



Principals report

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Dear families and carers:

Welcome Breakfast

Tuesday was a truly wonderful morning for the school community. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces arriving at school early for a croissant and a pancake – and that was only the parents! The weather certainly turned out well for us and the students seemed to really enjoy a bit of Lego, playground time or chess while enjoying something to eat. These events are what make our school truly special but can't happen without a tremendous amount of planning and work behind the scenes. Our ES staff did a wonderful job organising and serving all the food. Julie did a tremendous job organising the canteen from very early on in the morning and John was busy getting pancakes sorted on the bbq. Thank you also to our teaching staff for their efforts in setting up some activities for the students.



Parent Question and Answer session

Immediately after the breakfast I had the pleasure of a cup of coffee and some cake with some of our parents. It was a great chat and reinforced some of the positive feelings that were expressed at the breakfast earlier in the day. Myself and Annie have been working with school council and staff to create a snapshot of what makes our school community so special. The themes of community, individualised education, cultural diversity and inclusion have been acknowledged time and time again. It was great to hear some of our parents echoing these thoughts.

NAPLAN

Over the coming weeks our Year 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN testing. We understand this can be an anxious time for some students. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher.

Dr Cranky

Over the coming weeks Dr. Cranky will be visiting our school. As part of our work with Darebin City council to make the roads around and the journey to and from school safer we will be focussing on encouraging students to ride their bikes to school. Dr. Cranky will repair any bikes students bring into school for free. Some recycled bikes will also be available to student who require one. This is a wonderful service and we encourage all parents and students to access it. On March 22 we will be having a "Ride to school" event (including a free coffee van) – so be prepared.

School Council

An important part of the school operations is our school council. This provides an opportunity for parents and carers to be involved in the running of the school and influence future directions at Preston North East. The council meets on Monday evenings once a month. At the end of March each year a portion of the existing school council members are required to either re-nominate or leave their roles (after two years). This year we have several positions available for school community members. More information will be sent out soon to all families. If this is something you are interested in being involved in, please contact myself or Annie in the school office. As this is a school review year – there is plenty of opportunity to have a significant say in the coming years of Preston North East Primary.

John-Mark Gook — Acting Principal

Forward Diary

Mar 7 Dr Cranky at PNE

Mar 11 Labour Day

Mar 12 Curriculum Day

Mar 13-20 Naplan

Mar 15 F-2 Brickworks Inc

Mar 19 Dr Cranky at PNE

Mar 21 Harmony Day

Mar 22 Ride to School Day

Mar 28 Last Day Term 1



Monday March 11th
Labour Day

Tuesday March 12th
Curriculum Day

Assistant Principals Spot



First aid training

PNE staff have completed their annual first aid training. Mr Hwang is practising CPR on a mannequin.



Assessment

Teachers have been assessing their students' English and Maths skills to find out what they know. Tahlia is showing Rosie what she understands about counting.

International Women's Day

There will be a special Assembly next Friday the 8th of March to celebrate International Women's Day.

Annie Neville — Acting Assistant Principal



The office currently has a supply of hats available for sale:



All sizes available S, M, L

**\$25 cash only
for hats**

Hats are compulsory for outside play in Terms 1 & 4 so if your child needs a hat pop into the office while stock is available.



Community Breakfast



The Welcome Breakfast was a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling, jam-covered faces. Thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting this event, and a BIG thank you to all of our fantastic staff who arrived early to assist with set-up, cooking and serving.



The Captains Page

The Young Leaders Conference

On Friday the 16th of February the PNE captains attended the Young Leaders conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre. We listened to a number of high-profile Australians talk about their journeys to becoming leaders.

The first speaker was Anastasia Woolmer, the Australian Memory Champion. She told us about her childhood and how she wasn't always good at remembering things. She dropped out of high school at 15 years old to join the Royal Australian Ballet, then she decided she wanted to go to university. She quit ballet and took the entrance exams but, unfortunately, she failed. Her university teacher advised her to go back to high school and repeat the years she missed out on. She studied for many hours every day, eventually graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. Then, on one seemingly ordinary day, she stumbled across a book about memory and how to improve it. This small action changed her life, leading her to where she is today. We learnt from her that good things come to those who work hard consistently throughout their lives.



Bryson Klein is a Ninja Warrior champion. Ever since he was a child, he loved watching Ninja Warrior and told his dad that one day he would win Ninja Warrior! He did training consistently and never gave up. He gave 100% effort even in training, he always tried his best. He was not afraid of failure and he didn't let self-doubt get in his way. His journey was tough, but he was resilient. We learned that there is no better way to learn than failure. Boldness, resilience and perseverance takes practice. It is not something you can have right away.

The third leader we met was Jane Bunn, who is a Channel 7 news reporter. Her journey started when she tried skiing for the first time and fell in love with snow and the weather. After getting fascinated with different types of weather she decided to become a meteorologist and a news reporter and after a lot of hard work and effort she finally achieved her dream! She is also a published author after she wrote a book called Storm.

The final speaker was Melissa Barbieri, the former captain and goalie of the Matildas. She told her story about becoming a soccer champion. As a child she loved soccer but there were a lot of years when she couldn't play, just because she was a girl! In the end she overcame all the obstacles in her way and became the Matildas Captain. She represented Australia in four World Cups and the Olympic Games.

The lesson was, "Don't let anything stop you from doing what you love."

The Young Leaders Conference helped us to become better leaders and role models.

By Allison Cruz, Ian Sim and
Azlaan Syed Ali



Foundation

Buddies

Foundation G students have loved getting to know their buddy class 56Y. The big buddies have been helping them with their reading and drawing, and they've been teaching them new games they can play together.



3/4 Area

We have been working on making our stories start in a really interesting way so that the reader wants to keep on reading! Here are some examples.

In a dark oak forest sat a horrible, fierce, glowing lavender coloured blob. No one dared to get close to it.

By Ain 3/40

What would you do if your best said she was sick and couldn't play with you but you found her with your enemy?! I ran like I never did and went to confront her but it was too late. I had lost them. I said to myself, "Don't stress," but I started to sob. I decided then that I would get my revenge and I started to plan...

By Aylin 3/4P

"Dang it! Drat these fancy gadgets!" Dad said when he tried to dismantle my gaming console.

By Isaac 3/40

I was inspired by Smartie colours to write this poem. I used my senses and Tier 2 adjectives.

Tranquility is a beautiful tint of light mint green.

It sounds like calm, gentle, relaxed waterfalls.

Tranquility smells like a beautiful fragrance of lotuses.

Tranquility looks like a beautiful Sakura tree in the Spring.

Tranquility feels like a delicate, fluffy light mint green blanket.

It tastes like fresh, ripe strawberries smothered in rich, dark chocolate.

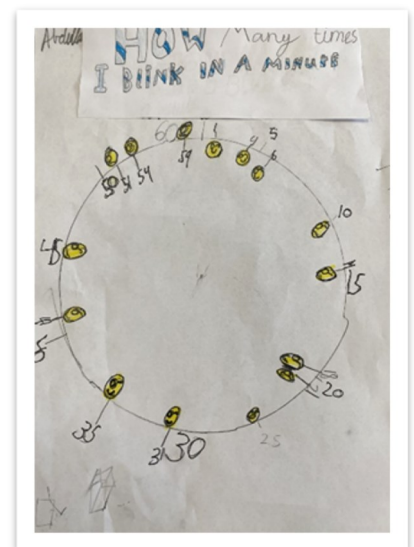
Tranquility is a beautiful light tint of mint green.

By Anna

We have been collecting data in maths about our daily lives. I collected data about how many times I blink in a minute. I represented my data using blinking emojis around a clock. I blinked 15 times in a minute - that is average. Did you know blinking keeps your eyes moist?



Abdullahi 3/4P



My data display shows you what food I eat in a day. At 9pm I had chicken and rice. We noticed that other people eat at very different times. Sophie P 3/4P

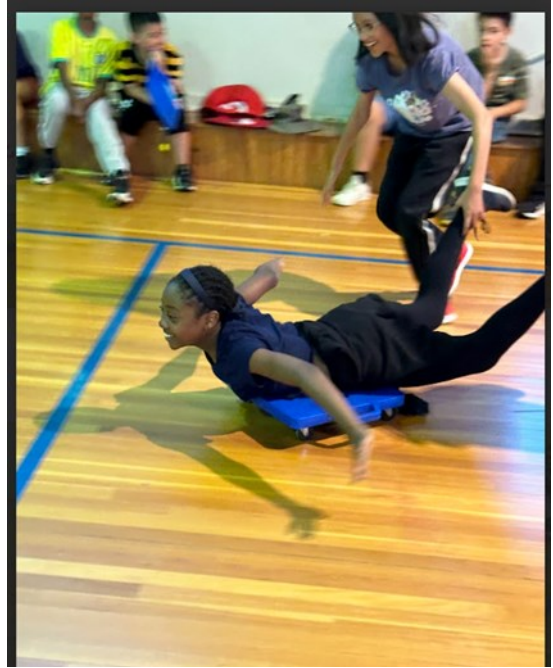
4/5/6 Camp

Malmsbury Camp

It was Camp Day!

I woke up in a hurry, excited to be going to camp. I got ready and rushed out the door. When the bus arrived, everyone was excited as we boarded the bus. There was an enormous eruption of sound on the way there, with everyone chatting about how fun it would be.

Charlotte

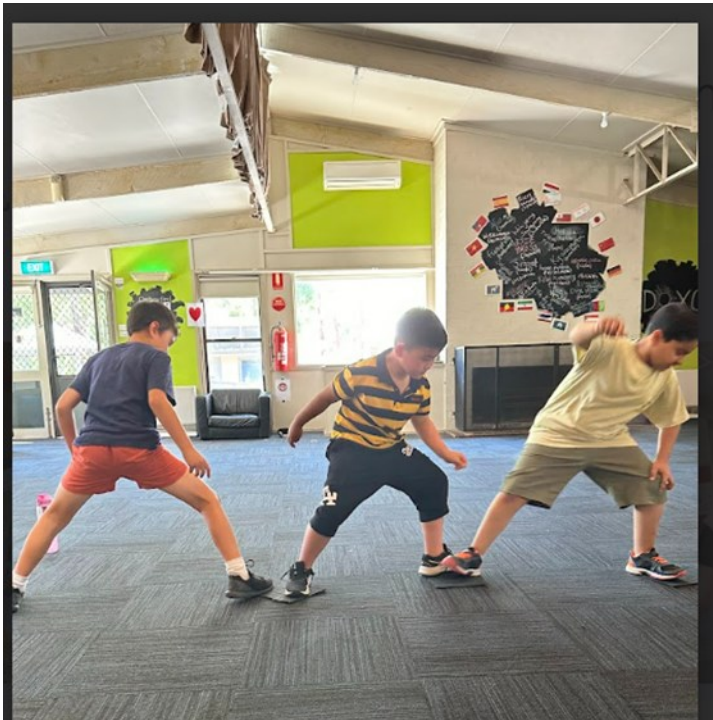
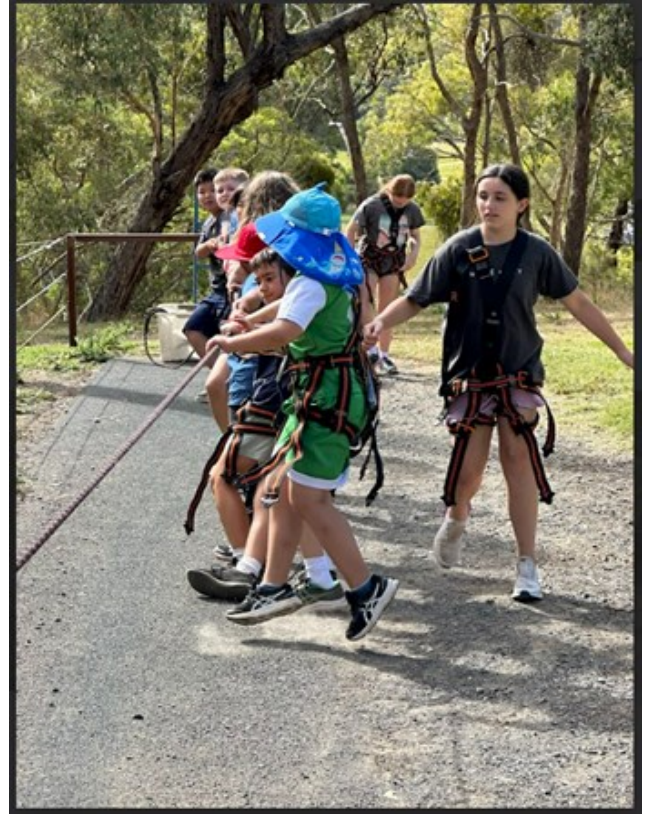


One of the fun games we played was Hungry Hippos, using students to push each other and grab as many coloured balls as possible. It was the best experience of my life and I had so much fun with my friends.

Riley



4/5/6 Camp



It was hard to sleep, but eventually we drifted away. The next morning, we did rock climbing in a 15-metre vertical board, followed by the giant swing. It was very high, and I got right to the top.

Azlaan

4/5/6 Camp



I played in the Gaga Pit. It was extraordinary and enjoyable. We had dinner and all the staff cared about the vegetarians on camp and made delicious food. We also have ice-cream for a sweet after dinner.

Aarav



The giant swing was quite scary, and everything looked so tiny from above. It made your tummy feel like it was going to come out of your mouth when you went up and came down.

Ivy

4/5/6 Camp



On the last day, we played Disc Golf, where we had to throw a frisbee into the baskets, around the campsite. Our team got all of them done, with 30 minutes to spare! After that, we saw the bus. Some people were devastated, and some were really happy.

Jayden

Get ready for **RIDE2SCHOOL DAY**

With Dr Cranky's Bike Hospital

Dr Cranky's bike mechanics are coming to our school this month to fix kids' bikes for FREE! If you don't have a bike they can provide recycled bikes for those that need them at no cost.



Thursday 7 March

8.30–9.30am AND 2.30–4pm

Bring your bike in for a check or order a second-hand bike



Tuesday 19 March

8.30–9.30am AND 2.30–4pm

Bring your bike in for a check or collect the second-hand bike you ordered



See you at Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March!

This program is brought to you by Darebin City Council and is proudly supported by the Victorian Government Department of Transport.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



1/03/2024

Preston North East Primary`1

Your
OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

Fresh food, more variety!

New menu options now in
Your OSHC and Rocketeers!

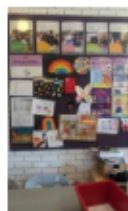
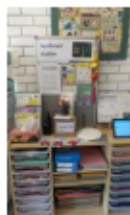


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[campaustralia.com.au/
food-nutrition](http://campaustralia.com.au/food-nutrition)

A message from your Coordinator

Hi everyone, hope you are doing well. The children have done some beautiful artwork and craft that we expose on the wall in the hall. I would like to let children and parents know that we have a suggestion box and a feedback book on our signing table which is close to the door for everyone to give their suggestion on what they would like to see more in our program/service or feedback. A reminder that you must register online for booking. Even if you forget to do the booking on the app, I can do it on the tablet for your child with your consent, but your child has to be registered. Please update your emergency contacts if you need another person to pick up your child, otherwise I cannot let your child go with the person nominated. Thanks Deborah.



Activities coming up

- Sort the trash.
- African paper plate masks
- Foam Designs

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au



Great teachers,
changing children's lives

Schools Plus 



Great teachers, changing children's lives ✨ – Teaching Awards nominations open between 4 March to 8 April 2024.

Schools Plus is opening nominations and applications for the 2024 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards soon.

Each year, national education non-profit Schools Plus, together with Commonwealth Bank, recognise 22 outstanding teachers who are making a transformative impact on their children and school communities.

Twelve outstanding teachers or school leaders will receive a prestigious \$40,000 award including funding for a strategic school project and participation in a unique 12-month Teaching Fellowship program.

Ten early career teachers with the passion and potential to make an increasing impact in education will receive \$10,000 for professional development and an exclusive professional learning program supported by Salesforce.

From experienced educators to up-and-coming teachers making a real difference in the lives of our children, let's celebrate these amazing educators together. Nominate an outstanding teacher or apply yourself between **4 March to 8 April 2024**. Visit **schoolsplus.org.au/awards**.