



Principals Report

NAIDOC Week

Next week we will be celebrating NAIDOC week at the school. On Monday morning our school KESO Rod Briggs will be helping us launch the week with a special school assembly – I encourage anyone who is available to be there – it should be a great occasion. There will be other events throughout next week as we honour and respect our First Nations students and culture at PNE.



Italian Day

Monday was a special opportunity to celebrate our LOTE Italian program at PNE. The students did a wonderful job dressing up in all things Italian in red, green and white. We have a few Mario brothers, leaning towers of Pisa and Mona Lisa's on display. Thankyou to Cathy Palmas for organising the day. The children seemed to enjoy their incursion, gelati and soccer penalty shoot-out!

Roofing Works

Commencing next week there will be some works being done throughout the school to enhance the school grounds. New drainage will be added to the back oval and improvements will be made to various buildings around the school, with a particular focus on the roofing. We do not expect this will impact any classes at this point and I will notify families if this is to happen. We expect most of the works to be completed during the school holidays.

After school pick ups

A reminder school finishes at 3.20pm daily and this is when children should be collected from inside the school grounds or begin to walk home. Our teaching staff are on duty after school until 3.30pm at which time they need to head home or attend meetings. Any child left unsupervised will be escorted to the office after this time.

While issues do occur and you can sometimes be late to collect your child, unfortunately some families have taken advantage of this situation on regular occasions. This severely impacts the capacity of staff to do any planning or other organisational work which needs completing outside of school hours.

We have a fantastic After care program and if you are unable to pick your child up by 3.30pm they should attend this service. The rates are affordable and supervision is provided until 6pm. Please contact the office if you would like more information about this service.

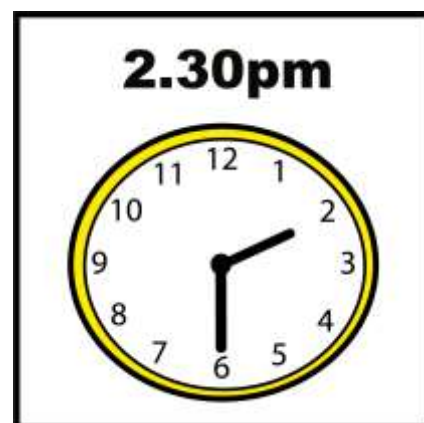
Finally, many children wait outside the school grounds – in front of the gate or across the road. This is unwise and puts children at risk as they are unsupervised outside the school grounds. If your child is waiting to be collected between 3.20pm and 3.30pm please encourage them to wait within the school grounds.

Principal—John Mark Gook

Forward Diary

2 Jul Parent Teacher Int

4 July End Term 2 2.30pm Finish



Last day of Term 2

Friday 4th July

2.30pm



Every Monday during the school term 2.45—3.15 in the Library

Assistant Principal spot

Next week is **NAIDOC Week** at PNE.

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee) celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. During NAIDOC week our students will participate in classroom discussions and activities to learn more about Australia's first peoples. The NAIDOC week celebrations are an important part of our actions to be a culturally safe school for First Nations students.

Special Assembly

On Monday we will have a special Assembly in the hall at 9am, starting with a performance from the school choir. Special guests will include Rod Briggs and Uncle John Brown. Rod Briggs is the Koorie Education Support Officer for our region and Uncle John Brown attended our school many years ago and he is now an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for VicPol.

The main event will be presentations from some of our students about their family's culture and country.



Morning tea

Following Assembly there will be a special morning tea in the staffroom for parents. Kathy Jones and Julie Hammond are baking delicious treats based on indigenous Australian flavours. Please join us for this special celebration and an opportunity to meet Rod and John.



Incursion – Djarrin Wilson

On Thursday the 3rd of July Djarrin Wilson will visit PNE to teach us about the cultural traditions of his community, the Barkandji people in NSW https://youtu.be/I0FbAF_YgNc



We look forward to celebrating NAIDOC week at PNE!

Annie Neville—Assistant Principal



NOW ENROLLING



**Enrolments are now
open for Prep 2026**

Enrolment forms are
available from the office

*Canteen
News*



Groove 350 ml drinks are NO LONGER available from the Canteen. Chill J sparkling fruit drink, 250ml, in assorted flavours will be available at a cost of \$2.30 each.



Maymax Jam Donuts will be available to purchase in Term 3 at \$1:60 each

**Getting to know
PNE staff**

Interviewer: Jhye



Harrison Bryan

What makes you happy?

Music, food, friends and the Pies winning!

What was your favorite subject when you went to school?

Art, especially when we would sculpt things

Do you enjoy being tall? And why?

Yes, it's great for seeing live music, terrible on planes though.

If you were a super hero, who would it be?

Luke Cage

What good advice did your parents give you?

To not rush things and to be patient

What one word would you use to describe yourself?

Calm or hungry

Certificates

FNH - Amira for trying your best in all areas of your learning. Amazing effort Amira, keep it up!

FNS - Andre for always doing amazing writing! You are such an amazing drawer too!

1/2B - Jenny for making great improvements with her confidence. Jenny is developing the ability to complete set tasks independently.

1/2B - Lula for being an enthusiastic member of class. Lula always completes set tasks to the best of her ability.

1/2G - Rachael for amazing effort in your reading. You are working so hard and reading more and more each day.

1/2H - Tabby for being brave, kind and resilient over the term. Keep it up Tabby!

3/4P - Tino for writing a high quality explanation of the life cycle of a butterfly.

3/4P - Ethan for thoroughly researching information about an African animal and writing excellent notes.

3/4O - Aya for contributing to our morning circle share time. It is so great hearing you in our class Aya!

3/4O - Julia for always putting an amazing effort into all her work. Fantastic job Julia!

5/6H - Hadiya for demonstrating the school values of respect and excellence, both in the classroom and through interschool sports with her leadership in soccer.

5/6D - Sofia for consistently working well in class and being helpful and respectful towards teachers, CRTs and students.

3/4 Area



This term the 3/4 area have been learning about African animals. We were so lucky to have Jordan's dad, Dickson, come and speak with us about his experience working at Kruger National Park in South Africa. The students enjoyed learning about the Big 5 animals; lion, leopard, elephant, rhinoceros and buffalo. Thank you Dickson for sharing your stories with us.



It was great to welcome our KESO (Koori Education Support Officer) Rod to 3/4P.

Rod shared many Indigenous artefacts with the students.

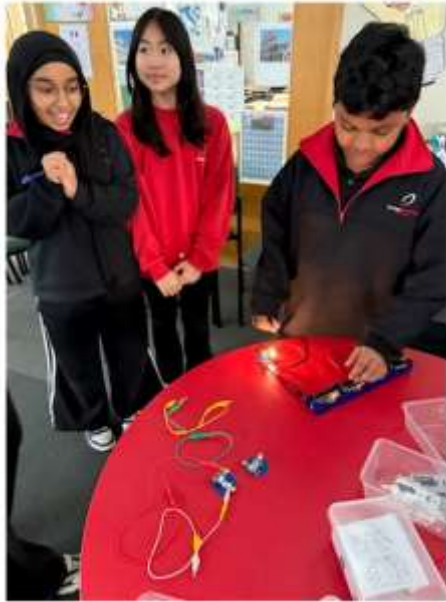


5 - 6 Area

On Wednesday, our 5/6 students took part in an exciting Hands on Science incursion! Working together in small groups, students explored scientific concepts through engaging, interactive experiments. They investigated energy transformation and the transference of electricity using electrical circuits, and deepened their understanding of how electricity is generated and how it interacts with various materials. From predicting outcomes to testing hypotheses, the day was full of curiosity, collaboration and discovery — a fantastic opportunity to bring science learning to life!



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Italian Day ^{at PNE}

On Tuesday 24th June, PNE celebrated *Italian Day La Festa Italiana*.

PNE was a sea of green, white and red with students dressing up in the colours of the Italian flag. We also had visits from gelati sellers, pizza chefs, soccer players, the Mona Lisa and even the volcano Mt Etna, the Colosseum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The day's activities commenced in the hall with the student parade. Following the parade, students engaged in Italian based activities with their teachers. After lunch the students attended the singing and dancing incursion An Italian Adventure. The day concluded with students in Yrs 3-6 taking part in a very challenging soccer penalty shootout competition against Mr Gook.

Thank-you to all the parents, carers, staff and teachers who assisted the children with dressing up and preparing for Italian Day.

A huge thank you to all the families who attended the parade.

Huge thanks to Miss Collette for playing the music, Mr Gook for the soccer penalty shootout, Julie Hammond for assisting with the gelati and to Sue, Donna and Sandy for promoting the day in our newsletter.

Enormous thanks to Kathy Jones and Julie Hammond for preparing the delicious Italian morning tea.

Lastly to all those who dressed up on the day, assisted at the soccer and parade and did Italian based activities with their class.

Thank-you!

Feedback from Italian Day: 56H

I liked all the costumes. Hadiya

I liked the parade. Gracie

My favourite part of the day was dressing up. Jaela

My favourite part of the day was the soccer penalty shootout. Abdi

I liked the gelato. It was sooooo good. My favourite part was winning the class prize for best dressed. Teniesha

I liked the lemon gelato. Otto

I liked dancing in the hall in the incursion. Harmony

Thank-you for your support.

Signora Palmas—Co-Ordinator of Italian



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Italian

Calendar of events – Italy

Il Palio di Siena 2nd July and 16th August

Il Ferragosto 15th August

Next week in Italian, students from Years 5/6 will be learning about the history of La Pizza Margherita and will be making individual pizzas.



**Friday 4th
July
2.30pm**



Breakfast Club

In the BER from 8.30am every day except Wednesdays

Come along

It's yum and it's free

Bubup Wilam Aboriginal Child and Family Centre



NAIDOC Art Exhibition



Monday 7th July

Join us for a showcase of art, sculpture & more from our children

with a special screening of "Our Warrior"- the story of Robbie Thorpe

Exhibition starts
6pm

Screening to start
7pm sharp

MOB tickets
\$6

General tickets
\$16

BOOK TICKETS THROUGH

pracc.com.au/Whats-On/All-Events/NAIDOC-Week-screening



COME ALONG TO
STORYTIME
AT PNE

EVERY MONDAY

2:45pm – 3:15pm

SCHOOL LIBRARY

**PRESTON NORTH EAST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR SOME

STORYTIME FUN!



Note: Parents and Caregivers must accompany their child for the duration of the session

No bookings are required.