



Principals Report

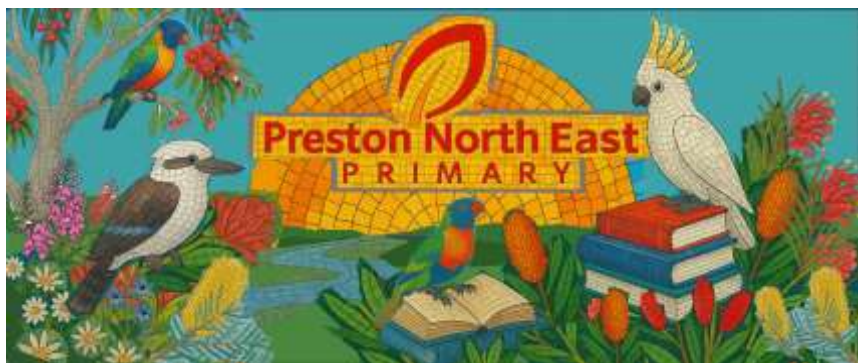
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Thanks for a great term!

It has been a short but incessantly busy third term here at Preston North East Primary School. I am sure I am not alone, but I find the September holidays some of the most enjoyable and refreshing of the year. Once we tick into next term we will be in the thick of Spring, with the wet and cold of winter behind us and the blustery winds of August gone for another year. Footy finals are present in everyone's mind (especially if your team is still battling it out!) and the end of the year is just on the horizon.

This week I wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work this term. Our students have done an excellent job of attending school regularly and working hard on all aspects of the curriculum. Collette Dane and our 3/4's & 5/6's have begun work on our school mural/ mosaic which will be on the outside of the library wall. I have attached a picture below so you can see what the end result should look like! The staff and students are very excited by this project.

I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing school break and I look forward to seeing everyone next term.



Term Four Hats

A reminder that when school returns after the break, hats will be compulsory for students wanting to play at recess and lunchtimes. The weather can become quite extreme in the run up to the Christmas break and it is important students are protected from damaging UV rays.

Compass

Several years ago our school made the decision (based on parent feedback) to move to the Compass portal in order to improve the speed and accessibility of school communication. Currently, parents are able to use the portal to book interviews, give permission and pay for excursions.

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Forward Diary

19 Sep End Term 3
2.30pm Finish

6 Oct Day 1 Term 4

13-16 Oct F-2 Swimming

20-23 Oct F-2 Swimming

21 Oct Yarning Conference

24 Oct Hoop Time

29 Oct Maths Night

11 Nov 1st day Prep Trans

**End of
Term 3**

TODAY

**2.30pm
Finish**



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At this time of year we have many school excursions and events in which we use compass. We have however, recently seen an increase in parents not responding to this in a timely manner. This has caused great difficulty for staff trying to plan excursions and other events. We need to ensure that we have the right number of staff on an excursion for those who attend and enough back at school for those who unable to attend. The online permission responses dictate how we organise these events.

If parents can please ensure they respond to notifications on compass as soon as possible this will help with the smooth running of these events. Further, if you are having trouble please reach out to our friendly office staff who are very happy to help. **Principal—John-Mark Gook**



Parent Tips... Updating your details

If you need to update your mobile phone or email address

- Go to the cog  and select "Update my Details"
- Add in your New Contact information.
- This will trigger a notification to the school advising them of these changes.



Looking ahead to Term 4!

The Canteen has some tasty new specials planned for this term, including Halal Sweet Chilli Chicken Tenders (\$2 each or 2 for \$3.50), Tender Wraps with mayo & lettuce (\$6) or with full salad (\$7.50). Hamburgers will remain on the menu, and throughout the term we'll also be offering homemade bakery treats such as Halloween cupcakes and cookies, Christmas cupcakes and gingerbread people, and Byron Bay-style choc chip cookies and muffins. Also, the Canteen veggie patch has produced some veggies that will be turned into something tasty—check the **fortnightly Newsletter** for updates and pricing.

Julie Hammond—Canteen Manager



Breakfast Club

In the BER from 8.30am every day except Wednesdays

**Come along
It's yum and it's free!**

Certificates

Week 8

(FNH) Halima for trying hard in all subjects. You have shown great progress with your handwriting. Keep up the great work Halima!

(FNS) Sulieman for working so hard on his drawing and colouring! He has been so kind and caring to everyone.

(1/2G) Allen For settling into his new class at school and already being a supportive friend. Well done Allen!

(1/2H) Hollis for his improved reading ,writing and phonics. Keep it up Hollis!

(1/2B) Elijah For making great progress in all areas of his work. Elijah tries hard to complete tasks to the best of his ability.

(3/4O) Ryan for working well in his stop motion group. Well done!

(3/4O) Lorenzo for all your hard work learning English. Your reading and writing has improved so much. Well done!

(3/4P) Shaun for focusing hard in class, especially during writing tasks. You have a creative mind!

(5/6D) Angel Her persistence in solving division problems successfully. Well done Angel!

(5/6H) Ayman for starting his time at Preston North East with a positive attitude, confidence and respect. Well done!



1/2 Area

Over the term, the Year 1/2s have been busy little scientists as part of our Inquiry unit, conducting experiments including making rain, making volcanoes, using heat to change matter and changing liquids to solids. This was integrated into our Writing program, where students learned to write procedural texts about these experiments.



The Year 1/2s have also been learning about fractions in Maths, including creating fractions of a whole and fractions of collections.

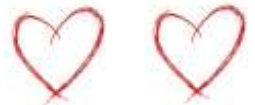
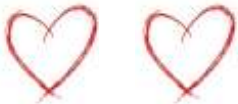


3/4 Area



Over the past three weeks, the Year 3/4s have been learning how to read procedures, and write their own. They've followed procedures to grow grass seeds; made lemonade based on a procedure written by Apollo, and followed a procedural recipe to cook yummy ricotta, lemon and silverbeet pasta!

Here are some photos of them preparing and enjoying their lemonade.



Spelling Bee

SPELLING BEE 2025

The annual Spelling Bee is an exciting part of the PNE calendar. If this year's excellent Naplan results are any indication, the competition will be extra tough: 64% of our Year 3 students and 61% of our Year 5 students were deemed to be strong or exceeding the expected level in spelling!

In preparation for the Spelling Bee, students have received a practice list of words. Students can copy these words, doing Look Say Cover Write Check. They can also think of words with similar spelling patterns or rules. Next term, each class will conduct an initial Spelling Bee test. The two students with the highest results for each year level will then take part in the 2025 Spelling Bee competition. Students in Years 3-6 will compete at our Monday assembly. The dates are below. Hopefully many parents and carers can come along to support our students.

Year 6 Spelling Bee Final, 9:15 in the hall, Monday 13th Oct

Year 5 Spelling Bee Final, 9:15 in the hall, Monday 20th Oct

Year 4 Spelling Bee Final, 9:15 in the hall, Monday 27th Oct

Year 3 Spelling Bee Final, 9:15 in the hall, Monday 10th Nov

Year F-2 - dates yet to be decided!



Kitchen Garden

The gardening club and students from 1/2B have been busy tidying the garden and readying it for summer planting.

We pulled out some old plants, weeded and dug in some new soil and compost. Some students found their super power with brooms and rakes!

We then planted tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, beetroot and pumpkin. Hopefully they all thrive and give us a bumper crop!

Meanwhile students in Year 34 used some of the silver beet from the garden to make a delicious, lemony pasta. For some students this was their first time trying silverbeet and they were pleasantly surprised!



Getting to know

PNE staff (by: Arizona & Selena)



How would your friends describe you? "Sugar and Spice and all things nice". I am caring, loyal and very dependable.

We know you are a good cook but what do you enjoy making? My "happy place" is when I am baking. This can be anything from cookies to cakes, scrolls to muffins. I like the challenge of new techniques when baking. Sometimes I get it right, sometimes I get it oh so wrong.

What superpower would you like to have and why? Teleportation. My youngest child has moved interstate and is currently planning their wedding. It would be wonderful to pop over whenever I want and not buy an airplane ticket.

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

What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten? Beef tongue. My mother cooked this for me when I was quite young. Apparently it is quite delicious when cooked well, but I would never choose to eat beef tongue again.



Reminder: Hats are mandatory for outside play in Term 4



We do have hats available for sale in the office for \$20



Calling all new preps!!!

Prep Transition will start Tuesday 11th November for all new Preps starting in 2026

If you haven't yet enrolled you must do so ASAP as we are currently organising classes for next year.

2026 PREP TRANSITION

We are excited to invite you and your child to join our 5 Prep Transition Sessions. These sessions are designed to help children become familiar with their new learning environment, meet teachers and classmates, and build confidence for a smooth and happy start to school.



Tuesday
11th of November
9:15-10:30
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Parent Information
Session

Tuesday
18th of
November
9:15-10:30

Tuesday
25th of
November
9:15-10:30

Tuesday
2nd of
December
9:15-10:30

Tuesday
9th of December
9:15-10:30
+
Parent Information
Session

Please bring a water bottle and a hat.
Please arrive at the office to sign in.

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



HAWKS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS SEPTEMBER

RMIT SPORTS CENTRE BUNDOORA

BANYULE FOOTBALL CLUB

3 HOUR CAMPS

MINI HAWKS
BEGINNERS
5-10YO
9AM - 12PM
DATES: MIXED 23RD 9AM-12PM
\$50

DOMESTIC
PLAYERS
6-10YO
1PM - 4PM
DATES: MIXED 23RD 1PM-4PM
\$50

FULL DAY CAMPS

DEVELOPMENT
EXPERIENCED
8-12YO
9:30AM - 3:30PM
DATES: GIRLS 23RD 9:30AM-3:30PM, BOYS 25TH 9:30AM-3:30PM
\$100

NEXT LEVEL
ADVANCED
10-14YO
9AM - 3PM
DATES: MIXED 25TH 9AM-3PM
\$110

HAWKS SCRIMMAGE TOURNAMENT
GET A TEAM TOGETHER!
1ST OCT - U9's & U11's
2ND OCT - U13, U15 & U17's

REGO IS OPEN

WWW.BANYULEHAWKS.COM.AU

SCAN TO REGISTER

CAMP CHAOS

School Holiday Art Workshops for Curious Kids



Join the **Creative Chaos Collective** for school holiday art sessions where kids ignite their creativity, learn new skills, and make friends in a fun, relaxed space.

Suitable for kids aged 5-12ish
Moon Dog World, Preston

Junk City Reduce, Reuse, Recycle... and ReCRAFT!

Monday, 22nd September ~ 5:30-7:00pm ~ \$30

Turn trash into treasure! Kids use **recycled materials** to build colourful **buildings, roads, and wild inventions** - combining creativity with a playful take on sustainability.

Character Quest An Adventure in Character Building

Monday, 29th September ~ 5:30-7:00pm ~ \$30

Create wacky, wonderful characters through **drama games and storytelling**! Kids craft expressive **masks and puppets** - each with their own quirks, voices, and backstories.



More info!



Tickets!



CreativeChaosCollective.net

tinvurl.com/Chaos-Events

Swash, Buckling Circus

NOMINEE
2014 MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL, AWARD

A PIRATE ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

11TH - 19TH OCTOBER

STUDIO NEXUS
1 CHIFLEY DR, PRESTON

CIRCUS NEXUS

SCAN TO REGISTER



IMAGINE THE FUN


Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed specifically for kids, our weekly sessions are full of movement, friendships and fun!

FREE CRICKET VICTORIA PROGRAM
WOOLWORTHS COMMUNITY FUND
VENUE: PRESTON NORTH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATE: WED 22ND, 29TH OCT & 5TH, 12TH NOV
TIME: 3.25PM-4.25PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



SIGN UP TODAY!

 **Play Cricket**

Welcome September!

What a term, term 3 has been! TheirCare Preston North East have been busy learning all about human anatomy, including muscle systems, bone structures, nutrient dense meals and the importance of keeping our bodies happy and healthy including our minds. We practiced gratification and introduced a gratitude jar to the service that children can add notes into and others can read throughout the week.

We cant wait for term 4 and we wish you all a safe and restful school holidays!
From Miranda and TheirCare team 😊



We Celebrated R U Ok? Day

Our R U OK? Day party was filled with laughter, vibrant energy, and a strong sense of community. Everyone came together to enjoy games, music and meaningful conversations. R U OK? Day is a powerful reminder to check in on one another and support mental wellbeing by simply asking, "Are you OK?" — because a conversation can change a life.



Our Spring Holiday Program is in full swing! Dive into the enchanting world of



Secret Garden

DON'T MISS OUT!
Book Now at
Theircare.com.au

TC Tucker Returns!

This October, World Food Day will kick off the return of our much-loved TC Tucker program! Celebrating culture, connection, and community through food.

The TC Tucker program gives children the chance to cook, taste, and share delicious dishes, sparking curiosity and conversations about exciting recipes from our communities.



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EAST PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



MARINE LIFE

The ocean...to you!!

This live aquarium provides a unique opportunity to learn about Victoria's coastal habitats. View and touch live marine animals in a safe & ethical environment.

For ages 5-12 years.

Where: 7 Newton Street, Reservoir

When: Tuesday 23 September
2:00-3:00pm or 3:30-4:30pm

EPCC CRAFTERNOON

Get creative and maybe even a little bit messy! Let your imagination run wild during our craft session where there's so much fun to be had!

For ages 6-12 years.

Where: 7 Newton Street, Reservoir

When: Thursday 25 September 11am-12:30pm



NATIVE ANIMALS

Encounter Australia's unique Animals. Mammals, Birds, Marsupials, Amphibians and Reptiles!

For ages 5-12 years.

Where: 7 Newton Street, Reservoir

When: Tuesday 30 September 2:00-3:00pm
or 3:30-4:30pm

Bookings are essential for each activity.

To focus support in the local community, bookings are available to residents of East Preston and East Reservoir.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration: epcc.eventbrite.com
or 8470 8107 or epcc@darebin.vic.gov.au



East Preston
Community
Centre

EAST PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



POTTING SUCCULENTS

Take a sensory walk through our community garden and learn to pot some succulents.

You can take them home too!

For ages 8-13 years.

Where: 7 Newton Street, Reservoir

When: Wednesday 1 October 10am-11:30am

EPCC CRAFTERNOON

Get creative and maybe even a little bit messy!
Let your imagination run wild during our craft session where there's so much fun to be had!

For ages 6-12 years.

Where: 7 Newton Street, Reservoir

When: Thursday 2 October 11am-12:30pm



DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Journey to West Africa to learn the art of African drumming with expert Kofi Shabba. Drums provided.

For ages 6-12 years

Where: 7 Newton Street, Reservoir

When: Friday 3 October 2:30-3:30pm



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