



Principals Report

School Tours

Over the last few weeks, I have been working with Andrew (IT) and our Foundation Team to develop our Prep enrolment process for 2027. If you jump on our website you will see we have relaunched our enrolment information reflecting changes for the new year. Commencing soon we have school tours and parent information sessions for prospective parents. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to attend any of these sessions. We have already had significant interest in these tours, which is wonderful for so early in the year. For those who have siblings already enrolled in the school enrolments will be available after the term break.



Harmony Week

Next week we celebrate Harmony Week at PNE. We look forward to seeing our parents reading stories from across the linguistic globe on Tuesday. If you are available please attend our Multicultural festival and assembly on Thursday morning. This is always a highlight of the year as our students join together to celebrate their cultural diversity, national dress and (most importantly in many eyes!) their various favourite foods. It looks set to be another great celebration this year.

Stop work action

I would like to acknowledge and thank the community for their support during the stop work action on Tuesday this week. It is unfortunate things have come to this point but the scenes of 35-40,000 teachers (including all those from PNE) indicate the strength of resolve and frustration in the teaching community around school funding. I, like everyone else, await to see what lies ahead. I will keep the community informed as information comes to hand. I do acknowledge the significant disruption these events have on families and hopefully things will be resolved soon.

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Forward Diary

30 Mar Harmony Week

2 Apr Last Day Term 1
(2.30 finish)



**Last day
Term 1**

**Next Thursday
2nd April**

**2.30pm
finish**

Principals report continued...

Sister School in Vietnam

Those of you who have been at PNE for sometime will recall we have had a long-standing relationship with the Doan Thi Thiem school in Hanoi, Vietnam. Sadly, once covid lockdowns arrived in 2020 our ability to be involved in this wonderful cultural exchange became restricted by new department policy. I was fortunate enough to have a meeting with the school last week and we are looking at rekindling this connection. The initial plans are for students to visit here from Vietnam later this year. It promises to be another exciting chapter in the culturally rich and vibrant history of our school.



Spotlight on Numeracy

Over the next few newsletters our staff will share how we assess students and teach them various concepts. Our staff love nothing more than talking about teaching and how students learn. If you have more questions, please pop in and ask.

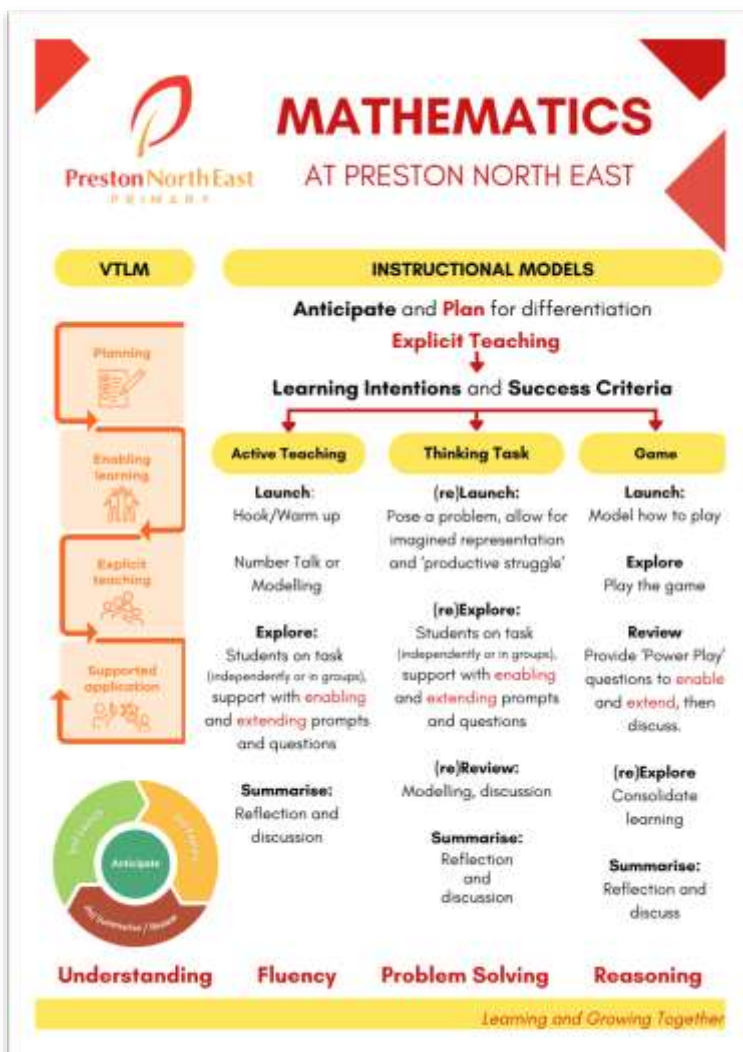
Maths Assessment in F-2 by Amy Sellitti

In F-2 we just finished our Maths Online interviews (MOI). The Maths Online Interview is an assessment we use to better understand how your child is thinking about and learning maths. It is completed one-on-one with the teacher where students are given different questions and then encouraged to explain their thinking and show how they solve problems.

At Preston North East Primary School over many years we have refined our teaching practice. Our Numeracy instructional model aligns with the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 which is the best practice research model of teaching. There is significant research and evidence which has fed into this approach. Our Numeracy model reflects the various lesson types in Numeracy (ie Games, Thinking Tasks or Active Teaching and our staff all follow this model in the curriculum planning.



Mathematics Instructional Model by Christopher Hinsley



John-Mark Gook—Principal

Breakfast Club



In the BER from 8.30am
every day except
Wednesdays

Come and join us
We would love to see you!

Assistant Principal spot

Wow! What a whirlwind of a fortnight sitting in the Assistant Principal's Chair! It has been a steep learning curve, and I now have a greater appreciation for the job that Annie has been doing. It has also been a very rewarding time thus far; we have finished the NAPLAN testing, awarded badges to JSC, Industrial action and empowering our school captains with a Student Leadership Conference.



NAPLAN – All students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 have now finished their NAPLAN tests for the year. They have done so well to complete all four tests with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Lets be honest, no one likes to do so many tests but they are important for not only to gauge student knowledge but it is a good measure of how the school is tracking with its teaching and learning programs. Results won't be known for some time!



JSC – On Monday, the 2026 Junior School Councillors received their badges. They can now wear it with pride, as they learn to be excellent role models in our school community.



Industrial Action – All of the classroom Teachers and many of our Educational Support Staff took industrial action and marched proudly, chanting and waving our school's flag. We are trying to send a message to the state government that the many issues in education need the government's attention and it is not just staff pay, but more importantly, school funding and ensuring we are getting the very best for the students!



Student Leadership Conference – On Thursday, Jamee-Leigh and I took our school captains to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in the city. Our captains learned that good leaders need to be a *role model*, *take ownership of opportunities*, *develop connections with others* and *serve the needs of others...* all while doing so with integrity! We look forward to further empowering them to be excellent leaders and members of society.



Chris Hinsley
Acting Assistant Principal



Certificates Week 8

FNH - Sumaya for showing a positive attitude in class and participating in discussions. Keep up the great work!

FHM - Kyvell for making responsible choices and showing kindness to his classmates.

1/2H - Jennifer for always trying her best in each of her learning tasks. An excellent effort, well done!

1/2S - Sudais for amazing work and writing! Well done, Sudais!

1/2Y - Rachael for always trying her best in her learning and being very helpful in class. Great job!

2/3B - Sierra for listening well during class discussions and completing all set tasks to the best of her ability. Well done, Sierra!

3/4O - Mahkenzi for being a wonderful helper and friend to Zac.

3/4P - Gino for always working hard in class and being a responsible role model. Well done, Gino!

5/6D - Sofia for being a kind and positive person to everyone. She has had a great start to school and is always ready to learn.

5/6H - Muayed for settling into PNE calmly and showing kindness and respect to others.



Kitchen Garden Classroom

Last week we had our very first Kitchen Garden classroom. Students from 3/4O have now had two weeks of planting seeds and seedlings, preparing the soil, harvesting herbs and zucchini, observing zucchini flowers and fruit, and making and sharing zucchini and herb focaccia! It's been a blast!

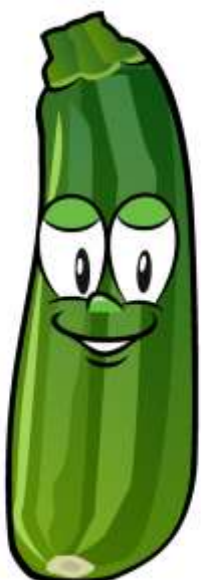
We have been extremely lucky to have 6 volunteers from ACU who have led our students in the garden and, of course, Kat, our very own super chef who has led students in the kitchen.

3/4O students will have another week in the kitchen garden and next term 3/4P students will plant, harvest and cook some different, delicious and seasonal things.



I realise there are some keen home gardeners at PNE. If you have any spare seedlings that you think might go well at school, we would love to plant and care for them.

Please contact Julie Spencer if you can help out.



Kitchen Garden F - 2 Area

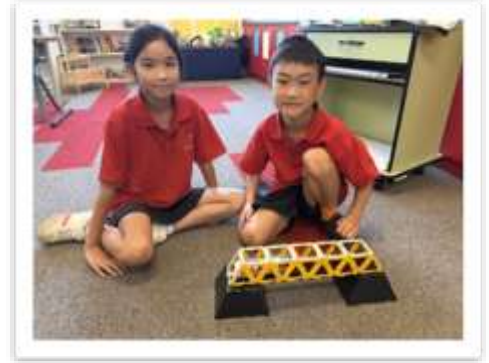


During F-2 planning this week we got to sit with some of our students to get their voice and opinions on what we are learning about next term. It was great having these representatives give suggestions and help us plan out our Inquiry unit on Australian Animals.



2,3,4 Areas Design & Build Project

The students in the 2/3/4 area have been learning about bridges and buildings this term. Students have investigated and built different types of bridges and discussed features that make them strong. They have used this knowledge to construct bridges made of wooden skewers and marshmallows, with many students using triangles in their designs for stability. Yesterday, students had an engaging woodwork incursion where they learned how to use saws and hammers safely to build a model of either a wind turbine or a rocket ship.



Student Leaders

GRIP Leadership Primary Program

Recently, our 12 PNEPS school leaders had the fantastic opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership Primary Program. This engaging and inspiring day focused on developing the skills and confidence needed to be positive, effective leaders within our school community.

Throughout the program, students explored what it means to be a leader not just wearing a badge, but leading through actions, attitudes, and choices. They participated in interactive sessions that highlighted key leadership qualities such as teamwork, communication, responsibility, and initiative.

One of the key messages of the day was that leadership is about making a difference in the everyday moments supporting others, setting a positive example, and stepping up when it counts. Our students were encouraged to think about how they can contribute to making our school a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for everyone.

The day was filled with energy, laughter, and plenty of opportunities for students to reflect on their own leadership styles. It was wonderful to see them stepping outside their comfort zones, sharing ideas, and building confidence alongside other young leaders.

We are incredibly proud of our PNEPS leaders for the way they represented our school. They returned with fresh ideas and enthusiasm, ready to take on their roles and make a meaningful impact.



HARMONY WEEK

30th MARCH- 2nd APRIL

Harmony Week at Preston North East Primary is a wonderful celebration of who we are as a community, giving our school the chance to honour our diversity and embrace the rich multicultural identities that make our school so special.

We are celebrating with classroom activities and three main events;

Tuesday 2:30pm	<i>Native Tongues, Shared Tales</i>	We invite parents to read books to groups of students that are in the adult's native language, as well as English.
Thursday morning	<i>Parade of Nations</i>	Students have the chance to wear an outfit of cultural significance or for cultural celebrations. They can also wear something orange, the colour of Harmony Week.
Thursday 10:40am	<i>Festival of Food</i>	<p>This is the ultimate sharing of our cultures, through food!</p> <p>Students/families are invited to bring a plate of food to share that represents their culture or heritage. We ask that parents/carers write the list of ingredients on the container or plate that foods are brought in to school. If the food is to be served warm, we ask adults to bring food closer to 11:00am.</p>



**EVERYONE
BELONGS**

Getting to know us

Student interview:



Sandy Mitchell

Finance Officer



COMPASS – EVENTS.

The CSEF may not be available for Event payments if your child is a Foundation student or new to Preston North East.

This is due to the funds not yet being paid to the school.

We are expecting the payment to be made within the next week or so. You will then be able to select this option for payment of excursions.

Many children also have leftover School Savings Bonus funds from last year which can and should be used for their excursions.

Please don't pay if you don't need to.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in the Adelaide Hills in a town called Lobethal where I attended Lobethal Primary School and then later Birdwood High School.

What is something funny a child has said to you at school? Donna and I work together on a Friday and we often are asked if we are twins which we both find hilarious.

What do you like most about your job in the office? I like the variety of work – there is always something to do and I really enjoy talking to the kids as they finish their day.

We know you like reading books. How many books do you think you would read in a year? Oh boy that's a hard one. I would probably read around 8 to 10 books in a month so probably just over 100 in a year.

Early bird or night owl? I love my sleep so I'm not much of a night owl but I do love sleeping in on the weekends and reading my books.

Sweet or savoury? I prefer savoury but love having marshmallow bunnies at easter time.

(CSEF) Camps Sports and Excursions Fund

A new form must be completed each year to receive the \$400 CSEF payment for your child.

If we do not receive a new form, we cannot apply for this funding.

We also require a copy of your Health Care Card.

Italian Day 2026



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.

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WINTER SEASON IN
TERM 2**

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AGES 4 - 11 • 9:00AM - 5:00PM • BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE • 1-DAY: \$125 (USD OFF DAY 2)

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SOCCER FUN
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A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment!

35 MINUTE CLASSES
\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS

PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first steps in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more! Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Pint Size Fun! Big Game!

50 MINUTE CLASSES
\$185 FOR 8 WEEKS

**INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO)
MICRO (6-8YO)**

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

INTRO - 60 MINS \$195 FOR 8 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$195 FOR 8 WEEKS

MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favorite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

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\$195 FOR 8 WEEKS

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Mini Hawks Camp
Beginners • 5-10yo
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15 APRIL
9AM - 12PM

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