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Principals Report

Helmets and Road Safety

Riding or walking to school is a positive and healthy way to get to school and build in regular exercise into your daily routine. The school is very supportive of children doing this safely. This is why we run the "walk/ride to school" events throughout the year.

A recent audit of the bike shed has revealed we had 29 children who ride their bike to school and yet only 9 helmets were at school. As a regular on the back gate this is something I have noticed and reminded students about consistently. It is vital that students wear helmets when they come to school on a bike or scooter. If they do not wear a helmet they are putting themselves at significant risk for injury on the road.



NAIDOC Week

Next week we celebrate NAIDOC week at school. We currently have over 30 First Nations students at PNE, a number which has tripled in the last few years. Our First nations community is of huge importance to the staff at PNE and I hope next week will be a wonderful opportunity to both learn more about their culture but also celebrate their contribution to the PNE family.

School council vacancies

Last Friday, Esther Falade and her children Jeremy and Esther have moved interstate for work. I wanted to publicly acknowledge the work Esther has done on school council over recent years. Her family will be greatly missed. Her departure does leave a vacancy on school council and I will be advertising this through compass in the coming weeks. If this is of interest please let me know.

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. The school leadership is acutely aware 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.

2027 Enrolments

Our enrolments for 2027 have opened. If you have a child who is starting school next year please speak to the office about an enrolment form or a school tour if required. We will be commencing Prep transition later in the year, so the sooner your child enrolls the smoother the transition will be. If you have any queries about the Prep program for 2027 please ask myself, Annie Neville or either of our fantastic Prep teachers.

John-Mark Gook— Principal

Forward Diary

22 June Naidoc Week

24 June Student free Day
(Parent Teacher Interviews)

26 June Last day of term 2



Last day of Term 2
Friday 26th June
2.30pm finish

Assistant Principal spot

Reports

Reports will be available on Compass this afternoon. They look different to usual due to the Australian Education Union's strike action last term. Please attend the Parent-teacher interviews next Wednesday to find out more detailed information about your child's learning. Descriptions of the specialist learning programs will also be uploaded to Compass today.



Morning tea

On Monday we'll be launching PNE's NAIDOC Week at Assembly. Students (and parents) are welcome to wear the colours of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags. Parents and carers are also invited to our NAIDOC Week morning tea on Thursday at 11am.



Julie Hammond is an incredible cook and she's going above and beyond for this event.

Year 5/6 Market Day



The Market was a huge success! Thank you to Chris Hinsley, Antonella De Angelis, Shy, Libby and all the staff and parents who supported the students to participate in such a great real-life learning experience!

JSC fundraiser Thursday 25th June - Movie and casual dress day

The Junior School Council representatives have consulted their classmates and chosen 'Lilo and Stitch' to watch in the hall on Thursday. It's rated PG. Please contact your child's teacher if you would prefer they didn't participate.



Smile Squad dental van

The Smile Squad will be back next term to provide free dental checks for children. It's easy to sign up, just use the link or the QR code below. Students who play contact sports will also receive free mouthguards.



Please see QR code below



This is the link:

<https://dentalhealthservicesvictoria.snapforms.com.au/form/sdp-consent-form>

Bon Voyage

Best wishes to Mr Gook for his family trip to China next week!

Annie Neville—Assistant Principal

F - 2 Area

F – 2 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

Last week the F-2 students went to Healesville Sanctuary to see the Australian animals they have been learning about in Inquiry this term. We got to see the amazing bird show, and had a really fantastic day!



F - 2 Area



YEAR 2,3,4 QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET EXCURSION

Our Year 2, 3 and 4 students recently enjoyed an exciting excursion into Melbourne's CBD, travelling just like seasoned commuters by catching a bus and train to the city.

After arriving, we stopped at Flagstaff Gardens for a quick snack and play before heading off to explore the bustling Queen Victoria Market.

Students loved browsing the market stalls, spending their pocket money on sweet treats and fidgets, and taking advantage of a special discount on delicious slushies. With slushies and new treasures in hand, we then trekked across the city to the State Library of Victoria.

At the library, students marvelled at the beautiful dome ceiling in the iconic La Trobe Reading Room and enjoyed viewing the famous Ned Kelly armour and exhibition.

Thanks to the chess sessions they have participated in this term, many students were also excited to help the players competing on the giant outdoor chess set at the front of the library.

To finish our adventure, we walked through Melbourne Central and watched the famous clock strike two o'clock before boarding the train and bus for the journey back to school. It was a fantastic day filled with learning, exploration and fun, and a wonderful experience for all involved.



YEAR 2,3,4
QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET
EXCURSION



5/6 Area

Market Day

The Grade 5/6 Market Day was a great success, showcasing the creativity, teamwork and hard work of our students. After spending weeks planning and preparing, the students proudly presented an amazing range of handmade crafts and some of the most delicious food on offer. Students and staff from across the school enjoyed visiting the market, purchasing the creative crafts and appetizing treats, and supporting the young entrepreneurs. The event created a fun and exciting atmosphere, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the students' efforts. Congratulations to all the Grade 5/6 students for their dedication and outstanding work in making the day such a memorable success.



5/6 Area

Market Day

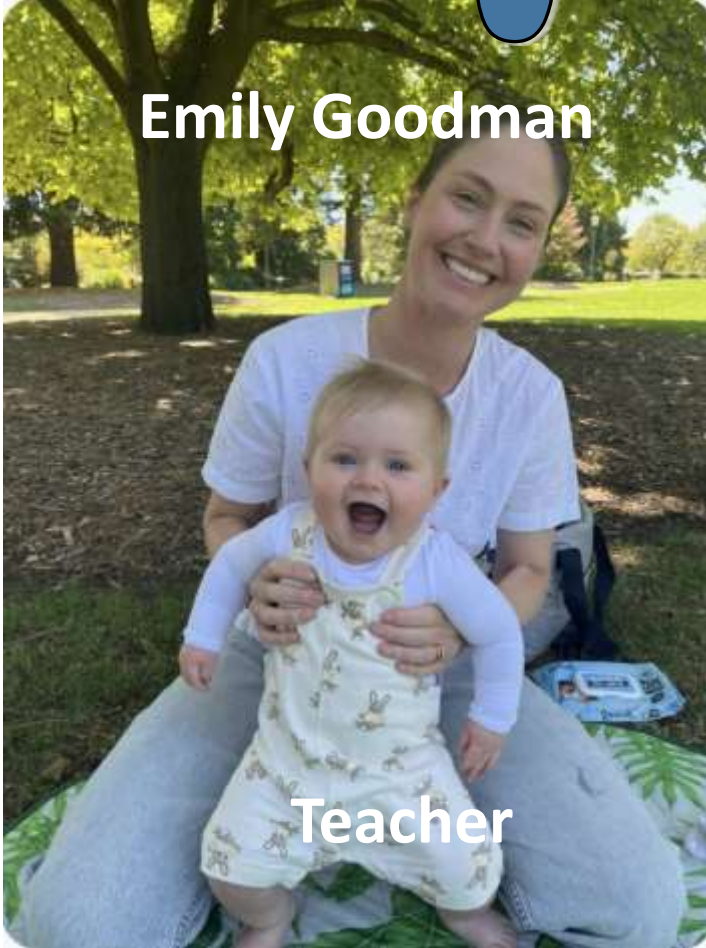


5/6 Area

Market Day



Getting to know us



Emily Goodman

Teacher

If you were a super hero, what would your name be?

I would call myself Emerald Emily because my favourite colour is green.

Have you ever cried because your food fell on the floor?

No, but I have a strong memory of my brother's ice cream falling off the cone when we were kids and the devastation that caused.

If there was a mouse in the classroom, would you try and convince a student to deal with it?

I think that would descend very quickly into absolute chaos. Sounds like a job for John Sly!

How long have you worked at PNE?

I have worked at PNE since 2016. I can't believe it's been 10 years! But the staff and students make it a wonderful place to work.

Do you enjoy being a teacher?

Absolutely I do! I love seeing students try new things and feel proud of their achievements.



**Last day of Term 2
Friday 26th June
2.30pm finish**





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Parent Teacher Interviews

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All bookings will be made via Compass and will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

You will be advised shortly when booking will be opening.



As Naidoc Week falls during our school break, 5th - 12th of July. I thought I would include a simple recipe to make and try at home. I will be making this recipe, along with other Australian native inspired recipes for the Morning Tea on Thursday the 25th of June.

Kangaroo kofta with beetroot yoghurt relish (makes 12)

Ingredients:

500 g kangaroo mince

2 tsp ground cumin

2 tsp ground coriander

1 tsp salt

1 tbsp fresh mint

2 cloves garlic crushed

1 tbsp olive oil

For Relish:

3 baby canned beetroot

1 cup Greek yoghurt

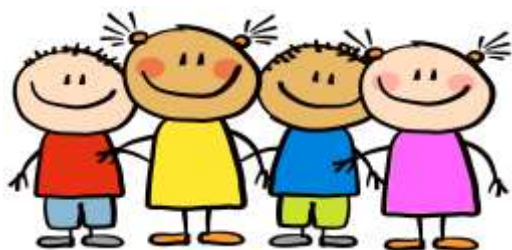
2 tbsp fresh mint shredded

Mix all ingredients (not relish ingredients) and mix well. Form mince mixture into 12 koftas and refrigerate until required.

To make relish, grate beetroot into a medium bowl. Add yoghurt and mint, stir to combine. Heat oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Add kofta and cook 6 - 8 minutes, turning often, until golden on all sides and cooked through.

Serve with a simple side salad and Lebanese bread or flat bread.

Julie Hammond
Canteen Manager



SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS balances

Many families have been paying for events but still have an SSB balance from 2025. Please select either the SSB option or pay by CSEF/Credit if you think you have a balance. If you are unsure, please contact the office.



Enrolments are now open for **PREP 2027**

**Forms are now
available from the office**



**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

Let's celebrate NAIDOC Week

Everyone is welcome

**Please join us for our special
NAIDOC Week Morning Tea**

**We are looking forward to meeting new
and current PNE families.**

Date: Thursday 25th June

Where: PNE Staff Room 11am

Please RSVP to the Office by Mon 22nd June

Premiers' Reading Challenge

We are excited to be taking part in this year's
Victoria Premiers' Reading Challenge!

The challenge encourages students to develop a love of reading by exploring a wide range of books throughout the year. The challenge ends in September.

Students are encouraged to read regularly at home and be read to. Books that students read and experience at school also count.

Teachers will provide students with login details to record the books they complete. It will also be wonderful if parents can assist with the online recording of any books students have read at home

Reading can include novels, picture books, information texts and books shared with family members. Teachers will also help students with online recording at school.

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