



Principals Report

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Welcome Back!

As I write this article, the sun is beaming outside and we have busses rolling into the school to collect students for our swimming program. It must be term four! Whilst we are nearing the end of the school year there is much work still to be done. This term kicks off in a few weeks with the annual Maths evening. This event is always a highlight of the school calendar and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there on the evening. Hopefully with the 4-6pm timeslot the sun will be shining and it will give parents and students a great opportunity to engage in some shared learning and a fun evening out.



In the coming weeks we will finalise our staffing for 2026 and commence creating grades to ensure we have a successful start to the new year. A reminder to lock in the dates for Prep Prom and Graduation into your calendar as they will be coming up soon.

School works

After a few unavoidable delays it was nice to see the works around the school progressing this week. We are hoping to have all the scaffolding down and bricklaying completed by cup weekend. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their patience as the work has been completed.

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.

At this time of year we have many school excursions and events in which we use compass for. 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

Forward Diary

20-23 Oct F-2 Swimming

21 Oct Yarning Conference

24 Oct 3/4 Hoop Time

24 Oct Spelling Bee

24 Oct Sport /Grad Photos

29 Oct Maths Night

30 Oct 3/4 Earth Crusaders Incursion

31 Oct 1-2 Toys over time incursion

7 Nov Prep—Botanical Gardens **excursion**

11 Nov 1st day Prep Trans

14 Nov Colour Run

18 Nov Mayor Visit

No School

Mon 3rd Nov

Tue 4th Nov

Melbourne Cup



Share your views to help make our school safer

The Department of Education is inviting parents and carers to take part in an online survey.

The survey seeks views on how the department can best protect school communities from harmful behaviour by parents and carers, and other adults:

- on school grounds and other places school activities happen
- online including social media.

Harmful behaviours can include abusive, aggressive and disruptive behaviours, including on social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp.

The survey will help the department:

- better understand community attitudes around this issue
- seek input on whether stronger protections are needed for school communities.

The survey closes at 11:59 pm on Monday 10 November 2025.

At Preston North East Primary School, we are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for the entire school community. We support ongoing efforts to address harmful behaviour by adult members of our school community, including online.

I encourage you to share your views by taking part in the survey. To access the survey, refer to Keeping school staff safe onsite and online on the Engage Victoria website.

School Community Safety Order Scheme: statutory review

A report and recommendations from the statutory review of the School Community Safety Order Scheme are now available.

While the majority of parents and carers work well with schools to resolve concerns, sometimes there is harmful behaviour affecting our school staff and students. The scheme allows principals and other authorised persons in Victorian schools to make School Community Safety Orders to stop or limit parents, carers and other adults who behave in harmful, threatening or abusive ways towards people in the school community. For more information on the review, refer to Independent statutory review into the School Community Safety Order Scheme.

For more information on the scheme, refer to the School Community Safety Orders webpage.

Respectful behaviours in the school community

For more information on the shared roles of parents, carers and school staff in creating a positive environment for learning, refer to the department's Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy webpage. **Principal—John-Mark Gook**



Parent Tips...

Entering your Child's absence

If your child is going to be away, you can add an Attendance Note to advise the school.

- Click "Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)"
- Select the reason from the drop-down box. Add any extra information in the details box.
- Select the start and finish date/time of the absence.
- **CLICK SAVE.** This will now appear on the teacher's Roll.



Breakfast Club—FREE!

In the BER from 8.30am every day except Wednesdays

Assistant Principal spot

Welcome to Term 4! It's great to see the students feeling confident and excited about their learning. There is a calm and happy hard-working buzz in the classrooms as we walk around the school.



Our younger students are having a great time and learning important life skills in their daily swimming lessons at the Reservoir Pool.



The **Cooking Connections** program run by YCHHealth and ACU is happening in the staffroom on Tuesday afternoons. Parents are invited to bring along their children to learn cooking skills between 2:30-4pm. Please contact me if you would like to attend.



Foundation students have planted bean seeds, hoping to grow a giant beanstalk just like Jack's!



The school mural is taking shape quickly under the guidance of Ms Collette and local artist Teresa Flynn from *Like Minds Studio*. We can't wait to see it on the library wall.



We had a very special visitor! Emily and her baby Martin are both doing very well.

Annie Neville—Assistant Principal



2025 *Maths* NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
29th
October

TIME
4pm - 6pm



93 Tyler Street
Preston

EXPERIENCE

Take-home ideas
Prizes to be won
Maths Games
Free Fun



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Certificates

Week 8

FNH - Avery Bobadilla-Lim

FNS - Teddy Wilson

1/2B - Vivienne Prescott

1/2H - Tahlia Bausch

3/4O - Faiza Omar

3/4O - Abdullah Alfaifi

3/4P - Anna Tran

3/4P - Rui Hanami

5/6D - Lama Alfaifi

5/6H - Amun Mouktar



WELL DONE

1/2 Area

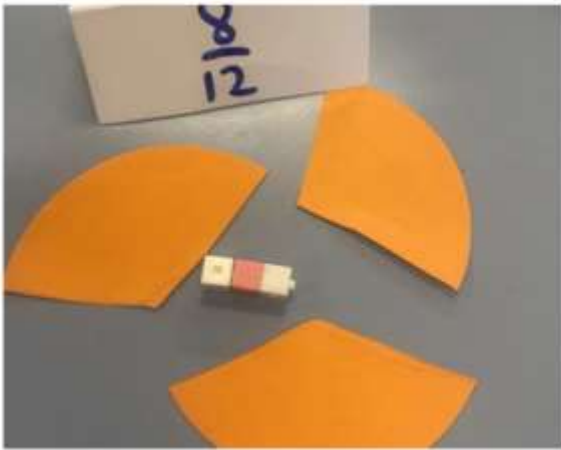
This term, our Foundation students are looking at Fairytales and Nursery Rhymes. Each week we are going to be reading and breaking down a different fairytale and nursery rhyme! To kick off our term, we read Jack and the Beanstalk. After reading the story, we got some potting mix, bean seeds and little paper cups to plant our own beanstalks. First, we put dirt in our cups and made space in the middle using our fingers. Next, we placed 1-2 beans in our cups and covered them with some more dirt and watered the beans. Most of our beans have already started sprouting and it's only been 1 week!



3/4 Area

3/4 FRACTION MUSEUM

We have been learning about fractions. Our teachers have been helping us understand all types of fractions and made us do a fraction museum. We could choose the fractions, make them in different ways, and show people your reason why you think it is that fraction. Also, you could make a mystery fraction for people to figure out. Miss Parsons gave us a learning sticker if we got the mystery fraction right. Overall, this was fun and got us learning about fractions. **By Rui and Ain**



Hockey

Prep to Year 6 Students Hit the Field for Outdoor Hockey Clinic

Our school oval came alive this week as students from Prep to Year 6 laced up their runners and grabbed their sticks for an exciting outdoor hockey clinic. With enthusiasm, energy, and a spirit of teamwork, students participated in a series of fun and engaging skill-building sessions led by experienced hockey coaches.

Throughout the clinic, students had the opportunity to learn and practise key hockey skills including dribbling, passing, and control—all tailored to their age and ability levels. Coaches created a supportive environment where students could grow their confidence, develop coordination, and experience the thrill of a fast-paced team sport.

It was fantastic to see students working together, encouraging one another, and having a great time outdoors. The sessions also helped build important skills such as communication, resilience, and cooperation.

A big thank you to our visiting coaches and staff from Hockey Victoria who helped make the clinic such a positive and rewarding experience. We look forward to more opportunities to get active and try new sports in the future!



Hockey



JUNIORS HOCKEY: COME & TRY!



HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

SATURDAYS 9-10AM – OCT 11th to NOV 29th
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Swimming

The children from Prep—2
have enjoyed their
swimming lessons this
week, which will continue
next week also.



Italian

This week in Italian, the students in Year 5/6 made *bruschetta*. Next week the Yr 3/4 students will be making *frullati* (fruit smoothies). Below is some feedback from the Year 5/6 students.

Today we made bruschetta. The best thing was the bread. It was really crunchy and delicious! Harmony

Today we made bruschetta. It was really flavourful. Amun

Today we made bruschetta a traditional Italian food (antipasto). It has basilico. aglio, pane e pomodori. It was very nice. Hadiya

I had lots of fun and it tasted so good! Teniesha

Today we made bruschetta. We put basil, tomatoes and garlic on a piece of toasted bread. It was so good. I also made one for Sue in the office. Louis

The bruschetta was delicious! I loved it so much. Muntas

It was very yummy. Monpi

It was good. I made one for Mr Hinsley. Lawrence



Italian



How to Get to the Italian Festa & Expo 2025

Public Transport?

Take tram route routes 86 or 96 to Stop 11 Melbourne Museum, Free City Circle Tram to Victoria Parade. City Logo Train to Parliament Station or Bus Routes 250, 251 and 402 to Rathdowne Street.

Cycling?

Local bicycle facilities include bike lanes on Rathdowne & Canning Street. Bicycle racks are available onsite at the Plaza.

Driving?

The venue is accessible via Rathdowne St, Nicholson St, or Victoria Pd. Parking is available at the Melbourne Museum. Limited street parking is also available around the venue. We recommend checking the signs for any restrictions.

Melbourne Italian Festival

Free Entry

Saturday 18 October
11 am – 9.30 pm

Sunday 19 October
11 am – 8.30 pm

Royal Exhibition Building and Museum Plaza

Celebrating Italian culture, food, music and more at the Royal Exhibition Building and Museum Plaza.

The event features over 150 stalls, 40 of which offer delicious food and drinks, three stages with live music and demonstrations, sports, art and fashion exhibitions.



Getting to know PNE staff



How long have you worked at PNE?

That's a funny question as some people might say I've been there too long.

I started at PNE way back in 1991 as a classroom teacher for 6 years, taught Art for 13 years and I've now been in the office for around 15 years. So, 34 years in total, a very long time.

How would your friends describe you?

Most of my friends would probably say that I'm loud.

My work friends would hopefully describe me as hard-working. My other friends would say I'm very relaxed and lots of fun.

How would you describe yourself?

I love life, family, friends, music and laughing lots.

I enjoy working hard so I can go on holidays to relax in the sunshine somewhere nice.

What is your favorite football team?

The Saints are my team. I've never seen them win a Grand Final which is really sad. Hopefully I will get to celebrate this one day. Go Saints!

Have you ever eaten anything weird?

Not really weird, but once when I was overseas, I ordered a beef curry. When I started eating, I realised I was definitely not eating beef. Not sure what it was, and I never want to think about it. It was disgusting!



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.



With the warm weather we have been having, the Canteen's Garden Plot has started producing spinach and leek. These veggies will be turned into tasty items available to purchase from the Canteen. Available the week commencing the 20th of October will be homemade Yummy Crunchy Filo Filled Spinach and Feta Triangles (Spanakopita) for \$1.00 each. Be quick and try one of these tasty triangles as there is limited stock.



With Halloween - happening at the end of this month, homemade bakery goods will be available to purchase starting Tuesday the 21st of October. Halloween Cupcakes will be available \$2.00 each and large Halloween Cookies (chocolate chip) \$2.00 each. I also have a Halloween inspired icypole by Streets, Twister Monstaahh \$2.60 each, there is only a limited stock so once they are gone they won't be replaced. Also, please refer to the Term 4 Canteen Menu for current Specials and prices-available Wednesdays and Thursdays. Keep reading the Newsletter for one off Specials for Term 4.



No School
Mon 3rd Nov
Tue 4th Nov

**Melbourne
Cup**



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.

Fundraising



Monty's Colour & Slime Fun Run coming 14th November!

Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click onto the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page.

Raise \$10 to receive your first incentive prize or send your donations to one of the great causes on offer!

You can even earn free bonus donations!



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DATE: WED 22ND, 29TH OCT & 5TH, 12TH NOV
TIME: 3.25PM-4.25PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



SIGN UP TODAY!

 **Play Cricket**

Supporting our Local Community



AFTER SCHOOL CLINICS

PRESTON NORTH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

⚡ SOCCER SEASON OVER?
CONTINUE YOUR SOCCER
DEVELOPMENT WITH FOOTBALL
STAR ACADEMY IN TERM 4

📅 EVERY WEDNESDAY
3:50PM

⚽ BOYS & GIRLS 5-12
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aged
5-10 yrs

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INCLUSIVE GAMES
* ALL GAMES OPTION
AVAILABLE



GAME TIME

PRACTICE SVS FULL
COURT BASKETBALL
IN A SUPPORTIVE AND
FUN ENVIRONMENT

8 WEEKS - 45 MINUTE SESSIONS

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OR
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COST:
\$118.50 (INCL. BA & BV FEES)
LESS THAN \$15 PER SESSION
+ \$50 NEW PARTICIPANT PACK - RECOMMENDED
(INCL. BALL & PERSONALISED SHIRTS)



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TO REGISTER

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Northcote - 19 October
Preston - 25 October
Thornbury - 26 October

Recommended for ages 7+

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spot now!



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