teacher during report interview period. There are also opportunities to discuss important issues by making an appointment with the front office. It is an exciting time at Prairievale Public School. The school is upgrading the Wi-Fi system which will support the technology IPad program. The Ipads should be here during week 7.

I would like to thank the parents who attended our first Parent Coffee Club on Thursday 27th March. It was a great pleasure to meet informally and discuss issues and concerns. The coffee club will run each Thursday and we encourage as many parents as possible to attend. I have investigated the cost of installing an electronic gate at the front of the school which was raised at our first Parent coffee club. I would also like to thank Anna for running an AVON Fundraiser for PPS and hope that many parents will support this. Please see the advertisement in this issue.
Zone Swimming Carnival Tuesday 4th March 2014

Congratulations to all the students who represented Prairievale at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Every student was a credit to our school, and many achieved personal best results in their events. We have three students who are going forward to represent Prairievale at the Regional Swimming Championships to be held on Tuesday 18th March at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury. Desmond Hwang qualified for 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly; and both Lara Chwa and Savanna Deans qualified for 50m freestyle in their age groups. Thanks also to all the parents who came along to support their children. It was a great carnival and we wish our swimmers all the best at the Regional carnival. Mrs Allum

Attendance

It is very important that students attend school each day and on time. Absence from school hinders students learning and lateness has an impact on the student and the rest of the class. We have implemented a students self monitoring program on attendance. Students who are at school 5 days in a row receive a stamp/sticker on their card and 8 stamps or sticks receive a reward. 10 stamps will receive a canteen voucher and extra recess(15 minutes). At each whole school assembly students who have achieved 100% attendance for the past 3 weeks will go into the draw to win a canteen voucher.

Students who have less than 85% attendance with out medical reason or organised leave will receive a letter which must be returned showing the reason for the absence. Absences of 3 days or more require a doctors certificate or leave requires school approval. If you have received a letter please ensure that you return it to the class teacher. It is very important that students attend school especially if they are part of a special program such as Reading Recovery.
Parent Code of Conduct

Parents need to be aware that while on the school premises you are bound by a code of conduct. This means that any issue you may have with a student or staff member must not be discussed publically or in social media such as Face book. It is expected that if you have a concern that you approach the front office to make an appointment to speak with the Principal or Assistant Principal. This way we can work together to solve problems. I would like to thank the parents for understanding about the new arrangements for morning line up and Monday assembly. It is very important that all parents stand along the front of the canteen area and do not obstruct the movement of classes by standing at the back or side closest to the classrooms. We thank you for your support and understanding.

P & C

The next meeting will be the AGM on the 12th March 2014 we will be asking for parents to nominate themselves or other parents for the following positions;

President    Vice President    Secretary    and    Treasurer.

The P & C is a valuable part of the school. It provides opportunities for parents and citizens to participate in the school life. The P&C body greatly supports the school through fund raising events throughout the year.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the families who have already made voluntary contributions that total $1290 so far, your support is greatly appreciated. The contributions equal 43 students out of 411 have paid so far.

A reminder that a special prize will be drawn for students who pay the voluntary contribution fee for 2014. The prize is an IPad mini valued at $350. To enter the draw you will need to pay your voluntary contribution by week 10 of this term. $30 per student or $60 for family. The other prize is a refund of your fees and a new uniform.

أنا أشكر الأولياء الذين دفعوا رسم المدرسة الطوعي. مجموع الرسوم بلغ حتى الآن $1290 عن 43 تمิดاً من مجموع 411 تميداً.

للتذكر الأولياء الذين دفعون قسط المدرسة رسم المدرسة سيتم إدخال أسمائهم في الفرصة لربح الجائزة التالية الجائزة الأولى: بقيمة $350 و الثانية: إعادة الرسوم بالإضافة إلى إعطاء زي مدرسي جديد لطالب واحد من العائلة الواحدة مجاناً. لكي لا تدعو الفرصة تفوتك في الربح عليك دفع القسط قبل تاريخ المحدد وهو 4-4-2014 لطالب الواحد و $60 لاكثر من طالب واحد في العائلة وشكرًا لمساعدتكم. $30
School Photos

The photos were taken on Monday and it will take a few weeks before you receive your children's photos. Please check your order when you receive and contact the school photographer if there are any issues.

Road Safety

We want our students to be safe when travelling to and from school. Please remind your children that they must cross the road at the crossing. Parents are the first models for our children. Please show them the safe way to cross the road.

Parent Coffee Club - Thursdays 9.00-10am ( Assyrian Community Language Room). Antoanet our Arabic/Assyrian speaking SLSO will be there to assist with translations. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided. All parents are welcomed.

From the Canteen: Please order your child’s lunch by 8.55 am.

Up n Go drinks price has increased to $2.30
This term 2M is learning about community groups. The topic under investigation is ‘Identifying Us’.

Children brainstormed groups that they belong to in their community such as church groups, sporting groups, musical groups, family groups and so on.

They thoroughly enjoyed cutting pictures from magazines that related to their lives.

The children worked cooperatively to list the significance of different groups they attend.
PPS Calendar

Week 7

Tuesday 11th March – School Banking

Wednesday 12 March - AFL Clinic 3.15pm (Week 3 of 6 week program)

Thursday 13th March – Parent Coffee Club 9-10am

(Assyrian CL room)

Friday 14th March -PSSA sport

- Rugby League Clinic K-2

Week 8

Monday 17th March—Rugby League Clinic 3-6

Tuesday 18th March- School Banking

- SWS Regional Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 19th March - AFL clinic 3.15pm (Week 4 of 6 week program)

Thursday 20th March - Stage 1 Fairy-tale Parade

Friday 21st March - PSSA
Great books for tweens to read
Favourite books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


Science assignment starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.


2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

AVON FUNDRAISER FOR PPS

Families will be given a selection of lipsticks to sell.

The sale will run for 10 days however if required the sale can be extended for a further 4 days.

Payments can be made by cash or credit card only.

Products will be given to parents once full payment is received. Orders will be collected from the school on Friday 14th March 2014 and delivery of goods will be by Tuesday 25th March 2014.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE FAMILY

For every $50 sold you will receive 1 entry for a chance to win one of the following prizes:-

Prize 1 - Avon Hamper valued at $150
Prize 2 – Avon Hamper valued at $100
Prize 3 – Avon Hamper valued at $50

WHAT'S IN IT FOR Prairevale Public School

- 15% of total money raised will go towards the electronic gate and camera for your children’s safety.
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

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