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## Principals Report

### School Tours

Our Prep enrolment process for 2027 has commenced. We are now accepting enrolments from siblings of existing students. We have had an influx of school tours for Prep for next year already which is a wonderful sign of the level of confidence our community has in our school. We will be holding the first of several Prep information sessions on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 930am. These sessions are designed for new families interested in what we offer at PNE and how our Prep program operates. Additionally, if you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to PNE in 2027 please encourage them to contact the office to organise a time.



### Cybersafety

Over the last few days students have been having focused lessons on online safety throughout the school. This is an issue that is ever-present in our current environment. It is important that children understand how to interact and behave safely online. Children are taught a range of age appropriate strategies and lessons which can support them to develop healthy online habits. Our school is committed to supporting families with developing these skills and will be holding some parent information sessions later in the year.

### Stop Work action

I would like to mention that Industrial Action will be continuing in the public education sector this term. I will be discussing this with school council on Monday evening and will then relay this information to the community as it becomes available.



Principal—John-Mark Gook

## Forward Diary

**27 Apr—1 May**  
3-6 Swimming

**5 May** 2,3,4 City Excursion

**6 May** Special Person Stall

**8 May** School Photos

**12 May** Italian Day

**25 May** Vic Police Visit

**29 May** F-2 SES Visit



## Assistant Principal spot

Welcome back! We've had a great start to Term 2 in the lovely autumn weather. Here are some of the activities currently happening around the school.



### Gardening Club

Julie and Kat meet with a merry band of helpers in the school garden every Monday lunchtime.



The students love this opportunity to learn about gardening and fresh vegetables, and they sometimes reap the rewards, including these amazing zucchinis!

### Our local taekwondo experts

If your child is keen to try taekwondo, tell them to speak to Mahkenzi or Deklan who train at a club in Reservoir.



### ANZAC Day

At Monday's assembly our Captains will be teaching the students why we commemorate ANZAC Day. This week they have been collecting donations for the ANZAC Appeal, and Monday is the final day for families to donate money.



### Craft Club

Thank you to Bianca, Suzie and Louise who run the lunchtime Craft Club. This group of students made ANZAC-inspired art using their painted poppies. You might see one at Assembly!



### School Swimming program

Swimming lessons take place next week for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Students are taught valuable swimming and water safety skills, building their confidence around water and improving their physical health.



### Get Active in Darebin

This fabulous program starts next Monday and runs for 6 weeks from **27 April to 7 June**. Some of these sessions are free for people to try out, including 'Girls Come N Try Soccer Skills Clinic' (for kids) and 'Come N Try Ice Skating' (for adults). Full details of the sessions are included in the poster attached to the newsletter.

**Annie Neville—Assistant Principal**



Welcome to Term 2. Specials have started back this Term. Every Tuesday this term there will be Homemade snack size Beef Sausage Rolls and Chicken Pies, which are Halal. Every Thursday there will be warm cheese or warm cheese and ham Croissants. Please refer to the Term 2 Canteen Menu for pricing.

**Julie Hammond—Canteen Manager**



## **Breakfast Club FREE!**

In the BER from 8.30am  
every day except  
Wednesdays



**Excursions:** If your child has an upcoming excursion, you will see an alert on your home screen.

- Click on this to go the Events page.
- Click on the excursion – Add your contact details, consent and pay via CSEF, SSB balance or Credit Card.

Your child is now attending the excursion. Please try to do this before the day of the excursion so teachers have final numbers.

**JOIN Preston Piranhas Basketball Club**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR**

**U12 GIRLS**  
born in 2015, 2016, 2017

**U14 BOYS**  
born in 2013, 2014

**U18 BOYS**  
born in 2009, 2010

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO THE PIRANHAS**

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# Getting to know us

Rosie McCulloch



Teacher

**Where did you grow up and go to school?**

I grew up in Brisbane and went to East Brisbane State School and then Coorparoo Secondary College.

**What was your favourite subject in school?**

My favourite subject in school was maths.

**What is something that people would be surprised to learn about you?**

I did competitive trampolining as a child.

**Which famous person would you most love to meet?**

Paul Rudd because I enjoy his acting and he seems like he would be entertaining to talk to.

**What is your least favourite chore and why?**

Cleaning the shower screen because it needs to be done so often!

**If Mr Gook told you to have the day off, what would you do?**

I would sleep in late and then probably meet my sister for a coffee and a walk, and then just relax at home for the rest of the day.

La Festa Italiana

Italian Day

Tuesday 12 May

2026

Come dressed in the Italian colours:

Verde/Bianco/Rosso =  
Green/White /Red

or as a famous Italian.

There will be a whole school parade,

an interactive Italian cooking incursion,

*gelati* and a soccer penalty shootout.





# Supporting our Local Community



Preston North East  
PRIMARY

## AUTUMN

MONDAY 27 APRIL UNTIL SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	SUBURB	START	FINISH	TIME
<b>MONDAY</b>					
HIIT30	La Trobe Indoor Sports Centre	Bundoora	27 Apr	1 June	12.30–1pm
Active Adults Aqua	Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre	Northcote	27 Apr	1 June	1.30–2.15pm
Teen Mat Pilates	Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre	Northcote	27 Apr	1 June	4.30–5.15pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>					
Walking Basketball	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	28 Apr	2 June	10.30–11.30am
Gentle Pilates	East Preston Community Centre	Reservoir	28 Apr	2 June	4–5pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>					
Qigong	Darebin North East Community Centre	Bundoora	29 Apr	3 June	10–11am
Women's Seated Dance	Reservoir Community & Learning Centre	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	10.30–11.15am
Walking Futsal	Darebin Community Sports Stadium	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	12–1pm
Access & Inclusion Preschoolers Swim session	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	12–12.45, 1–1.45 & 2–2.45pm
Leamington Lay Ups	Leamington Hub/Reservoir Skate Park	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	3.45–5pm
Girls Soccer Skills Clinic	Hayes Park	Thornbury	29 Apr	3 June	6–7pm
Footy fun & fitness for women & gender diverse people	AH Capp Reserve	Preston	29 Apr	3 June	6.30–7.30pm
QSA Reformer Pilates	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	29 Apr	3 June	8–8.45pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>					
Cardio & Core	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	30 Apr	4 June	9.30–10.30am
Les Mills Thrive	Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre	Northcote	30 Apr	4 June	10.20–11.05am
Boccia	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	30 Apr	4 June	12–1.30pm
Come N Try Ice Skating	IceHQ	Reservoir	30 Apr	4 June	1.45–2.45pm
Chair Yoga	Keon Park Children's Hub	Reservoir	30 Apr	4 June	2–3pm
Women's Tennis	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	30 Apr	4 June	7–8pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>					
Tai Chi	AG Davis Park	Preston	1 May	5 June	10–11am
Qigong	East Preston Community Centre	Reservoir	1 May	5 June	10–11am
Mindful Yoga	Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre	Bundoora	1 May	5 June	2–3pm
Aboriginal Women-only Water Session	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	1 May	5 June	2.30–3.15pm 3.15–4pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>					
Zumba	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	3 May	7 June	4.30–5.30pm

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