



Principals Report

Italian Day

Next Tuesday is our annual Italian Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our student's learning in the school's LOTE program. Children are able to dress up in red, green and white or as something Italian! I am sure we will see a leaning tower of Pisa or a Pizza or two on the day. I am already preparing for our annual penalty shootout competition, hopefully I am more successful in saving more shots than last year!

Industrial Action

As you may have seen in the media the half day stoppages at schools have been put on pause by the Australian Education Union. This seems to indicate negotiations are progressing well. This pause in action does not include the writing of report comments. I want to be clear that in a normal year this process would have been well under way and even if a resolution is found to the current negotiations, report comments won't be provided this term. We will be having parent teacher interviews during the last week of term nonetheless, so this will provide teachers and parents with an opportunity to discuss student progress.

Sister school visit

Our school has had a long-standing sister school arrangement with the Doan Thi Thiem school in Hanoi Vietnam. I am pleased to announce the school will be sending some students and staff over for a visit in August. These exchanges are always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and share cultural differences. Whilst this program stalled during Covid we are very enthusiastic to welcome it back this year. I will share more details next term about how families can become involved.

Thankyou

I just wanted to share my gratitude to the parents who do so much around our school on a weekly if not daily basis. We have a highly patronised breakfast club, a clean and well organised library not to mention events such as the Special Person's Day stall run this week which would not be possible without our enthusiastic, passionate parents. The time and energy they commit to the school is remarkable and not unnoticed.

School Tours

Our Prep enrolment process for 2027 has commenced. We are now accepting enrolments from siblings of existing students. We have had an influx of school tours for Prep for next year already which is a wonderful sign of the level of confidence our community has in our school. We will be holding sessions for new families interested in what we offer at PNE and how our Prep program operates. Additionally, if you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to PNE in 2027 please encourage them to contact the office to organise a time.

Principal—John-Mark Gook



Forward Diary

8 May School Photos

12 May Italian Day

25 May Vic Police Visit

29 May F-2 SES Visit

Mother's Day
Sunday 10 May 2026



Assistant Principal spot

It's been a fun start to Term 2, with swimming classes for Years 3-6, the *Animals* and *City Landmarks* excursions, Interschool Sport, chess lessons for Year 3 and 4 and more. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the three wonderful pre-service teachers who will finish up next week: Tess Jackman (1/2S), Ruby Howard (5/6D) and Em Francis-Pester (2/3B). Students and teachers have loved having them in our school.



Autumn Fun



Playground Maths



Homework Club

Policy update

We are currently reviewing our school's *Bullying Prevention* policy. Teaching about bullying is incorporated in the Respectful Relationships curriculum in S.E.L. (Social and Emotional Learning) lessons. It is important that children learn the difference between bullying and being mean or rude. A helpful definition of bullying for children is:

Bullying behaviours:

- Are **aggressive, unkind or mean** behaviours that are one-sided
- Are **repeated behaviours** (it must happen multiple times, in an ongoing way)
- Happen on **purpose/are deliberate** (i.e. are not accidental)
- Must have a **power imbalance** – the people bullying and the people being bullied aren't seen as being 'equal'
- Causes **harm** - this can be physical (e.g. bruises), psychological (e.g. distress) or social (e.g. losing friends)

Source: [kidshelpline](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

No form of bullying will be tolerated at our school, and we ask that everyone in our school community be alert to signs of bullying behaviour and report it to school staff.



Teachers in Training



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Banana Nutella Muffins

These muffins are homemade, super soft and delicious. Available to purchase from the Canteen on Wednesday the 13th of May and Thursday the 14th of May ONLY. Priced at \$1.50 each and with very limited numbers available, get in quick before they go.

Julie Hammond—Canteen Manager



Breakfast Club

FREE!

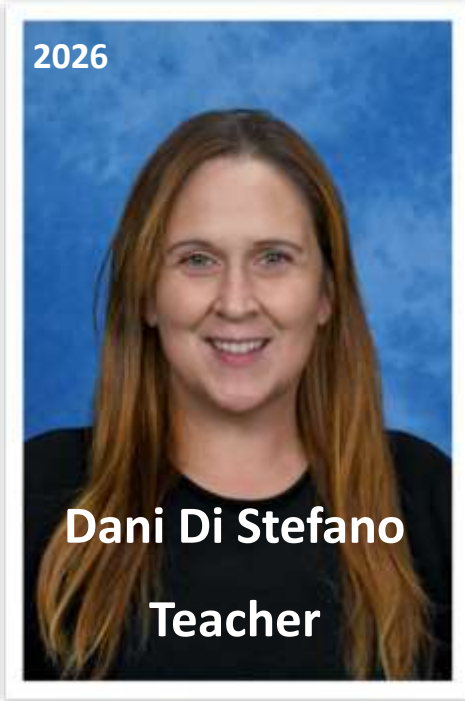
In the BER from 8.30am
every day except
Wednesdays



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.

Getting to know us



How long have you worked at PNE?

I've been at PNE for over 20 years—basically long enough to remember when my students weren't born yet! I started here as a fresh graduate in Foundation (Prep), spent many years in the junior school, and eventually made my way into Literacy Coordinator and Literacy Intervention roles.

Did you always want to be a teacher?

Absolutely! I've been "teaching" since I was a kid—my poor family sat through many pretend lessons while I read to my imaginary class. Turns out, I never grew out of it!

If you could trade places with a student for a day, what would you do?

I'd definitely enjoy being on the other side—no planning, no meetings, just learning, chatting with friends, and seeing what it's like to have *me* as the teacher for a change!.

What is the funniest thing a student has said to you?

Once, while I was talking about my family, a student very seriously asked, "Do you have a mum and dad and do you live at home with them?" I had to break it to them that I am, in fact, a fully grown adult!

What makes a 'good day' at school?

A great day is when everything clicks—lessons run smoothly, students are engaged, there's plenty of effort (and a few laughs), and everyone leaves feeling like they've achieved something.

What is one of your hidden talents?

I can write perfectly on a mini whiteboard... upside down! It's all part of the job so students can read it—but to them, it's basically a magic trick.

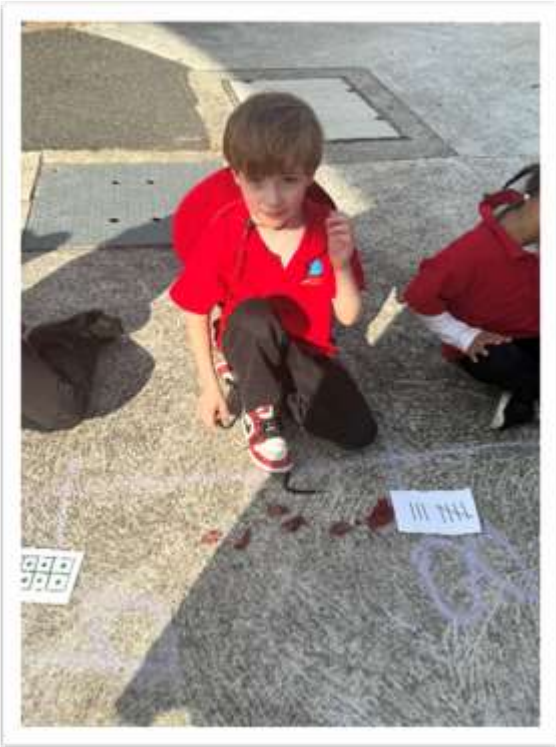


Fun Fact: Dani's Claim to Fame!

On my very first day as a teacher here at PNE they had the TV cameras in the Prep rooms interviewing me as a graduate teacher!



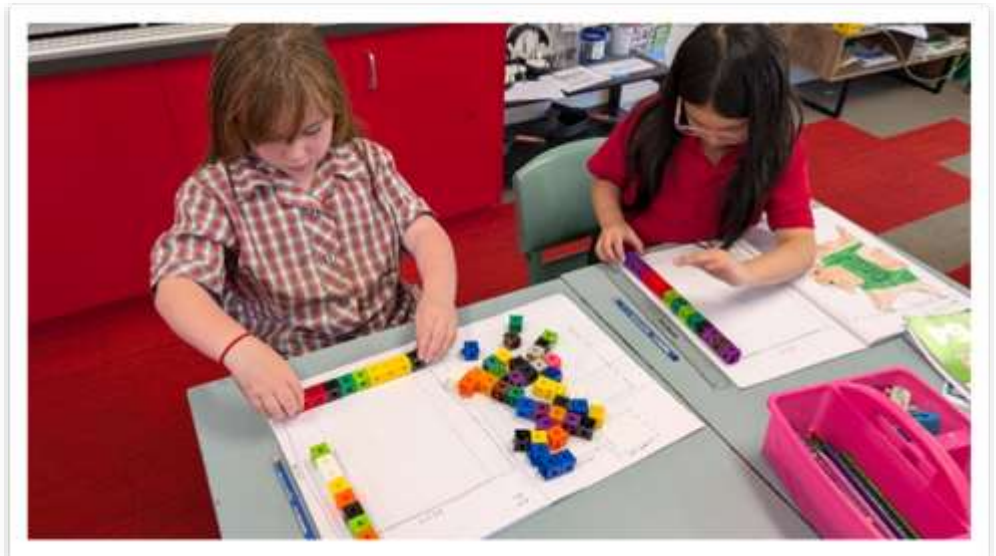
Prep - 2 Area



Our Foundation students have been working on their counting collections with materials, stepping out and counting some leaves collected around the school.



Students in the Year One & Two area have been learning about measuring both informally (with blocks) and formally (with rulers) as they created enclosures for animals. Please have them share their measuring skills at home.



2/3/4 Area

Excursion to the City

On Monday, the 2/3/4 Area headed into the city to explore Melbourne Landmarks. We began our journey catching the bus to Fairfield Station, then we caught the train to Flinders Street Station.

We explored our amazing city visiting these free landmarks and destinations:

- NVG, famous Water Wall and Great Hall
- ACMI
- Federation Square
- Walking along the Princes Bridge
- MPavilion
- Southbank Boulevard Play Space. We had a great day, with a lot of walking. Many students cannot wait to take their families back to these free landmarks in our beautiful city.



La Festa Italiana



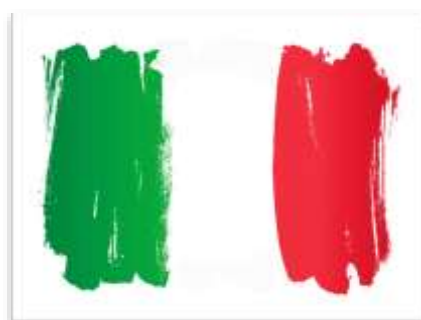
Italian Day



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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PRIMARY

AUTUMN

MONDAY 27 APRIL UNTIL SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	SUBURB	START	FINISH	TIME
MONDAY					
HIIT30	La Trobe Indoor Sports Centre	Bundoora	27 Apr	1 June	12.30–1pm
Active Adults Aqua	Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre	Northcote	27 Apr	1 June	1.30–2.15pm
Teen Mat Pilates	Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre	Northcote	27 Apr	1 June	4.30–5.15pm
TUESDAY					
Walking Basketball	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	28 Apr	2 June	10.30–11.30am
Gentle Pilates	East Preston Community Centre	Reservoir	28 Apr	2 June	4–5pm
WEDNESDAY					
Qigong	Darebin North East Community Centre	Bundoora	29 Apr	3 June	10–11am
Women's Seated Dance	Reservoir Community & Learning Centre	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	10.30–11.15am
Walking Futsal	Darebin Community Sports Stadium	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	12–1pm
Access & Inclusion Preschoolers Swim session	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	12–12.45, 1–1.45 & 2–2.45pm
Leamington Lay Ups	Leamington Hub/Reservoir Skate Park	Reservoir	29 Apr	3 June	3.45–5pm
Girls Soccer Skills Clinic	Hayes Park	Thornbury	29 Apr	3 June	6–7pm
Footy fun & fitness for women & gender diverse people	AH Capp Reserve	Preston	29 Apr	3 June	6.30–7.30pm
QSA Reformer Pilates	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	29 Apr	3 June	8–8.45pm
THURSDAY					
Cardio & Core	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	30 Apr	4 June	9.30–10.30am
Les Mills Thrive	Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre	Northcote	30 Apr	4 June	10.20–11.05am
Boccia	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	30 Apr	4 June	12–1.30pm
Come N Try Ice Skating	IceHQ	Reservoir	30 Apr	4 June	1.45–2.45pm
Chair Yoga	Keon Park Children's Hub	Reservoir	30 Apr	4 June	2–3pm
Women's Tennis	Narrandjeri Stadium	Thornbury	30 Apr	4 June	7–8pm
FRIDAY					
Tai Chi	AG Davis Park	Preston	1 May	5 June	10–11am
Qigong	East Preston Community Centre	Reservoir	1 May	5 June	10–11am
Mindful Yoga	Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre	Bundoora	1 May	5 June	2–3pm
Aboriginal Women-only Water Session	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	1 May	5 June	2.30–3.15pm 3.15–4pm
SUNDAY					
Zumba	Reservoir Leisure Centre	Reservoir	3 May	7 June	4.30–5.30pm

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16 April	20 Aug
14 May	17 Sept
25 June	15 Oct
16 July	19 Nov

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1-on-1 Advice

Bills, NDIS, aged care, legal issues & more



Digital Support

Phones, laptops, apps, cybersafety & MyGov

Services available (may vary at each session):

- Victorian Public Tenants Association
- Services Australia / Centrelink
- No Interest Loans (NILS)
- Victoria Police
- North East Metro Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect
- ermha365 Distress Support Service
- PRACE – Help with Fines (WDP)
- Darebin Council Care Finders
- Brotherhood of St Laurence – NDIS
- Justice of the Peace
- Yarra Valley Water
- Financial Counselling
- Victorian Ombudsman

When and Where

Monthly Thursdays: 10am–12pm - see dates listed above left.

East Preston Community Centre: 7 Newton St, Reservoir

Free morning tea, coffee and halal sausage sizzle in May & June

Contact

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East Preston
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EAST PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Social and Wellbeing Activities

Newton Street Community Garden

Connect, share, learn & grow for you & our community.

When: Wednesdays 22 April - 24 June

Time: 9.30am - 12pm

SMILE Health Checks

La Trobe nursing students' health assessments, including blood pressure & lifestyle advice.

When: Wednesdays 22 April - 8 July

Time: 10am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm

stARTalking

Creative health & wellbeing activities.

When: Wednesdays 22 April - 8 July

Time: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Social Morning Activity

Cooking, boardgames & bingo with La Trobe nursing students.

When: Wednesdays fortnightly

29 April - 8 July

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

After School at Greenbelt Reserve

Socialise, play & connect with us at the park.

When: 28 April, 26 May & 23 June

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Dementia Care & Support

A meaningful program for caregivers and those living with dementia.

When: Mondays 11 May - 8 June (5weeks)

Time: 10:30am - 2:15pm

Registration required: Johana 0432 099 850

YCH Diabetes Group

Share experiences, learn and discuss health topics with supportive people.

When: first Monday of the month

Time: 10am - 12pm

Registration required: Debra - 8470 1142

Women's Exercise

We will introduce you to a range of functional and core strength exercises.

When: Mondays 20 April - 22 June

Time: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Qigong Classes

Bring body, mind and breath together.

When: Fridays 1 May - 5 June

Time: 10am - 11am

Gentle Pilates

A gentle, low impact exercise class.

When: Tuesdays 28 April - 2 June (6 weeks)

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30pm

Community Learning

YCH Cooking Class

Gain confidence cooking, preparing & planning healthy meals.

When: Thursdays 21 May - 11 June (5 weeks)

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Registration required: Hollie - 8470 1111

Bridge Digital Support

Drop-in for free computer & mobile phone support.

When: Tuesdays 21 April - 23 June

Time: 10am - 12pm

PRACE Seniors' Tablets/iPads

Learn to use the iPad or Tablet to take photos, connect with family and more everyday functions.

When: Fridays 24 April - 26 June

Time: 2 - 4pm

\$21 fee and registration required: 9462 6077

ACTIVITY BROCHURE 20 APRIL - 11 JULY 2026



Drop-in Services

DIVRS Fresh Food

Fresh produce for East Preston residents.

Please bring ID and a bag.

When: Wednesdays fortnightly 22 Apr - 1 Jul

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

YCH Coffee Cart

Enjoy a free coffee and connect with residents.

When: Wednesdays fortnightly

22 April - 1 July

Time: 10am - 12pm

DIVRS Complex Support

Social worker, Caitlin offers advice and guidance. Drop in for a private chat or call: 0438 441 861.

When: Wednesday fortnightly 22 Apr - 1 Jul

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Services Australia

Drop in for Centrelink, Medicare and other support. Phone interpreters are available.

When: Wednesdays fortnightly 22 Apr - 1 Jul

Time: 10am - 12pm

DIVRS Community Resources

Food & bill relief, housing, No Interest Loans (NILS), and other information and applications.

When: Wednesdays 22 April - 8 July

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Uniting Alcohol and other Drug Advice

Resources and advice to help manage alcohol and other drug use.

When: Wednesdays fortnightly 29 April - 8 July

Time: 10am - 12pm

Fitzroy Legal Service

Drop-in for free legal advice.

When: 6 May, 3 June, 1 & 29 July

Time: 10am - 12pm

Bridge Darebin - Quest Connect

Meet with essential service providers for help with forms, housing, NDIS, legal aid, Care Finders, fines, bills, loans, Centrelink, Aged Care digital literacy, mental health & more.

When: Thursdays monthly 16 April, 14 May, 25 June & 16 July

Time: 10am - 12pm