

## Newsletter

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### From the Principal's Desk

We have had a great start to the year with students engaging in community building activities as they get to know their new teachers and classmates. This year we have launched our SECRET POWERS mascot which the students are currently naming.

The mascot was developed and aligned to our PNPS Secret Powers through a whole school design competition. Each class put forward a design which were then combined by a student design group.

Our mascot is a dog because dogs are

- Calm
- Loyal
- Friendly

After having a prototype built – we have now had our mascots manufactured to remind us of the **SECRET Powers** we use as learners here at **Prospect North Primary School**.



#### SELF MANAGER

This is represented by the mask.



#### ENGAGED CITIZEN

The E on the collar is included to show engaged citizenship



#### CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKER

This is represented by the C on the award on the dog's chest



#### REFLECTIVE LEARNER

This is represented by the mirror the dog is holding



#### EXPLORER

The shining crystal represents the power of the explorer



#### TEAM PLAYER

The cape with our school logo shows that we are team

players

#### Early pickups/Early arrivals for convenience

School finishes at 3:15 and a growing number of families are asking to sign their child out rather than wait for dismissal time. This puts increased pressure on the office and class teachers who are participating in end of day routines. We will not be signing students out on a regular basis, if you have an appointment and you need an early dismissal please sign out in the office as usual. Ongoing requests for early dismissal cannot be actioned. Students who miss end of day routines miss out on important reminders and wellbeing routines. 15minutes per day is over 2 weeks of missed learning time each year.

Early arrivals are also increasing, the yard is open and supervised from 8:30. If you need to drop off earlier than 8:30 you must book your child into OSHC. Regular after school pick ups that are later than 3:30 also need to be booked into OSHC. The Regency Rd playground is not open in the morning.

### Acquaintance night

We would like to invite parents and caregivers to attend our 2024 Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 13th of February.

Acquaintance Night is a time for your child's teacher to provide you with information about your child's class, how it operates and the curriculum that will be taught. Teachers will be able to answer questions of a general nature; however, if you need to discuss specific aspects of your child and their learning please request a time to meet with your child's teacher. There will be 3 sessions to allow parents to attend multiple classes.

These sessions will be delivered by your child's teacher in partnership with the other teachers who teach in their team, please meet in their classroom spaces.

To keep numbers manageable **THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR ADULTS ONLY.**

### 5.30 session

- Receptions A0, A1, A2 – Cindy, Kimberley, Deanne/Meg
- Year 1-2 classes upstairs ST 10, 11 and 12 - Philomena, Danni, Kylie

### 6.00 session

- Year 2 classes Rooms A3 and A4 - Mal and Viv/Stephanie
- Year 3/4 classes Rm 6,7, 8 and 9 - Sarah/Janis, Gail, Emily and Vicki/Suzanne

### 6.30 session

- Year 5/6 classes T17 and T18 - Anna and Kavita
- Year 5/6 and 4/5 classes T16, T15 - Patrick and Karyn

### Governing Council AGM

Governing Council is a wonderful way to become involved in the school. If you are interested in school governance and/or joining committees such as Grounds, OSHC and Finance, please consider joining our Governing Council. We meet twice a term after hours to discuss the school, our improvement priorities and financial reports. The Governing Council is a great way to contribute and help us to build our parent support networks and community events. Each year our council has a mixed membership of new councilors and existing councilors, all parents are invited to nominate, tenure is 2 years.

**Our Governing Council AGM will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm in the library.** At the AGM a summary of the 2023 school year will be presented and the nominations/elections for council members for 2024 will occur. When a new council is nominated and elected, we will fill the executive positions at a short meeting after the AGM. Positions available on council include

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Secretary  
Finance Representative  
OSHC Representative

We look forward to welcoming new parents on to Governing Council and interested parents to the AGM. Please book online for the AGM, you can also nominate to be part Governing Council.

<https://forms.office.com/r/pK36NiUDKY>

Marg Clark

## Term 1 2024 29<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> April

February	13 <sup>th</sup>	Acquaintance Night
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council AGM 6.30pm
March	8 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
April		13 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN begins
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony day
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Early finish 2:15
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews begin
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day term – Early finish 2:15





A photograph showing two female students in school uniforms sitting at a yellow table in a classroom. They are both focused on their laptops. The student on the left is looking at a black laptop, while the student on the right is using a red laptop. On the table, there is a green water bottle, a white thermos, and a box of pencils. In the background, other students are visible at their desks, and a teacher is standing near a display board.





## Free home internet access for students

Free internet access is available to students who don't have reliable internet at home. Families of eligible students can request internet access by following the steps on this page. There are currently 2 options for eligible families:

- the department's student home internet program
- the Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative.

Reliable internet access supports online study at home, for the purpose of extended learning. It also allows teachers to design more learning experiences that use digital technology. Families without reliable home internet can request free wireless internet from the department at any time throughout the school year through the student home internet program.

Students must only use the internet access for learning and study at home.

The department will supply you with:

- a dongle (small USB device), if you need one
- a mobile internet SIM card
- home internet access until the end of the school year.

You won't need a dongle if your child will be using a laptop or tablet with a SIM card slot.

At the end of the school year the internet access will be deactivated. You can apply again for the following year if you still need the service.

You can submit an application for the student home internet program at any time during the school year.

To request home internet access:

1. complete the [request form and user agreement \(PDF 737 KB\)](#)
2. submit the form to your school via email, fax or in person.

You only need to submit 1 request form for your household. The internet access can support multiple students.

Your school will then request the internet service from the department. We'll set up your access and send the devices to your school. Your school will let you know when you can pick them up (usually early term 1).

If you apply during the school year, allow 2 to 3 weeks for this process.

Your home internet connection will be deactivated at the end of the school year. You can keep the internet devices if you'll be requesting access again the following year.

## Monitoring data use

We'll monitor student home internet data use. Your school will contact you if you've used more data than we think is reasonable for educational purposes.

Your internet service may be suspended or disabled if this continues.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/students/curriculum-and-learning/student-home-internet>



Hi Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new Dads to Prospect North Primary School and introduce you to The Fathering Project. PNPS joined The Fathering Project at the end of 2022 and as part of this partnership, we run events at school that support Fathers and Father figures to build strong connections with the school and their children. Keep an eye for our first Fathering Project event for the year. More information will be out very soon.

One important aspect of the Fathering Project here at PNPS is our Dad's Group. By joining our Dad's Group you will gain access to our Fathering Project Portal. The Portal will keep you up to date with any planned events and also provides you with access to a large range of resources to support you as a father or father figure. The information below is an example of some of the advice that you can find on the Portal.

You can join our Dad's group by scanning the QR code located on this article.

Russell

## Connections

Everyday moments of connection have just as much value as special events and outings in spending time with your child.



### Tell them you love them

Never miss an opportunity to say, "I love you." Give lots of hugs and kisses, because there is no such thing as loving your child too much. But don't make the mistake of being over-protective, over-indulging, too lenient, having low expectations or giving expensive gifts. When these things are given in place of real love, you have a spoiled child.

Showing real love can trigger the release of feel-good hormones such as oxytocin, opioids and prolactin. These neurochemicals can bring us a deep sense of calm, emotional warmth and contentment. From these, the child will develop resilience and a closer relationship with you.

#### DAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

**"Which days are the strongest?  
Saturdays and Sundays...The rest  
are weekdays"**

#### Making time for your kids

Spending time doesn't have to mean you have to do something special. Everyday moments have just as much value. It is all about giving your child your undivided interest and attention. Find time every day to just be with your child. Those will be the moments you both remember forever! Time together can be doing activities like

gardening, cooking or other chores. This can be just as enjoyable for children and a time for communication.

Spend a few minutes one-on-one with each of your children every day – for example, getting them up in the morning, or reading a story together at bedtime. Soon it will become an integral part of the day and will strengthen your relationships with your children. As your children grow, the nature of these routines will evolve – the important thing is to keep up the habit of spending time together.

#### Dad tips for engaging when you are with your kids

- Really 'BE THERE'. Put away the phone, stop what you are doing and connect with your kids.
- You never know when your child will decide, now is the moment they want to tell you something really important. Don't miss that moment.
- Making eye contact lets them know they are important to you and you are really listening.
- Stop and listen to them and get to know about them as an individual. Their thoughts, their ideas, their wishes, their likes and dislikes, their friends and their dreams



Welcome back to the start of the new year, we had a fun filled holidays and hope you enjoyed it as much as we, the Educators, did. A big welcome to Vacation care/OSHC this year to the children that have just joined us for the first time.

This year the number of children attending before and after school care has increased, therefore spaces are limited for casual bookings. Just a reminder, a permanent booking is where you have booked your child in for regular days through out the term. A casual booking is a one of, or when your child might need care at the last minute. Due to child staff ratios there may be days that we cannot take casual bookings. Please notify us as soon as possible (preferably 24 hours) before you need the care.

Please check out the following website to for more information on absent days  
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-if-your-child-absent-from-child-care?context=41186#howmany>

If your child does not attend an after school care session they are booked in for can you please let us know by either sending us a message on See saw, email [Jill.grundy528@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Jill.grundy528@schools.sa.edu.au) or by text message on 0401 121 744. Letting us know eliminates the unnecessary stress that is caused when we cannot find a child.

It is a requirement under the National Laws and regulations that if your child attends before school care, you walk your child in and sign them in on the sign in/out sheet. If they attend after school care an Educator will sign them in when they arrive after school and the Parent/Caregiver upon collecting your child will need to sign out. During vacation care the Parent/Caregiver needs to sign the child in and out.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday the 8th March is a pupil Free day. If you require care on this day you will need to have booked your child in for the day by the close of business on **Wednesday February 28th**. Bookings after this date may not be accepted due to the requirements of meeting staff to child ratios. If you have a regular booking for before and after school care on Friday the 8th March we do not assume that you would like your child booked in for the pupil free day so if you do require care please let us know as soon as possible.

## Vacation Care

We had a lot of fun during December/January vacation care and have started planning for the next one, if you have any suggestions or feedback we would love to hear from you.







## Kilburn Football and Cricket Club

Come and play junior football with the  
Kilburn Football Club

Auskick starts 29 Feb 2024 - all welcome  
register now

Kilburn Junior Football Club Auskick 2024 registration  
(Girls-only session available for 10-15-year-olds)

Season 2024 registrations now open  
Kilburn Junior Football Club Season 2024 registration

[juniors@kfcc.com.au](mailto:juniors@kfcc.com.au)  
[kfcc.com.au](http://kfcc.com.au)

*Honour the past*  
**BE THE FUTURE**

## SPORTS ACADEMY



### TRIAL DATES

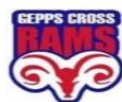
1 & 6 MARCH 2024  
8:45AM-12:00PM  
(FOR 2025 ENTRY)

Register your interest via QR code



Roma Mitchell Secondary College  
Briens Road, Gepps Cross  
South Australia, 5094  
Phone 8161 4600

**AFLW  
SOCCER  
CRICKET  
VOLLEYBALL  
BASKETBALL**



### GEPPS CROSS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

Vacancies across all grades, boys and girls  
from Auskick through to U18s

**2024 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

**Contact Kerry:**

[junior.registrar@therams.com.au](mailto:junior.registrar@therams.com.au)  
0413 007 575

Duncan Fraser Reserve, Rowe Ave Northfield

## WOODVILLE SUMMER ACADEMY

WHEN: Wednesdays

- 14 February - March 13
- 5.30pm - 6.30pm

FOR: 5-10 year olds

COST: \$17 covering all 5 sessions

Register: via Rugby Xplorer as  
a "training only participant"

<https://myaccount.rugbyxplorer.com.au/>

- free goodies bag at end of academy
- free shirt for registered participants
- Free Snag in bread / ice block for players & carers each session

Enquiries: [juniors@woodvillerrugby.com.au](mailto:juniors@woodvillerrugby.com.au)

Alisa Ave, Seaton, SA 5023  
facebook.com/wwrufc  
[www.woodvillerrugby.com.au](http://www.woodvillerrugby.com.au)



## SIGN UP NOW



Cricket Blast is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

### GEPPS CROSS CRICKET CLUB

Saturday 17th February 2024

9.00am-10.00am for 4 weeks

Duncan Fraser Reserve

**VISIT [PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU)**

