



Principals Report

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Welcome Back

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely two weeks off from school over the winter school holidays. It was lovely to see the beaming and enthusiastic faces of our students as they returned on Monday. I am really looking forward to an exciting school term with lots of great learning happening throughout our school.

Roofing and Hall Works

Over the holidays we had our roofing and drainage works commenced. The oval looks much better with the new drainage installed and whilst mostly going unnoticed, the roofing works will help ward off the potential for rain damage throughout our school during periods of heavy rains. This week also saw the installation of our new projector and screen in the hall. We should have this ready for assembly next week.

Child Safe Standards

I thought I would take the opportunity this week to reaffirm with everyone in our community the high standards we hold as a school in keeping our students safe. Recent events in the child care sector have been both confronting and enormously sad for those involved. It is also a warning that we cannot be complacent in this space. Our school is regularly audited on our processes on Child Safety and have consistently achieved a high standard. I know it can be an inconvenience to have a working with children's card for many activities which involve your child but there are really important reasons why we have these processes.

2026 Preps

A further reminder that if you know of any student eligible to enter Foundation in 2026, please encourage them to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. We have started our planning for Prep Transition which will occur in Term four. This is an important part of the process for starting school and we don't want any student to miss out. Further information will be emailed out in due course.

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 330pm 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

29 Jul 5/6 Jet Program

31 Jul 5/6 Chess

1 Aug PNE Olympics

5 Aug 5/6 Jet Program

6 Aug Malpa Graduation

7 Aug 5/6 Chess

12 Aug 5/6 Jet Program

14 Aug 5/6 Chess

14 Aug 3-6 District Aths

15 Aug F-2 Hands on
Science incursion

18-23 Aug Book Week

19 Aug 5/6 Jet Program

20 Aug Curriculum Day

21 Aug 5/6 Chess

23 Aug Book Week dressup

26 Aug 5/6 Jet Program

28 Aug 5/6 Chess

25 Aug Toon World 3/4
incursion

19 Sep End Term 3
2.30pm Finish

5/6 After School sports Program

will be starting up
after school each
Wednesday

Assistant Principal spot

Assistant Principal's Spot

Welcome to Term 3! Students have settled in beautifully and classrooms are humming along. Information about Term 3 curriculum will be sent home very soon.



The Smile Squad dental van is currently parked next to the Library.



You can access this free service through the QR code or pick up a paper form from the Office.



Emily had a baby! Meet beautiful baby Martin.



Jhye and Draee finished building our new Community Library which will be ready to use next week.



We are getting ready to launch the new Audio-visual setup in the hall at Monday's whole-school assembly. See you there!

Annie Neville—Assistant Principal





With the new term comes some exciting updates to our Canteen menu.

Weekly Specials:

- **Wednesdays:** Halal Hamburgers
- **Thursdays:** Baked Potatoes. These specials will be available each week until the end of Term 3.



New Treat Alert:

We've added warm **jam donuts** to the menu—perfect for a winter pick-me-up! Available this term only.

\$\$\$ Price Updates:

Please note there has been a **small price increase** on cheese sandwiches (including toasted options) and on some drinks.

We encourage you to **review the updated Canteen Menu** before placing any lunch orders to avoid any surprises.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to a great Term 3!

Julie Hammond—Canteen Manager



Certificates

end of Term

1/2G - Ruzain

1/2H - Esma

1/2B - Elijah

3/4O - Winnie

3/4O - Indi-Rose

3/4P - Rui

3/4P - Miheli

5/6D - Alma

5/6H - Saifan

Congratulations to these children for their commitment towards the school values:

**Excellence
Persistence
Respect
Resilience**

100 Days

Of School

Celebrate



3/4 area

3/4 Area

Last term the 3/4 students completed a series of chess lessons through Chess Education. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn the rules of the game and strategies to win! Throughout the term, students completed chess homework and competed in a tournament to gain points. Congratulations to the chess champions!

3/4P

1st place: Ain Sim

2nd place: Anna Tran

3rd place: Greta Lister

3/4O

1st place: Peter Wang

2nd place: Sophie Pham

3rd place: Ryan Yu



Nova Weetman

In Term 2, Nova Weetman began working with some groups of students from Year 4,5 and 6. Nova helps these students craft stories. She encourages 'full creativity' and the students love it!

Nova will continue working with these students once a fortnight during Term 3. Hopefully there will be some stories to share in the newsletter soon.



Year 6 students and Nova, 'hard at it'!

At the end of last term, Nova has a book launch at Readings Books in Carlton. She invited some of our Year 6 students to attend.

There was about one hundred people at the launch and Nova spoke about her new book. During this talk, she explained that she changed the ending of the story thanks to some advice from a PNE student, Esther Lemalu. When Nova was working with the Year 5/6Y students last year, she told them she was planning to have the two characters end their friendship. Esther, an informed reader, thought it would be much better, and less cliched, if their friendship continued. Nova followed this advice and finished the book accordingly. There is a beautiful dedication to Esther in the book.



Getting to know PNE staff

Salma New Cultural Liaison Officer at PNE



Hi! My name is Salma, and I'm excited to join Preston North East Primary as the new School Cultural Liaison Officer (SCLO). I'll be at the school every Friday to support Somali Australian families and work closely with staff and teachers to ensure our school is a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone. My role is all about strengthening relationships, celebrating culture, and making sure families feel confident and supported as part of the school community. I'm really looking forward to connecting with all the students, families and staff, and being part of all the wonderful things happening at Preston North East!

Interviewer:
Jhye & Chris

What is one word you would use to describe yourself?

One word I would describe myself as kind!

What do you like to do for fun?

I love playing soccer and spending time in the gym with my friends

What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?

I once ate a snail when I was younger. It was very strange and very disgusting

What is something you are really good at?

I'm really good at talking to people and helping them when they are having a tough day.

What is your favorite thing about being an adult?

My favorite thing about being an adult is choosing what I eat for dinner. Even if it's pancakes!

If you see Salma
around the school
please say hello and
make her feel
welcome!

Book Week



We love Book Week at PNE and it is fast approaching. We will celebrate all things authors, books, characters and stories from Monday 18th - Friday 23rd August.

There will be more information coming soon but two important things families need to know:

1. Dress as your favourite book character Friday 23rd August

This is a favourite day in the PNE calendar when families, students and staff get creative with costumes. So, get planning!

2. Second-hand Book Stall

There will be hundreds of quality kids' books for sale in the library. **Most for only \$1**

Also, if you'd like to swap some good quality books from home that are no longer read, you can bring them to the stall.

Swap 3 books for \$1

NOW ENROLLING



You say **LOST** we
say **FOUND!**

Calling all new preps!!!

Enrolments are now well
underway for 2026

Enrolment forms are
available from the office



All of these jumper have been found
with NO names, therefore we can't
return to their rightful owners. Kathy
Jones has kindly taken them all home
over the holidays and washed them
all. Please see Kathy in first aid if you
have lost a jumper.



Breakfast Club

In the BER from 8.30am every
day except Wednesdays

Come along
It's yum and it's free






OLYMPICS AT PNE

Join us for the fun exciting day.
\$2-5 donation to compete.

1st August 2025

Preston North East Primary
School



RAN BY THE JSC'S
MEDALS TO BE WON!

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

Open to 2026 Preps or any children under school age.

No bookings are required.