

THE NAVIGATOR



CHARTING OUR JOURNEY AT PNE

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Parent Survey Results

It would like to thank all those families who completed the parent attitude to school survey late last term. The results have come back and there have been some extremely pleasing results for our school. The theme this really demonstrates is the sense of care and belonging our staff provide our students and our parents are clearly seeing this in outcomes for their children.

Some key results include (the figure is the number of positive responses):

- The School relationship with the local community 90%
- The school's high expectations 90%
- Teachers make learning engaging 90%
- The learning is engaging 93%
- General Satisfaction 76%
- School's respect for diversity 89%
- School promotes a respect for diversity and belonging 93%

We will continue to work on our communication of how students are assessed and developing key organisational skills. Once again thank you to everyone who has completed the survey this information is hugely important to the planning of our future direction as a school.

Nova Weetman Book Launch

As some of the beforementioned statistics indicate there is much to be proud about when it comes to Preston North East Primary School. One of the great initiatives we have implemented in recent years has been the Author in residence program. Previous cohorts of children have worked with Nova Weetman a well-recognised Australian author to publish their own stories and memoirs.

This Wednesday at 230pm we will be launching the latest edition produced by our very own Preston North East students. For all those who are available please come to the hall on Wednesday at 230pm for the launch. It will be a tremendous community event showcasing the writing talents and incredible journeys of our students. It should be a tremendous afternoon.



KEY DATES



- 19 Oct** 2-4 Polly Woodside
- 20 Oct** Yarning Conference
- 21 Oct** Cricket Clinic
- 21 Oct** Book Launch
- 23 Oct** Artvo
- 23 Oct** 3-4 Basketball
- 26 - 29 Oct** F-2 Swimming
- 26-29 Oct** 4-6 Camp
- 28 Oct** Cricket Clinic
- 2 Nov** Curriculum Day
- 3 Nov** Melb Cup - NO school
- 4-5 Nov** F-2 Swimming
- 9 Nov** F-2 Swimming
- 10 Nov** Prep Transition
- 11 Nov** Sports / Grad photos
- 12 Nov** 2-4 immigration museum
- 16 Nov** Maths Quiz 3-4
- 17 Nov** Grade 5 Debating
- 18 Nov** Maths night



Enrolments for 2027 are well underway. If you have a child who is starting school next year please contact the office with any questions or to pick up an enrolment form.

PRINCIPALS REPORT CONTINUED...

Term Four – No Hat, No Play Policy

Preston North East Primary School is a sun smart school. We value finding the right balance between outside play, safe exposure to the sun (and the positive Vitamin D benefits this brings) and ensuring children are safe from the fierce heat of the sun. Our school policy states that children must wear a hat for outside play during terms one and four when the heat is at it's highest.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers.

School staff have a duty of care and obligation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (Vic) to ensure all reasonable steps are taken to minimise risks to student and staff health and safety arising from exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

John-Mark Gook – Principal



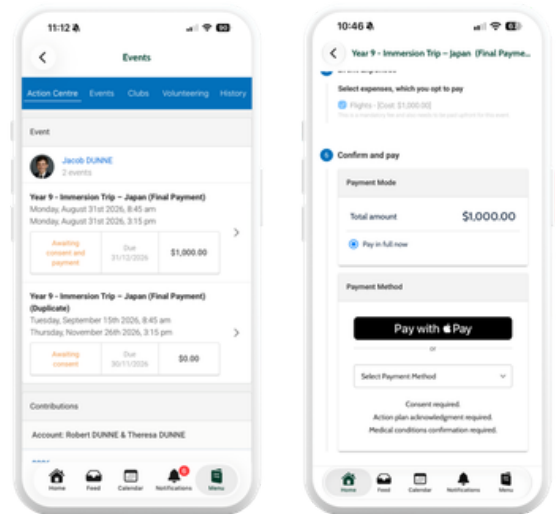
BREAKFAST CLUB

Start the day with a healthy breakfast.

DAYS: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

TIME: 8:30 - 8:55am

WHERE: BER (5/6 Building)



Events, Consent and Payments

Parental consent and payment is often necessary for events and excursions. In order to make this process easier, Compass collates and lists anything that requires consent and/or payment in the Action Centre.

Using the Compass App

- From the menu tab, click on the Events box
- In your Action Centre, click on any events still requiring your payment or consent
- Click to consent and pay and enter your payment details (Apple Pay is now available in Australia)

When you access the Action Centre you can view events requiring consent/payment and any course confirmations which need to be completed displayed under the 'Action Centre' tab. You can view the details of upcoming events by clicking the 'Events' tab and selecting the event you wish to view.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SPOT

Yarning Conference

Next Tuesday the Year 5s are going to Bundoora Park for the Yarning Conference. This is an annual cultural event organised by Darebin City Council for schools in the local area.



It brings together local Elders, indigenous organisations, teachers and students to learn more about Aboriginal histories, cultures and truth-telling. Our students will take part in workshops and traditional games, and a Walk for truth'. In preparation for this event, Mrs De Angelis and I have been working with the students every Friday.



JSC News

JSC representatives met yesterday to discuss where our new 'edumarkings' (Snakes and Ladders and dragon) should be located in the playground. They will discuss this in class meetings next week. They are now planning a free end-of-year celebration event for the whole school.

Hats

Students should wear a hat every day in Term 4. You can buy these from Lowes in Northland, or please let me know if you would like me to order a hat from State Schools Relief.



Kingfisher incursion

The F-2 students enjoyed their 'Kingfisher workshops' with the Merri Creek Management Committee today, learning about the animals that live by the creek.



Enjoy the weekend sunshine with your families!

Annie Neville - Assistant Principal



CERTIFICATES

Mohamed FNM for having a good start to term 4, especially with changes to the regular routine.

Hour FNH for building confidence in learning and sharing ideas and thoughts in class discussions. Keep up the good work!

Zephy 1/2Y for persistence in writing. Keep working hard. You are making great progress.

Stefan 1/2H for a great start to his learning in Term 4. Keep up the positive attitude Stefan!

Allen 2/3B for writing a great recount of his school holidays. Keep up the good work Allen!

Pary 3/4O for making great friendships and joining in class discussions. Your creative ideas shine through in your wonderful drawings and writing. Keep sharing your amazing ideas!

Charlee 5/6D for being a fair and positive role model when helping the younger children play gaga ball well done, Charlee!



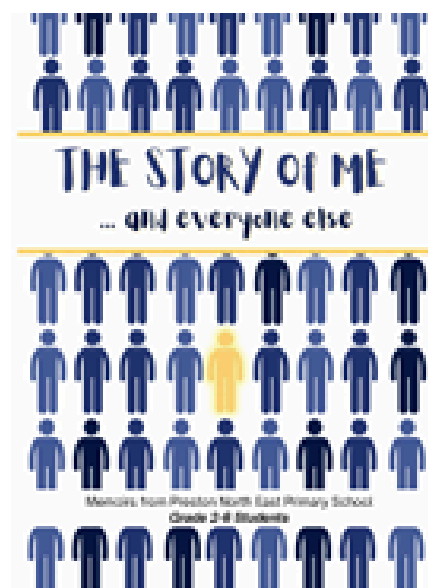
WELL DONE!



Preston North East
PRIMARY

Join our school
to celebrate the launch of our book,

**STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES ARE
WARMLY INVITED
TO ATTEND**



**PRE PURCHASED
BOOKS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED ON
THE DAY AND
ADDITIONAL
BOOKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE**

The Story of Me ... and everyone else

written by our 2-6 Students in conjunction with Nova Weetman

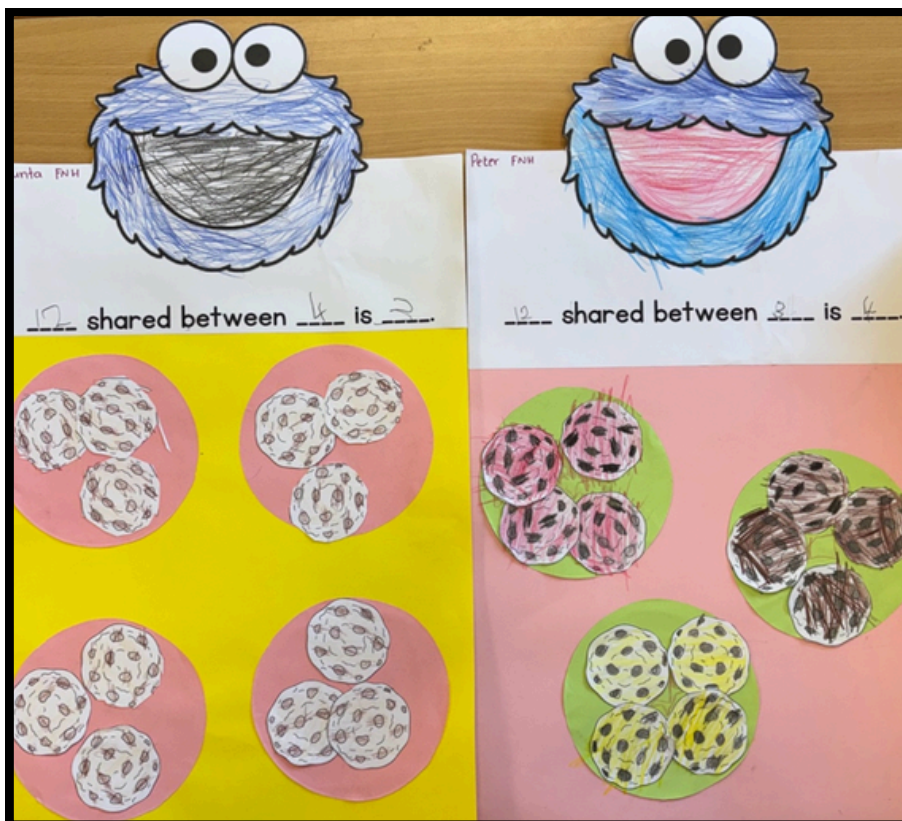
**Join us on Wednesday the 21st of
October at 2:30pm.**



Nova Weetman is a writer for books, film and television. She is the author of many middle grade and young adult novels.

PREP AREA

The Preps have been learning about equal shares. They have learnt that equal means the same amount. They enjoyed doing a Cookie Monster task where they shared 12 cookies on to different amounts of plates.



2-4 AREA

Our students have been busy sharing their holiday adventures through exciting recounts! From memorable outings to fun-filled experiences, they have brought their holidays to life for their readers. Students experimented with a range of writer's tricks to engage their audience, including Tier 2 vocabulary, similes and onomatopoeia. They also used paragraphs to organise their ideas and help their writing flow smoothly. We loved seeing their creativity shine as they turned their holiday memories into engaging stories!

My holiday

On Sunday I Raced to my Mum and Papa's bed when I woke up.

Rumble went the blanket. I was feeling great because I was going to Geelong.

First, I watched some television before my family was done packing, then I was ready to go in the car. We had mini screens, so we put them up in the car, we watched them on the drive. Fzzzzzz! It went as it was loading, then Vrooom Vroom went the car as we raced over Crevelli Street then we crossed Chaleyer Street while I was watching my mini TV.

My heart was pumping like it never had before. I was going to Geelong. We zoomed down the highway with joy.

Next, we arrived at the hotel parking place waiting until my papa checked in. We were waiting, then FLASH my papa ran back to our car. When my family entered the hotel, I stopped in the loungeroom and played games with my papa. After I beat my papa at a game, we went to dinner. Guess what it was? Cereal night! I had Weetbix. I went to watch a movie in bed. Zizz

Finally, the next day, I went to Fairy Park. I saw lots of fairy tales. I went to the playground to play with the equipment. After that I felt so sad to leave Geelong. I'm sure I will go to Geelong again.

By Axel

2-4 AREA

Boom! Boom! Boom! I woke up to the sound of my sister jumping right above my head, 'TAVIA STOP THAT RIGHT NOW!!!' I yelled 'oh wait I have holiday program today thanks for waking me up Tavia'. First, I went to calmly eat my breakfast after saying sorry to my sister. I was really excited to see my friends and do fun activities at my holiday program. Next, I went to holiday program and over the next two weeks not counting the weekends I did a lot of fun stuff. Like going to the Mcg and making things out of popsicle sticks it was really fun. Then I woke up on Saturday and remembered I was going to get a haircut I said as I jumped out of bed (I did not actually jump out of bed though) I quickly went to eat my breakfast, before we went shopping for Halloween costumes. Finally, we went to eat lunch before going to the hairdresser to get my hair cut. I was really excited and kind of jealous because my sister got to play on my tablet. **By Vivienne**

Sri Lanka



"Splash!!" That was the sound of the ocean welcoming me with open arms as we walked along the humid coast of Sri Lanka. At the end of term holidays .me. Mum. dad and my little sister went to the beach for her birthday.

First we decided that we would check it out before we came to the conclusions to see if it was suitable. As we continued on we spotted a man with a huge snake dangling precariously from his neck. it made my heart skip a beat. Then I suddenly realised that man was actually a magnificent snake charmer. I was so thrilled unsure and uneasy when he asked my mum if i wanted to "Pet" it. My Mum was also very unsure and she asked me unsurely if I wanted to. At first I said no but I decided to give it a go and it felt so rough and scaly.

After that, we noticed a little crowd of people gathering around something. "Let's go see at what is over there" said mum then I realised that it was actually a sea turtle "WHOA" I exclaimed .I was so excited but when it came close I dropped my seaweed and ran for my life | "Arghhhh!!"

Looking ahead, I can't wait to come back to Sri Lanka and visit my family once again.

By Miheli

Coincidence



In the morning I was pleading with my mum to go to the park, Whittlesea Public Gardens, & I got to go! I went with my cousins that came from Tasmania.

When we got there I wanted to play with Peter, & he was right there! I thought that I was dreaming but I wasn't. Peter and I started playing on our scooters practising tricks like grinding, dropping & jumping. It was so much fun together. We also had a little peek at the rabbits, even baby rabbits.

After 3-4 hours we left the park & headed to my house, Peter came too. As we approached my house my dad set up to get ready for the movie, "Kiki The Delivery Service", that we were going to watch. It was a movie I already watched, but I still enjoyed it.

After that, we dropped Peter at his house & headed to a restaurant, Okami, an Asian restaurant. There was so great, the food wasn't as good as the restaurants in Japan. It probably didn't taste as good because I was feeling very well. The best part was the seaweed salad & the ice cream, vanilla and matcha.

I didn't imagine that day would be as great as how it turned out. I am looking forward to seeing my cousins next year.

THE END

By Rui

GETTING TO KNOW US!



Caitlyn Haynes
Prep Teacher

How long have you been at PNE?

This is my third year teaching at Preston North East.

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I love Formula One, my favourite driver is Oscar Piastri. I love running, reading books and spending time at the gym.

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

My favourite thing that I do when I am not at PNE is running. I run every weekend with my friends at different places. I have gotten medals for some of my races.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Energetic, fun, inspiring

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

A holiday house for me to visit on the school holidays.

Do you have any weird food likes or preferences?

Nothing out of the ordinary – just a picky eater!

Fun Fact...

I attended PNE from Prep all the way to Grade 6! Ms Bovalino was my Grade 2 teacher.



LOST PROPERTY



**Please collect
any lost
property from
the school
office**



LOST



LOST



Canteen Specials

Term 4

Good
Food
Happy
Days!
😊

Thursday Special

Spaghetti Bolognese



Thursday 22 October &
Thursday 29 October

Enjoy a delicious serve of spaghetti bolognese made with our homemade halal beef sauce.

\$4.00 per serve



Halloween Treats



Friday 30 October

Halloween falls on Saturday, 31 October, so we're getting into the spooky spirit a day early!

Spooky Brownies
\$1.00 each



Reminder

**Icy Poles & Ice Creams
Are Back!**



Order and pay through the lunch order system.



Collect and enjoy during first break.



Check the Term 4 Canteen Menu for available choices and prices.



Cool
Treats
for
Term 4!



Supporting our local community



Darebin Dash supporting DIVRS

Walk it. Run it. Wheel it. Bring the kids. Bring a mate.

Sunday 18 October: Miner's Gate, Darebin Parklands
5 km – 9am start | 3km – 10am start

Make a morning of it with coffee, **free kid's activities** and **facepainting**. Take a wander through the **DIVRS Urban Farm**, pick up your **free seedling** and enjoy **free entry** to **Alphington Farmers Market**.

Everyone is welcome.

Choose a free **Community Ticket**, or a **Supporter** or **Pay It Forward** ticket if you're able to contribute. Up to 3 children under 15 join **free** with each adult ticket.

If you'd like to take your dash a little further, set up a **fundraising page** and invite friends, family, neighbours or workmates to sponsor you.



SIGN UP



ABOUT DIVRS: DIVRS has been part of Darebin for 50 years. We're a local non-profit community organisation supporting around 6,000 people each year through food, financial wellbeing, social connection and practical support – powered by a small staff team and 160 volunteers.



50 DIVRS
Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service

Darebin Dash raises funds to support DIVRS and its work across the Darebin community.



stARTalking

FREE art making and creative activities focusing on health and wellbeing

East Preston Community Centre 7 Newton Street, Reservoir WEDNESDAYS 1PM - 3.30PM 25 March - 25 November	Darebin Intercultural Centre 350 High Street, Preston THURSDAYS 2PM - 4PM 26 March - 26 November
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Want to know more? Call DIVRS on 9480 8200 or email admin@divrs.org.au



The Scouts Victoria Monster Raffle

Scout Raffle – Tickets only \$2, Drawn 25 November



Use the QR code of [Click here to buy tickets](#)

Support 1st Reservoir Scouts through

- 1st Prize 2026 Suzuki Swift Hybrid GL 1.2L CVT 5Dr Hatch (MY26 Model: OL312FL4A60) (RRP: \$29,584.00)
- 2nd Prize Uluru Adventure Including *Flights for Two People (RRP: \$3,790.00)
- 3rd Prize ARB Simpson III Rooftop Tent (RRP: \$1,943.00)
- 4th Prize Complete Camping Ensemble (RRP: \$1,509.50)
- 5th Prize Sentinel 100XP Angler Fishing Kayak (RRP: \$1,195.00)



Preston North East TheirCare

TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Wow, it's October!

Welcome to **Term 4!**

Welcome back, families! We hope you had a wonderful break. We're excited for another fun-filled term of play, creativity, friendship and learning at OSHC.

This term, we'll continue following the children's interests and ideas while creating opportunities for everyone to feel **safe, included** and **connected**.

As the weather warms up, please remember to send your child with a **hat and water bottle** each day so we can enjoy the sunshine safely.

We look forward to making lots of wonderful memories together!



From the PNE-TheirCare Team

What's on in Term 4!

TC Tucker

TC Tucker is back!
Launching on
World Food Day
- Friday 16 October.



Friday 23 October is Grandparents' Day!

Invite your grandparents into service for
Nonna's Pasta Making

Tuesday 24 November is National Fairy Bread Day

Let's celebrate with a **Pyjama Party!**



WeCare Spotlight Charities for Term 4:
Food Bank and The Salvation Army

More information about our Special Days will be available soon! Book now at no extra cost to families.

Did you know your child could attend before or after school care for as little as \$2.30 per session*?

Government Support doesn't stop at Long Day Care! It can continue into Before School, After School and Holiday Care. The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) means your fees could be reduced by up to 90%. See how much you can save, visit

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We know your child

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Learning through intentional practice

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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

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**FREE
TRAINING**

Active Bystander Training

This workshop will help you build the confidence and skills to safely challenge gender-based discrimination and support gender equality in our community, as part of 16 Days of Activism.

Topics include:

- Gender stereotypes and intersecting discrimination, including racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and ableism
- Bystander action and practical ways to respond to backlash
- Real-life scenarios to build confidence and skills



Thursday 26 November



10.30am – 1.30pm (lunch provided)



East Preston Community Centre

7 Newton Street, Reservoir



Suitable for people aged 18+



Open to the Darebin community

Bookings essential

For more information
and to book, scan the
QR code or visit



EPCC16days.eventbrite.com.au



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accelerating workplace gender equality



**East Preston
Community
Centre**