

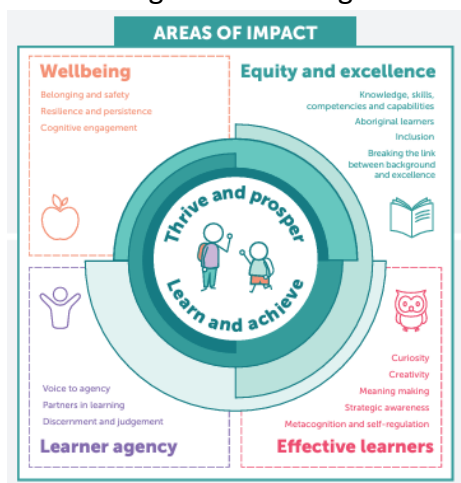
## Newsletter

No 4

8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

### From the Principal's Desk

Last week I attended **Leader's Day** where our CEO Martin Westwell had all Principals and preschool directors together to continue our improvement journey and engagement with the new strategy. Our school was in the spotlight, sharing our journey with student agency to improve learning and wellbeing.



We also had a visit from the **CEO of XP schools** in the UK, an innovative project based learning group of schools delivering the curriculum in a similar way to us. It's always great to talk with others on the same journey and our students

sat down with him to do a podcast, see PNTV on youtube or our website to view the conversation.



**During our Pupil Free Day on Friday**, staff engaged with the department's Self Regulation team. This team is made up of OT's psychologists and teachers all working together to make schools safe and inclusive. We had lots of time to talk about our practices at the whole school level, classroom level and with individual students. We will continue working with the team for the whole year as they help us refine our practices.

*Marg Clark*

#### Term 1 2024

29<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### March

- 11<sup>th</sup> Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 13<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN begins
- 21<sup>st</sup> Harmony day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Governing Council
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fathering Project Art-ernoon
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sports Day – **Early finish 2:15**
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday**

#### April

- 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**



There is **NO** elevator to **SUCCESS**.

You have to take the **STAIRS**.

## Autism Inclusion at Prospect North Primary School

In March 2022, the South Australian Government announced an initiative to improve support for children on the autism spectrum. Each school was allocated funding by the Department for Education for an Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT). My name is Sarah Pressler and I am the Autism Inclusion Teacher at Prospect North Primary School. On Wednesdays, my AIT role focuses on strengthening our school community's inclusion of students on the autism spectrum.

The Department for Education provides an Autism Inclusion Multidisciplinary (AIM) team to support me in the AIT role. The team includes, senior advisor educators, developmental educator, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and an Aboriginal cultural project officer. The information from the AIM team is evidence-based and informed by the autistic and autism community.

My role as an AIT is to support colleagues, students and families. I pass on information, resources and training I receive from the AIM team on how to best support and educate autistic students. I am happy to talk with you about my role or how I can support you and your child.



I look am looking forward to being a part of your child's learning journey this year.

Kind regards,  
Sarah Presler

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## Maths in Room 7

Since Maths is the study of patterns rules and relationships, we have decided to look at patterns to start our maths learning.

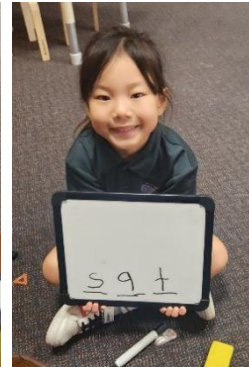
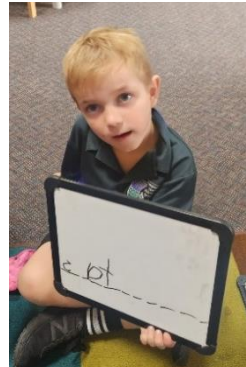
We have been out in the yard, identifying and classifying different kinds of patterns. We have also sorted cards with different kinds of patterns and described them. Next, we have taken a closer look at growing number patterns.

We have identified rules in growing number patterns and played games to find the next term (number) using the rule. It has been lots of fun!



## Phonics in the Reception Classes

Last week the Receptions started their phonics program. We are working hard to learn the sounds that letter make, and using those sounds to build words. We have already learnt m, a, t, s and i. Here are some pictures of us after writing our very first word!





# Senior Studio 18



## Why do we need Specialist Teams?

Setting up Specialist Teams is a great way to incorporate students' interests and voice. In our Specialist Teams roles, we feel powerful and valued to make the changes in our learning environment to suit everyone's needs. We discuss and plan, and execute our plans together! We love how we get to have choice in what we do here at PNPS. Everyone is always very busy using their SECRET Powers while doing their specialist roles!

### Teacher's Assistants



Orthographers

### Maths Experts



Tech Expert

### Journalists



Wellbeing  
Co-ordinators

### Media Experts



Fitness Trainers



Board Managers



Engineers



Librarians



Publishers





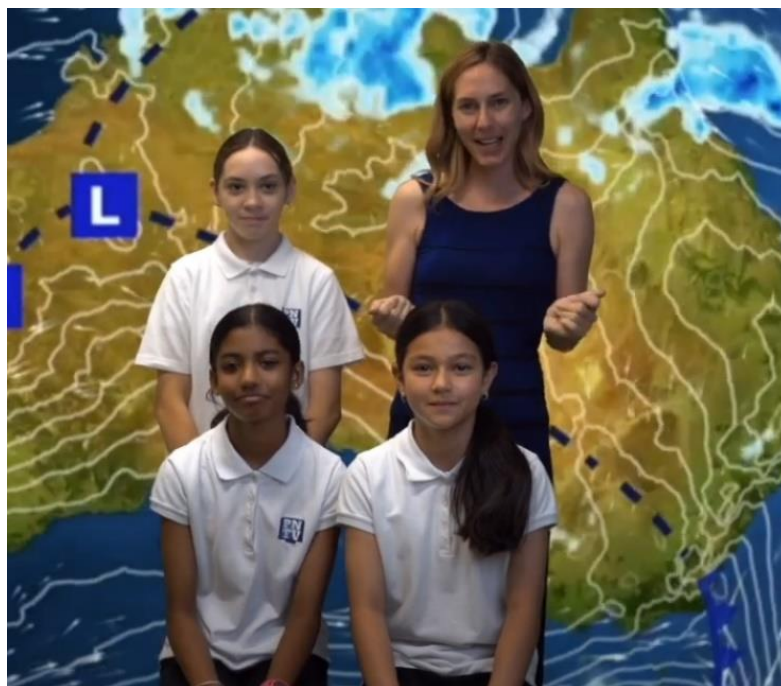
## Jessica Braithwaite Visit

We were delighted to have a visit from Nine News weather presenter, Jessica Braithwaite, last week.

She did a podcast with Ava, Buddhima and Maddy, explaining how she studied meteorology and journalism, which eventually led to a career as a weather presenter. Jessica told us about her schooling days, and her favourite subjects.

She also shared her strategies when things don't go to plan.

There was also time for a special weather presentation with Ava, Buddhima and Maddy.



# The Fathering Project Art-ernoon

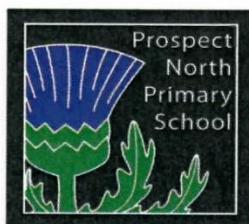
*Dads and kids! Come along to create a portrait together.*

As a father or father-figure, you are really important to your kids, and they need you to be present and actively engaged in their lives.

Kids need to:

- 0 Feel safe and secure
- 0 Be loved unconditionally
- 0 Spend time with you

Come and join us to spend time with your kids and create an artful portrait. You can also have a photographic portrait with your kids as well.



### Who:

Dads, Father-figures & Carers

### When:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Session 1: 4:00 – 4:45pm

Session 2: 5:00 – 5:45pm

Sessions are limited to 25 families.  
Bookings essential.

### Where:

In the PNPS Visual Arts Room

### Bookings:

<https://forms.gle/SmDFsLVziGvTxagg7>



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