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Principals Report

Industrial Action

I thought I would start this week by acknowledging the disruption caused by the Industrial action this week. Teachers throughout Victoria and especially at PNE do not take this lightly. There are many challenges in the current climate with the funding of schools. I know staff have appreciated the many messages of support from families within our community and the acknowledgement of their sacrifices both this week and over many years with the aim of improving outcomes for our students. I will continue to keep people informed as negotiations continue and let everyone know as soon as I am able about any further disruptions to the normal school program as I am informed.



NAPLAN

We recently received our NAPLAN results from earlier this year and the results were (once again) very pleasing. They reflect the strong focus in Phonics and Number fluency that we have been working on in our junior grades in particular. Schools are grouped with "Similar schools" – schools with a similar funding level and socio-economic family backgrounds.

These results indicate the number of students that are performing strongly or exceeding expected levels. In year three we are significantly out shining similar schools. A genuine testament to our teachers right through the junior grades.

Year 3	PNE	Similar Schools
Reading	67%	54%
Writing	67%	67%
Numeracy	48%	48%
Spelling	63%	53%
Punctuation & Grammar	48%	40%

Our results in Year 5 are very similar to like schools except for Reading and Spelling which again are at a much higher standard. I would like to acknowledge the work of Julie Spencer and Sharon Parsons who have organised the Literacy program at school over recent years and Dani Di Stefano who has supported in Literacy intervention. All these pieces have contributed to not just excellent NAPLAN results but most importantly students achieving a great foundation for their learning and as a consequence their future academic endeavours.

Year 5	PNE	Similar Schools
Reading	67%	59%
Writing	53%	61%
Numeracy	47%	53%
Spelling	60%	60%
Punctuation & Grammar	40%	45%

Principals Report—continued over...

Forward Diary

28 Jul Jet program (Gr 5)

29 Jul 5/6 Chess

29 Jul 100 Days of Prep

3 Aug Curriculum Day

4 Aug 2-4 Science Works

4 Aug Jet program (Gr 5)

5 Aug 5/6 Chess

10 Aug District Aths

11 Aug Jet program (Gr 5)

12 Aug 5/6 Chess

13 Aug Prep AFL Clinic

14 Aug Prep AFL Clinic

14 3-6 (select) & 5/6 Soccer

18 Aug Jet program (Gr 5)



Mon 3rd August

Curriculum Day

NO SCHOOL

Principal Report Continued...

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.



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 can not 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



It is important to let the school know if your child's living arrangements change so that we can provide the primary carer with access to Compass.



Enrolments are now
open for

PREP 2027

**Forms are now available
from the office**

Assistant Principal spot

Reports

Here is some of the learning I saw on my walks through the school this week.



Students in Ms Bovalino's class have been learning how to write Information Reports.



Year 1s and 2s are learning how to play badminton in Sport lessons with Charlotte.



Foundation students are getting ready to celebrate their first 100 days of school!



Year 6s enjoyed a yoga class in preparation for an optional 'Yoga Club' on Wednesdays with Emily and Shy.

Students enjoying a Maths lesson in Mr Hwang's classroom



Wow, look at the improvement in writing skills in the Foundation classes!

Last term's NAIDOC Morning Tea catered by resident chef, Julie Hammond. What a wonderful event!



Annie Neville—Assistant Principal

2,3,4 Area

Last term, our students spent time researching a country that is considered one of Australia's neighbours. The students took notes and then wrote detailed paragraphs about the country's location, landmarks, climate and culture. They worked incredibly hard on their publishing skills to create eye-catching designs for the front cover of their project.

Bryan 2/3B



Lorenzo 3/4O



Tahlia 3/4O



Adim 2/3B



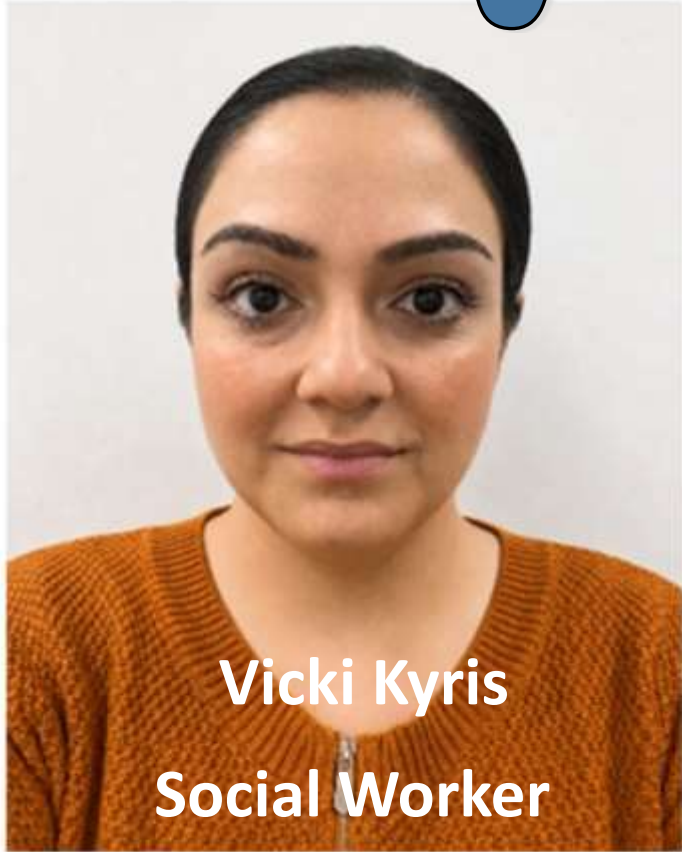
Esma 3/4P



Esma 3/4P



Getting to know us



Vicki Kyris
Social Worker

You are new at PNE. What do you do here?

I am the new Social Worker at the school. I will be working with parents to help their families get better outcomes.

I will be working on Mondays.

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I grew up in the Darebin area so I know the community well.

I have 2 children, one is nearly 7 years old and the other is 4 years old. They keep me very busy! I work at another school too in Werribee.

I love all foods except eggplant (so slimy!) and especially love spicy food. My favourite colours are magenta and royal blue.

What is your favorite thing to do when you are not at work?

I like to listen to podcasts and have family time.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Caring, loud and clumsy.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy?

A magnificent holiday home.

Do you have any weird food likes or preferences?

I like to eat everything extra spicy and will try most foods once.



Certificates

Term 3 Week 2

Umbarra FNH for showing kindness to your peers and having a positive attitude towards learning.

Aya FNM for always being kind to others and ensuring everyone is included.

Abdi 1/2Y for trying his best and being a good friend.

Aydin W 1/2H for his excellent start to term 3. Well done on your learning shown.

Elijah O 2/3B for making good progress in all areas of his work.

Esma 3/4P for focusing in class, producing high quality work and always being kind to others.

Jordan 3/4O for completing 100 nights of reading at home



The Canteen has some delicious Winter Menu options and a few important Canteen updates to share.

Term 3 Specials

Tuesday Special :

Brilliant Beef Burgers (Halal) - \$5.00

A delicious beef patty served on a fresh bun with tomato sauce. Additional salad ingredients can be added for 50 cents per ingredient.

Thursday Special:

Warm croissants, perfect for a chilly winter lunch.

Cheese croissant \$4.50

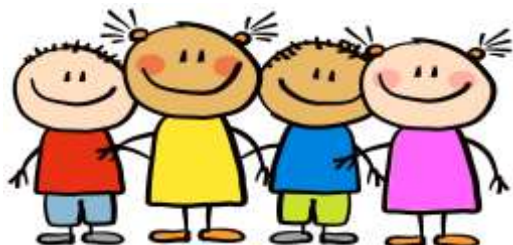
Ham and cheese croissant \$5.50

Fruit Jelly Cups

Apple and Raspberry Fruit Jelly Cups \$1.50

Friendly Reminder that ice creams and icy poles will **NOT** be available through Term 3

Juliee Hammond
Canteen Manager



Italian

At the end of Term Two, students learned about the history of Pizza Margherita and wrote the recipe in Italian. Last week each of the students in Year 56 made their own Pizza. I would like to thank Shy and Libby who assisted with cooking the finished pizzas. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity. Below are some photos. Thank-you for your support.

Signora Palmas— Co-ordinator of Italian



WELLBEING TIPS AND GOALS



IT IS COMPLETELY NORMAL TO MOVE BETWEEN FEELING GOOD AND COPING WELL WITH THE DEMANDS OF LIFE, WHILE ALSO HAVING MOMENTS WHEN YOU ARE JUST FEELING STRESSED AND OVERWHELMED .

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU IN THOSE MOMENTS WHERE YOU NEED TO SLOW DOWN AND FOCUS ON SUPPORTING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

WHAT WENT WELL?

THINK OF SOMETHING YOU HAVE DONE WELL THIS WEEK. THIS COULD BE SOMETHING YOU HAVE ACHIEVED AT SCHOOL, A SPECIAL PROJECT OR SOMETHING AS SMALL AS SHOWING KINDNESS TO A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.

POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS



I WILL FOCUS ON WHAT BRINGS ME JOY



I WILL SHOW MYSELF COMPASSION



I WELCOME TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

A CALMING ACTIVITY I WILL TRY:



SMELL MY FAVOURITE SCENT



CHILDS POSE



BLOW BUBBLES

A MINDFUL TECHNIQUE I WILL USE:



WRITE OR DRAW



LISTEN TO MUSIC



DEEP BREATHING

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.

We look forward to celebrating our students' reading achievements and fostering a lifelong love of books!





BLAKE STREET KINDERGARTEN

Discover why sessional kindergarten makes all the difference



3 year old kinder

Government funded program
No cost to families
A gentle introduction to kinder life



4 year old kinder

Government funded program
No cost to families
Building skills for a big year ahead



Learning through play and creativity every day at Blake Street Kindergarten



Experienced Educators

A degree-qualified teacher leads every session alongside other qualified educators, all dedicated to supporting your child's learning.



We know your child

Smaller, stable groups mean educators build real relationships with every child and family.



Learning through intentional practice

Every experience is intentionally planned to support children's social, motor, creative, and overall developmental growth.



Ready for school

Our structured program builds school readiness skills and introduces routines similar to primary school, helping children transition to Prep with confidence and excitement.



Community and belonging

Families are part of the journey — join events, committees, and a welcoming community.



All about kinder

Our whole environment, curriculum, and team exists for one purpose — your child's kindergarten year.

Consistent educators, every session — because familiar faces matter

Your child sees the same qualified educators session after session, building trust, security, and stronger learning outcomes.



North Darebin Combined Kindergartens Association



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Irish Dancing CLASSES 2026



CRAIGIEBURN
Guide Hall,
33 Hamilton Street,
Craigieburn
Saturdays: 10:00 – 11:00 am

RESERVOIR
BEAT Dance Studio,
Unit 37, 2 Cobham Street,
Reservoir
Saturdays: 1:00 – 2:00 pm



1st lesson FREE – thereafter \$20 per class

Beginners to Advanced – 4 years to Adult – All Welcome



<https://www.celticcrossirishdanceacademy.com.au/>

Supporting our Local Community



Preston North East
PRIMARY



COMMUNITY & FAMILY GATHERING

MARYBOROUGH AVE KINDERGARTEN
INVITATION



DATE
3rd Aug
2026



ADDRESS
14-16 Maryborough
Ave, Kingsbury



TIME
4pm to
6pm

SPECIAL INCLUSIONS



Smoking
Ceremony

*Welcome to
Country*

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Cr Emily Dimitriadis,
and other Darebin Councillors



ENJOY
Free Sausage Sizzle
and Pop Corn



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



ARTS & CRAFTS



PAINTINGS



PLAYDOUGH



PLAY INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE THE KINDER



BUBBLES FOR
THE KIDS

NEW TERM STARTS - 20TH OF JULY 2026



For
children
aged
3-10 yrs

AUSSIE HOOPS

**MINI
HAWKS**



MINI HAWKS

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FUNDAMENTALS
THROUGH FUN AND
INCLUSIVE GAMES

GAME TIME

PRACTICE SVS FULL
COURT BASKETBALL
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FUN ENVIRONMENT

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OR
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TIME:
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COST:
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