



## 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, enrolment forms are currently available.



### Attendance

Our school, like others across the state are held accountable for levels of school attendance. We pride ourselves on operating an engaging curriculum and having safe classrooms. This has been borne out over many years in our pleasing Student Attitude to School survey results. Attendance has and continues to be an issue for our school – especially unexplained absences. It is important that if a student misses school that parents enter the absences via the Compass App or contact the office or classroom teacher so we have a reason for this absence. This ensures that staff are aware of why children are missing school and plan support for students and families who require it. If attendance is an ongoing issue with you and your children please reach out to Annie or I for assistance.

### Dealing with distressing online content

Online safety for students is an ongoing challenge for parents and teachers alike. The school is investing heavily in training for staff, sessions for parents and an educational focus for students on these issues. This is a key focus for our school and we will continue to provide support and education on online issues whenever possible.

Australia's independent regulator for online safety, eSafety, has issued guidance to help parents and carers support their children in dealing with distressing online content. The eSafety website has resources for parents and carers about online safety. These include information on extra precautions you can take to protect your children from seeing disturbing content online.

eSafety encourage parents and carers supporting young people who may be more vulnerable to check in with them. If they are presenting with signs of distress, support is available through external services including:

- headspace: 1800 650 890
- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- **Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636.**

## Forward Diary

**25 May** Vic Police Visit

**29 May** F-2 SES Visit

**8 June** Public Holiday  
**King's Birthday**  
**No School**

**10 June** F-2 Healesville  
Excursion



**Public Holiday**  
**King's Birthday**  
**No School**  
**8th June 2026**



## After school pick ups

A reminder school finishes at 3:20pm daily and this is when children should be collected from inside the school grounds or begin to walk home. Our teaching staff are on duty after school until 3:30pm at which time they need to head home or attend meetings. Any child left unsupervised will be escorted to the office after this time.

While issues do occur and you can sometimes be late to collect your child, unfortunately some families have taken advantage of this situation on regular occasions. This severely impacts the capacity of staff to do any planning or other organisational work which needs completing outside of school hours.

We have a fantastic After care program and if you are unable to pick your child up by 3:30pm they should attend this service. The rates are affordable and supervision is provided until 6pm. Please contact the office if you would like more information about this service.

Finally, many children wait outside the school grounds – in front of the gate or across the road. This is unwise and puts children at risk as they are unsupervised outside the school grounds. If your child is waiting to be collected between 3:20pm and 3:30pm please encourage them to wait within the school grounds.

**John-Mark Gook—Principal**



## **Breakfast Club**

**FREE!**

In the BER from 8.30am  
every day except  
Wednesdays

The advertisement for TheirCare is set against a bright blue background with faint white star patterns. At the top, a group of five staff members in light blue polo shirts and dark shorts are smiling. To their right, a young girl in a white shirt is performing a handstand. The 'TheirCare' logo, featuring a stylized 'T' and 'C' in a circle, is positioned at the top center. Below the staff, the text 'Enrol for before and after school care now' is written in large, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the phrase '...so you're ready when life happens!' is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. A paragraph of white text explains the service: 'Whether you're working, have an appointment, or something unexpected comes up, TheirCare supports parents with outside hours school care that's easy to book, inclusive and fun for kids.' Below this is a list of six bullet points, each starting with a white star icon. A pink rectangular box on the right side contains the text 'Enrol today - it takes just a few minutes. Click here or scan the code to get started.' followed by a QR code. At the bottom right, a young girl is shown eating a snack. The website 'www.TheirCare.com.au' and the phone number '1300 072 410' are at the bottom left.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Interviews will be held the last  
Wednesday of Term 2.

All bookings will be made via  
Compass and will be posted in  
the next couple of weeks.

You will be advised shortly when  
booking will be opening.

## Assistant Principal spot

**ES Day** was last Saturday, and we celebrated our wonderful Education Support staff at Monday's assembly. Every class found a special way to acknowledge the hard work done by the ES staff. The teachers also showed their gratitude by providing a special morning tea.

Thank you to the following staff members who are the backbone of our school: Sue, Sandy, Donna, Harrison, Kat, Christina, Kelly, Shy, Buoi, Kate, Hawraa, Laelle, Libby, Billie, Tadgh, Julie H, John and Svetlana. Happy ES Day!

**Annie Neville -Asistant Principal**



### Hawraa

Hawraa, we want to let you know that we appreciate it when you do the home readers on a busy day. You are kind hearted, grateful, generous and calm. Sometimes we barely notice you are there because you are as quiet as a mouse!



*Thank you Sandy for all the things you do to help us.*



Kelly is very kind.  
Everyone loves Kelly.  
Lots of us think she is great.  
Lets make sure she has a great day.  
You're the best Kelly!



# Premiers' Reading Challenge

We are excited to be taking part in this year's **Victoria Premiers' Reading Challenge!**

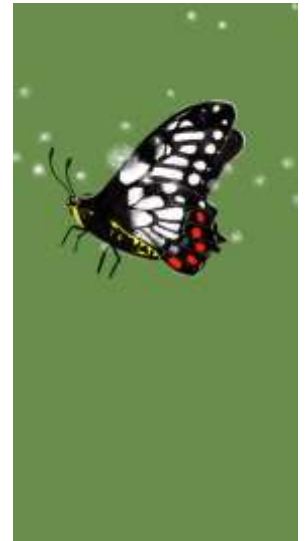
The challenge encourages students to develop a love of reading by exploring a wide range of books throughout the year. The challenge ends in September.

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!

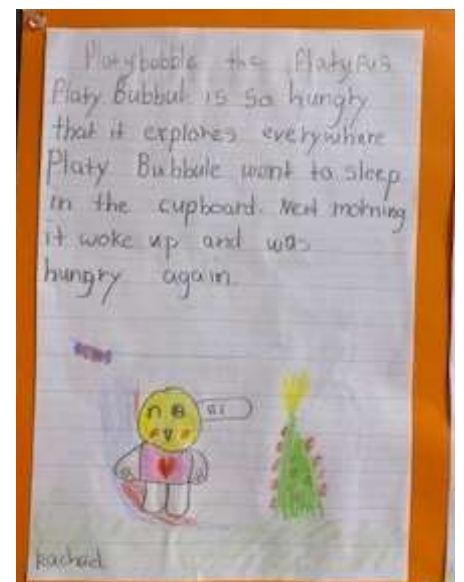
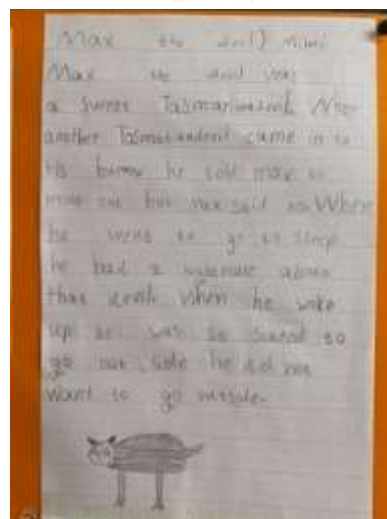
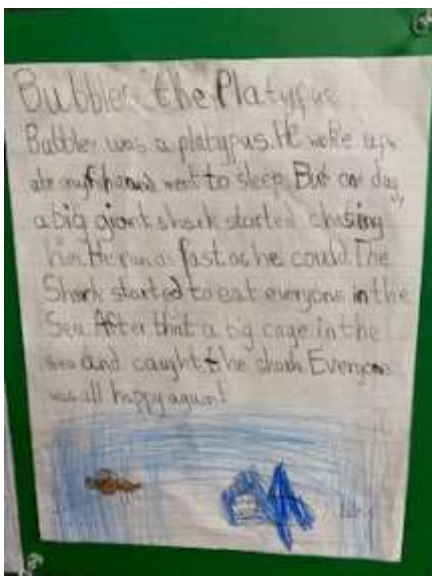
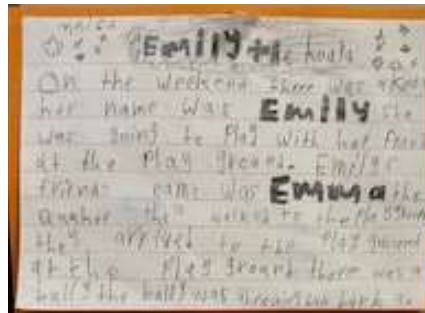


# 1/2 Area

The Grade 1/2 students have been busy writing narratives using their knowledge of Australian animals.

They are building their confidence in writing a story with a beginning, middle and end.

## Great work, 1/2s



# 2/3/4 Area

This term the 2/3/4 students are incredibly lucky and will participate in weekly Chess instruction! They have had three lessons so far from Nick Speck, an award-winning Australian Chess Champion. We can't wait for the tournament to continue!



# 5/6 Area

Cross Country Day on Wednesday was a great success, with everyone showing enthusiasm, determination and school spirit throughout the event.

All students participated well, making the day enjoyable for everyone involved.



Congratulations to Abdullahi, Otto and Angel, who have now advanced to the district finals. We wish them the very best of luck in the next stage of competition.



# Certificates

FNM - **Amir** for following classroom routines and trying his best in all areas of learning.

12S - **River** for working so hard to regulate her emotions and being a kind and respectful member. Well done **River!**

12Y - **Koa** for persisting with his reading and phonics. Great job, **Koa.**

23B - **Lourdes** for working really hard at making your handwriting neat and legible. **Lourdes** is taking care with the presentation of her work.

34O - **Charli** for your amazing hard work in reading and writing this week.

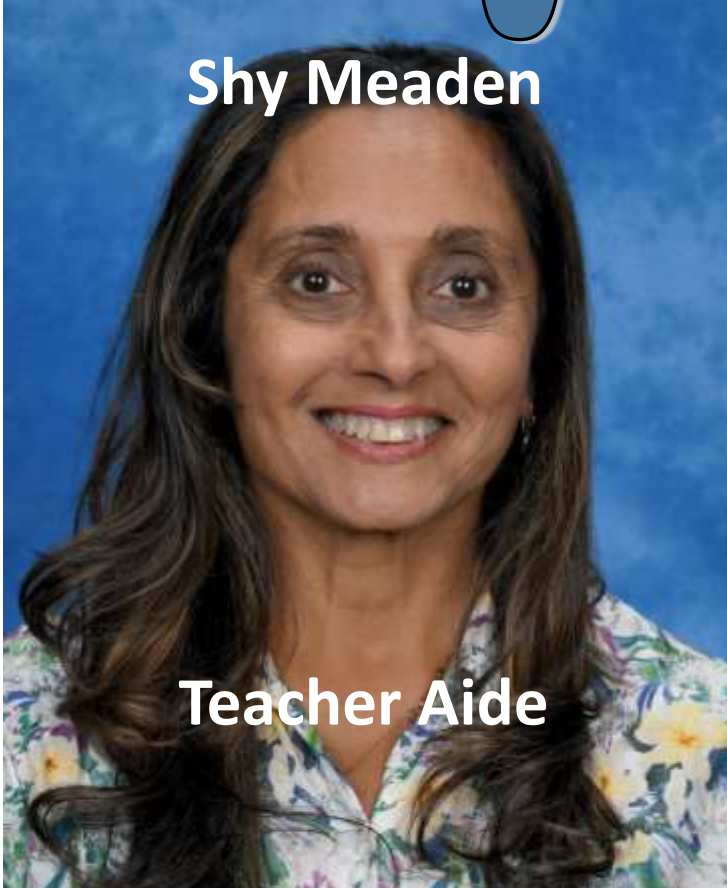
34P - **Jevon** for being kind, working hard and doing a great job in the kitchen garden!

56D - **Ali** for his interesting contributions to class discussions. Well done, **Ali!**

56H - **Monpi** for concentrating in class, trying her best to complete fantastic work, especially in her writing!



# Getting to know us



**Shy Meaden**

**Teacher Aide**

## **How long have you worked at PNE?**

I have been working at PNE for 4 years and have been working mainly with the students in grades 5 and 6.

I love to help students with their reading, writing, spelling and numeracy skills. Maths has always been one of my strong subjects and to me it's like solving puzzles. I am very happy when a student finally 'gets' a maths problem and gets excited by their achievements.

I really enjoy my role as ES at PNE and supporting students and teachers to achieve their goals.

## **Where did you go to school and what was your favourite subject.**

I changed schools several times in my life. I went to primary school in East Africa and then when I was 10 years old we migrated to Melbourne.

I went to high school in Nunawading and then went on to complete a Bachelor of Science with a double degree at Monash University.

My favourite subject is Science.

## **When you were 10 years old, what did you want to be?**

When I was about to turn 10, the President of my country of birth was overthrown by a dictator and my entire family was forced to be expelled. A lot of my family were displaced all over the world and my immediate family came to Australia and settled in Melbourne. Consequently, because of the trauma that I had endured, all I wanted to be when I was 10 was to feel safe. I was very lucky because I had loving parents that worked hard to keep us safe and provide us with a great education so that we could succeed and make a positive life in Australia.

## **What is something that people would be surprised to learn about you?**

I have always had a fear of heights and to try and overcome that fear, I went in a hot air balloon over the Yarra Valley. I was extremely nervous the night before but once I was up in the air floating over the hills and looking at the magnificent view, I felt exhilarated and began to really enjoy myself.

I was very happy and proud that I had overcome this fear.

## **If you were stuck on a deserted Island, what three things would you bring?**


I would bring my husband, my snorkelling gear and a kayak.

## **Crunchy or smooth peanut butter?**

Crunchy peanut butter for sure!!! I actually eat it for breakfast every morning.





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# CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

