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Principals Report

2026 Parent/Guardian Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

The survey is now open - please check compass for details.



Sick Children

As the seemingly never-ending winter continues in Melbourne there is a considerable amount of illness going around amongst the students and staff alike.

As a school we encourage students to attend as much as possible and highly value attendance. When children are ill though, it is vitally important that children stay at home or, if they are ill at school, that a parent can pick them up as soon as possible. Unfortunately, when children are sent to school with contagious bugs such as gastro it can spread rapidly and before long multiple children in a class are missing school and learning due to being unwell. I am asking parents to please consider these factors if their children are unwell as it does have a big flow on effect to others in our community.

Uniforms

I have spoken to students at assembly recently about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child's uniform is washed and ready to go at the start of each school week. This is especially important during winter when jumpers and trackpants are a crucial part of students' attire. Children are allowed winter jackets and beanies in the yard but in the classrooms where there is heating, these should be left in the student's lockers or bags.

John-Mark Gook— Principal

Forward Diary

24 Aug Book Week

24 Aug Athletics Day

25 Aug Jet program (Gr 5)

26 Aug 5/6 Chess

28 Aug Book week dress up

31 Aug 5/6 Museum

2 Sep Special Persons Stall

Assistant Principal spot

As usual there have been lots of fun things happening at school.



JSC reps and Captains represented our school at the Respectful Relationships Student Forum. They met with student-leaders from other local schools to discuss ideas for school improvement.



These students have been meeting with Julie at lunchtime to design a sign for PNE's Productive Patch. We can't wait to see their creations!



The weather was perfect for learning to play Gaga Ball in PE lessons. It's a good game for practising going out without tears!



Families love the Loui and Franko's pasta delivery!



Students have been guest readers at Assembly to promote Book Week at PNE.



Homework Club is more popular than ever! Thank you to ACU for providing this valuable support for our community.

Annie Neville—Assistant Principal

F-2 Area

During Science this term, we have been exploring the seasons. We made trees with all the different seasons to show how they change during each season. What is your favourite season?



3/4 AREA

Recently the Grade 3's and Grade 4's attended a Project Rockit Workshop.

The Grade 4's attended the UNITE Workshop, where we built a shared understanding of what bullying is and how it impacts those targeted. Students were empowered with strategies to promote a culture of taking action to support each other.



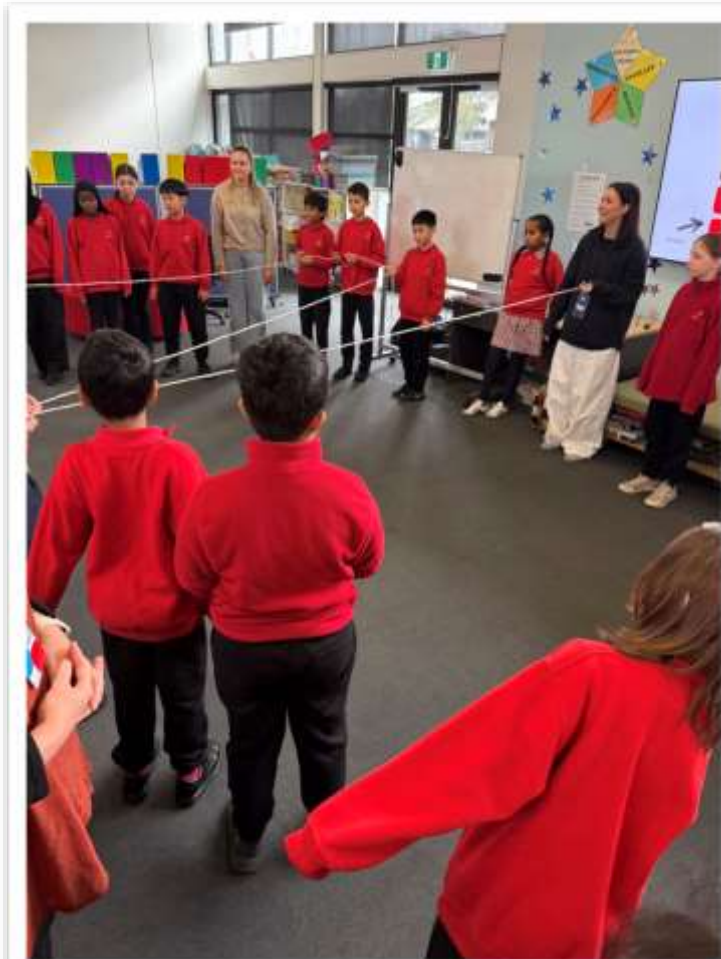
The Grade 3's attended the BELONG workshop, they learnt about the importance of building an inclusive school community, while empowering them with strategies and empathy to combat social exclusion and increase awareness of diverse perspectives.



Grade 5 - Jet



This week we focused on Words and Influence.



Getting to know us

Kristina Yanuli



1/2 Teacher

What is something most people would not know about you?

I have two new kittens, Romeo and Poppy. They are very cheeky but super cute.

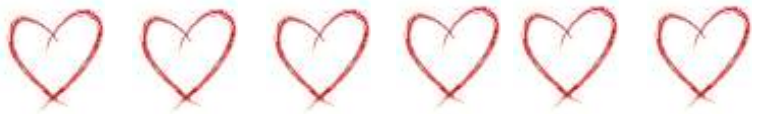
What food do you like and really dislike?

I love giant bowls of fresh salad with fresh crusty bread.

I do not like mayonnaise or Cadbury Crème Eggs!

Do you have any hidden talents?

I'm a pretty good tree climber!



How long have you worked at PNE?

I have worked at PNE on and off since 2019. Hopefully I stay forever!

What is the funniest thing you have been asked as a teacher?

"Miss, can you get my hand out of this traffic cone? It's stuck!"

What is your favourite memory from when you went to school?

I have so many happy memories, but running through the sprinklers with my friends on hot summer afternoons was the best. The discos were pretty fun too.





Kids unwell?

Please keep sick children at home. We need to consider the other children in the class and the staff.



2027 Enrolments

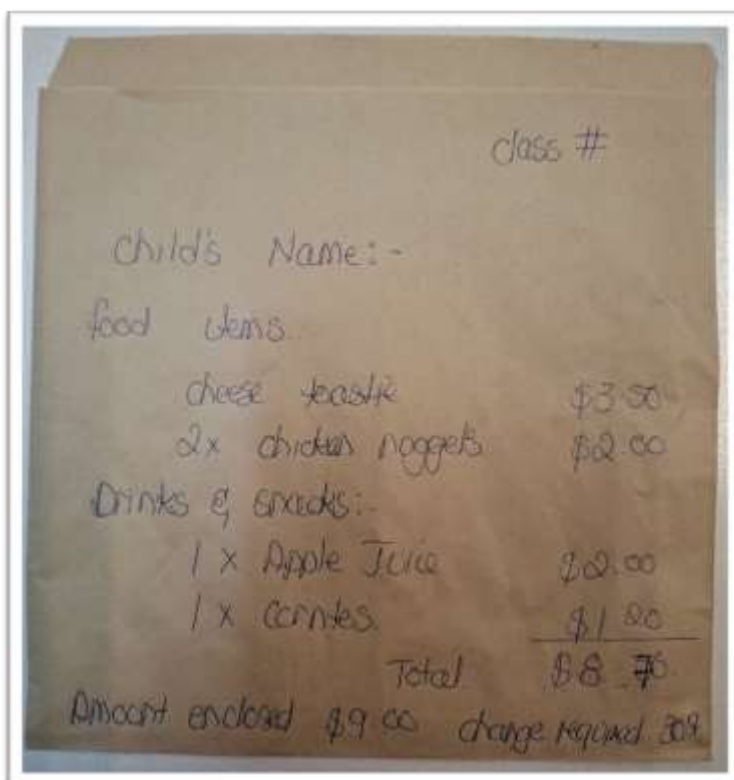
Our enrolments for 2027 have opened. If you have a child who is starting school next year please speak to the office about an enrolment form or a school tour if required. We will be commencing Prep transition later in the year, so the sooner your child enrolls the smoother the transition will be. If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



REMINDER

- Lunch orders to be placed in the classroom at 9am
- Late orders will be accepted up to 10am
- Cash only No EFT
- Strictly NO credit available
- Paper bags 50c
- Please see lunch order example below (Blue/Black pen please)
- Correct money appreciated
- Please see Canteen menu for Term specials

Juliee Hammond
Canteen Manager





Breakfast Club—FREE!

From 8.30am
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri



Special Persons
Stall at PNE
Fri 2nd Sept



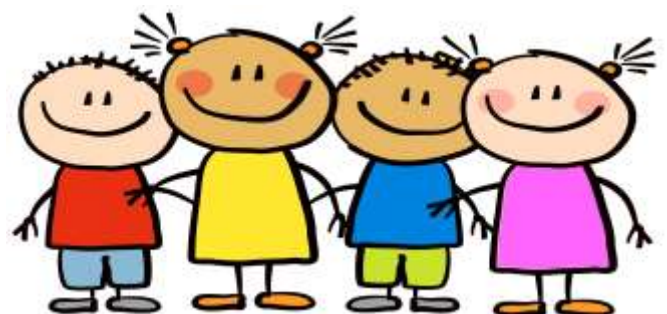
Using SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS
balance for EVENT PAYMENTS

If you wish to use the balance of
your child/s School Savings
Bonus for the Year 4-6 Phillip
Island Camp,

please contact the school office
first to ensure that you have
enough funds available.

Some families may need to use a
mixture of SSB and payment for
the \$250.

Health Care Card holders may
also use CSEF funds for the
camp balance.



**2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
AT PNE**



Symphony of Stories

BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP PARADE
DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK
CHARACTER
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST - IN THE HALL

A WEEK FULL OF BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Guest readers at Assembly and in classrooms
Various Art & Craft activities in classrooms throughout the week
Library open at recess on Tuesday & Wednesday of Book Week
Vote for your favourite shortlisted book
Readers' Theatre (some 5/6 students)
Collaborative Area Murals

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Symphony of Stories

**EVERY STORY HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL VOICE, JUST LIKE EVERY
INSTRUMENT IN AN ORCHESTRA.**

**WHEN ALL KINDS OF STORIES COME TOGETHER, THEY CREATE
A WONDERFUL "SYMPHONY" OF IMAGINATION, IDEAS AND
ADVENTURE.**

**THIS BOOK WEEK, WE WILL CELEBRATE STORIES THAT MAKE
US LAUGH, WONDER, LEARN AND DREAM. EVERY BOOK ADDS
ITS OWN UNIQUE NOTE TO THE SYMPHONY OF STORIES!**

**SYMPHONY OF
STORIES**



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!



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No cost to families
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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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