



Principals Report

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Farewell Jane



It has been a week of celebration at PNE. Jane Cornell one of our teacher aides has decided to retire after 8 wonderful years of service at PNE. She has been a steady and encouraging hand to many of our students over the years. Jane will be sorely missed by staff, students and parents alike. We wish her all the best in retirement and whatever adventures lie ahead.



Student Attitude to School Survey results

This week the staff unpacked some of the annual survey results we receive back from our students. This data tells us about how our students are feeling about their learning, the school and their connection to their peers. The staff find this information invaluable as we work to improve our teaching and learning program throughout the school. There were, however some remarkable results which came through in this years survey.

- My Teacher expects students to pay attention - 100% positive
- My teacher sets clear classroom rules for behaviour 96% positive
- My Teacher expects me to do my best 96% positive
- My Parents/caregivers believe school is important 100% positive
- At this school there is a teacher or adult that cares about me 95% positive

These results are for all students in years 4-6 (just under half of our school). It really reflects the great teacher-student relationships which underpin what we do at Preston North East Primary school. This trust and positive learning environment ensures our students are encouraged to take risks in the classroom and achieve their best.

Principal report continued over...

Forward Diary

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

18-22 Aug Book Week

19 Aug 5/6 Jet Program

20 Aug Curriculum Day

21 Aug 5/6 Chess

22 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**



Curriculum Day

Wednesday

30th August

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Roofing and Hall Works

The school roofing works are continuing this week. The hall gate should be opened by the time you read this and further works have commenced in between the F-2 and $\frac{3}{4}$ buildings. Please be mindful of this as you move about the school.

Mosaic

Next week school council and Junior school council will be presented with some ideas for a new mural project we are starting this term. Students will be working with an artist to create a display on our currently blank library wall. I look forward to sharing some of these ideas and the final plan in the coming week.

Calm Youth student leadership workshops

Last week forty of our year 4-6 students began a five week after school program with Calm Youth in conjunction with the Refugee support program. This is to encourage students to develop their leadership and resilience skills through sport. The enthusiasm and engagement from students has been wonderful to see. Homework club will also be resuming on Mondays from 18th August.

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.

Principal—John-Mark Gook



Kitchen Garden

Things are slow in the garden at the moment. The plants are waiting for spring to leap into action. However, the lemon tree in the car park is full of fruit. The EAL students made lemon cake and the gardening club made lemon cordial last week.



Assistant Principal spot

We've had a great start to Term 3! Students loved the Sports Day Fundraiser organised by Junior School Council with the support of our indomitable PE teacher, Jamee-Leigh. On the same day we celebrated Principal's Day with a special assembly in the hall. The JET wellbeing program has begun for Year 5 students, weekly chess lessons for the 5/6s, the Maths Competition, and the MALPA graduation. Here are some photos from around the school.



The JSC **Sports Day fundraiser** raised \$587 for the Gaga Pit! It's almost time to start building! Thank you to JSC, the School Captains and our indomitable sports teacher, Jamee-Leigh Colley.



Students presented Mr Gook with words of appreciation from their classes on **Principals Day**.



Participation in the **JET wellbeing program** is a highly engaging way for our Year 5 students to reflect on their personal strengths and goals for the future.



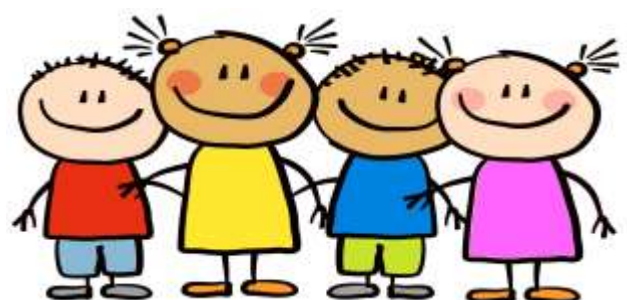
On Wednesdays many of our 3-6 students are taking part in a five-week after-school **sports/values program** facilitated by CALM Youth.



Chess Master Nick Speck is teaching weekly lessons to the 5/6s this term. Nick has represented Australia in chess championships overseas and we feel very fortunate to have his skills at PNE. Chess is not only a great game to play with family or friends, it can also enhance concentration, perseverance, creativity and memory. Ask your child to teach you how to play!

Homework club starts after school on Monday the 18th of August for interested students in Years 3-6. Contact me at anne.neville@education.vic.gov.au if you would like your child to attend.

Annie Neville—Assistant Principal



Certificates

Week 2

FNH - Aden for having a go at all activities in the classroom and not giving up if it gets hard! Great work!

FNS - James for doing amazing phonics and writing! Well done, James!

1/2B - Yasmeen for making great improvements with her writing. Yasmeen always strives to do her best. Well done, Yasmeen!

1/2G - Sierra for consistently demonstrating excellence in all school activities. Well done!

1/2H - Jevon for displaying respect to his peers, showing his learning and making his class safe everyday!

3/4O - Selena for her positive attitude towards her work. Selena is a happy member of our class. Well done!

3/4O - Charli for her great effort in her writing. Charli worked very hard in her writing about her and her interests.

3/4P - Aseel for being so positive and incredibly helpful. You put 100% effort into your learning and are an amazing class member!

3/4P - Frankie for beginning term 3 with motivation to learn and to put in efforts, even when things seem tough!

5/6D - Martin for being a helpful inclusive friend to our new student. Well done for being a wonderful friend, Martin!

5/6H - Delilah for consistently demonstrating resilience and perseverance in her learning, while maintaining a positive attitude.



JSC Fundraiser



**Raised
\$587**

**For the
Gaga Pit**



**Well
Done!!**

JSC Fundraiser



F-2 Area

Digital Technology



In Digital Technology we have been learning about working in teams respectfully, how to handle, carry and use the hardware (laptops, screens, keyboard and mouses) whilst building resilience when solving problems.

With technology all around us, we are also understanding how programs run by creating algorithms to complete online tasks. Students are steadily building their skills in using a mouse and controlling how we both move around the screen and typing in a web address to access the program.



Working with the year 2's this week, we started to explore if you have a problem (a bug), how we can break this problem down into smaller pieces to solve.

Step one – find the bug (problem), Step two – fix the bug and Step three – test the bug!

If everything is ok, move on, if not – start again and find the bugs!

Getting to know



Goodbye and Good luck Jane



Interviewers Jaspa & Mahmoud

What is your favorite thing about working at PNE? Building relationships with all of the kids. I also love seeing the growth of all the kids whether it's emotional, social or academic.

Do you have any other jobs? How did you get that job? I umpire AFLW as my other part time job. I got this job by starting out umpiring junior footy and have slowly worked my way up.

What are your hobbies? Walking my dogs, going to the gym, pilates and catching up with friends.

What is one word you would use to describe yourself? Caring.

What advice would you give your younger self? Have more fun! I would worry less about what other people thought and do more things that I enjoyed.

If you could choose to have any superpower, what would you choose and why? I would love to be able to fly. Mostly because I love to travel so I wouldn't need to buy a plane ticket.

Today Is Jane's last day before retiring, after eight years of working as an Education Support staff member at PNE! Many of our students have had Jane's support over the years, or shared a cheeky laugh with her.

We're so happy for you Jane, and wish you all the very best in the years ahead (but we're really, really going to miss you!)



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 22nd August.

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

1. Dress as your favourite book character Friday 22nd August

Special assembly and parade at 9.15 in the hall

This is a favourite day on 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

Basketball Clinic

🏀 Giants Basketball Clinic at PNE — A Week of Fun, Fundamentals & Teamwork!

This past week, young athletes from Prep to Grade 6 at PNE took part in a Basketball Clinic ran by the Coburg Giants, which focused on the fundamentals—and they absolutely loved it. The entire school immersed themselves in skills-building stations designed around passing, dribbling, and shooting, all delivered in a safe, supportive, and high-energy environment.

Jamee-Leigh Colley—Physical Education Teacher



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.

Supporting our Local Community



**free online webinar for parents and carers
supporting young people transition from
primary to secondary school**

**headspace Schools & Communities invite you to attend
a free Mental Health Education
session for parents and carers**

This session will cover:

- Understanding mental health and adolescent development
- Understanding young peoples' emotions
- Supporting young people to manage their emotions during their transition to secondary school
- Where to seek support for you and your young people

**For more information contact us:
MHEP@headspace.org.au**

The Mental Health Education Program is a Schools Suicide Prevention
Initiative funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

When:

- Session 1: Tues 28 October 2025, 7-8pm AEDT
- Session 2: Thurs 30 October 2025, 8-9pm AEDT

How to register:

Click here or scan the QR Code to register by
selecting your preferred date and time through
Eventbrite.



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation
email from Eventbrite which will include the
Microsoft Teams meeting link to access the
webinar.



Kindergarten Enrolment for 2026

Blake St Kindergarten is currently taking 3 year old and 4 year old funded kindergarten enrolments for 2026.

Families are encouraged to register their child with Darebin City Council via the online portal: <https://darebin.hubworks.com.au/>



Eligibility: A child must be 4 years old / 3 years old on or before 30 April in the year that they are to attend the program.

2026 kindergarten fee - **Free kindergarten** (Victorian government fully funded).

We will be offering 15 hours per week for our 3 year old and 4 year old programs over 3 days (3 x 5 hours session).

2026 Timetable (subject to change)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Year Old Program	-	-	9:00am - 2:00pm	9:00am - 2:00pm	9:00am - 2:00pm
3 Year Old Program*	-	-	9:00am - 2:00pm	9:00am - 2:00pm	9:00am - 2:00pm

For more information contact the Darebin Kindergarten and Child Care Registration Team on **03 8470 8825**

Contact the kindergarten for a kinder tour on **03 9478 8037** (Wed - Fri)
100 Blake St, East Preston, 3073
blakestreetkinder@dcc.vic.gov.au



Getting Ready to Play

SOCCER



**Fun & friendly program for 5-7 year olds,
perfect for beginners!**

Term 3 2025:

Sat 26th July - Sat 7th September

9:30-10:30am

Cost: \$125

**Contact Steve for more info, or to reserve
one of the limited spaces available**

e: grtp.lusc@gmail.com, mob: 0490 311 778

**La Trobe University Soccer Club
Sports Park, off Kingsbury Drive,
Bundoora**

