

Newsletter

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From the Principal’s Desk

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of Term 1. This term has been very busy and everyone is definitely ready for the upcoming break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students, families and staff for their hard work and commitment over the past term, you all truly make PNPS a wonderful place.

On Thursday 7th May (week 2) we will be holding our annual Mother’s Day stall. The stall is run by our Governing Council members, but we are in need of some more volunteers to help with running the stall on the day. If you are interested in helping out, please contact our Governing Council Treasurer, Kym Lovell via email on kymjade@gmail.com. Any small amount of time that you may be able to help out, would be greatly appreciated.

We have recently had a number of complaints regarding our families parking along Stuart Road at the end of the day. Please remember that you are not permitted to stop in the disability carpark unless you are displaying the appropriate permit. We have also had some families parking across the front of our neighbours’ driveways. The area in front of the school is a kiss and drop zone

during the morning and afternoons and you are not permitted to leave your vehicle if you stop there during these times. Please try to limit the time that you are stopped there to be as short as possible. The council parking inspectors do frequent our school and I would not want to see families being fined for breaches of the parking rules.

Congratulations to one of our Year 6 students, Ari, who competed at the State Individual Athletics Championships. Ari won gold the 80m Hurdles, Long Jump and High Jump as well as silver in the 100m Sprint and Triple Jump. Ari’s 80m hurdle time of 12.20sec broke the State record that was set in 2021. Ari will now go on to represent South Australia in the National Championships in Brisbane over the coming weeks.

Please remember that school finishes at 2:15pm on Friday for the last day of term. I hope that you all have a safe and wonderful school holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 27th April.

Russell Barwell
Principal

Term 1, 2026	27th January – 10th April
Term 2, 2026	27th April – 3rd July
April:	10 th Sparkle Inclusion Day 10 th Last day of Term 1, 2.15pm dismissal
May:	4 th Year 4-6 Netball Carnival 7 th Mother’s Day Stall 8 th SAPSASA Cross Country 11 th – 15 th Parent Teacher Interviews






Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises Australia's rich cultural diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The official colour for Harmony Day is orange. It represents social communication, two-way conversations, freedom of thought, and mutual respect. Students and staff were encouraged to wear their cultural costume or orange clothing to celebrate Harmony Day.



Our celebrations, held on Friday March 20th started with an assembly, a highlight being the performance of 'Come Together' by the choir. This was followed by a parade by students, staff and parents.

After assembly, classes teaming with their buddies to draw mandalas in chalk on the asphalt. A buddy class lunch followed, with a chance for a photo or two. In the afternoon, classes did Harmony Day activities in their classes.

More photos can be seen on our website.



Sports Day 2026

Sports Day 2026 took place under perfect weather conditions on Thursday, April 2nd. The event started with an assembly where teams loudly showcased their team songs, followed by a warm-up session featuring the Health Hustle.

The excitement then commenced, with ten activities set up for students to enjoy, with classes rotating throughout the day.

These activities were:

Sprints, vortex throw, egg & spoon race, high jump, obstacle course sack relay, water bucket relay, wheel relay kolap and tower ball.

Students earned points for their participation, fairness and sportsmanship.



After lunch and the final activity rotations, there was time for enthusiastic team chants, along with the team captain tug-of-war and team captain sprints.





Thank-you to all the team captains and year 6 students who helped run the activities on the day. We also thank Schinella's of Prospect Road for their generous donation of fruit on the day.

The final scores for the day were:

- Red Parrots : 2499 points
- Yellow Cockatoos : 2502 points
- Green Mopokes : 2549 points
- Blue Curlews : 2855 points



A big congratulations to the Blue Curlews, winners of the 2026 Prospect North Sports Day

After recess, students took part in the colour run. This activity is always a fantastic way to conclude a sports day, and it is enjoyed by all the students.



Senior Studio Aquatics

Year 6 students spent the day at West Lakes for Aquatics in Week 9. They learnt about water safety, and took part in various activities, including surfing, sailing and kayaking.

I had a really good time at aquatics, and my favourite thing was sailing and when we jumped off the boat.

Jai



It was fun because all the activities were super engaging. The activities we did were kayaking, sailing, and surfing. My favourite activity was kayaking because I liked to capsized. Shreya



I am proud of learning to surf because I didn't give up and I believed in myself. Imeth



I had a lot of fun because all of my friends were laughing and swimming away because they were afraid of the barnacles. I went surfing, kayaking, and sailing. Sailing was my favourite activity because we piloted the boat and got to jump overboard. Chad



As it was my first time doing aquatics, I felt really excited when we arrived, and I was eager to do all the activities. Overall, it was really fun and engaging. I went kayaking, surfing, and sailing. My favourite was kayaking because it was a calm and fun environment. I capsized the kayak with my friend. I would do aquatics again because I want to try jumping off the sailboat and taking more time to steer the boat. Zidan



I learnt how to surf and capsized on a kayak. The instructors were knowledgeable and friendly.

Alistair

I had lots of fun because I had all my friends. We were kayaking, sailing, and surfing. My favourite activity was surfing because the beach was nice and clean and I had never surfed before. Jolie



It was really fun and engaging to learn how to do water activities with all my friends, encouraging me to try new things. I did sailing, kayaking, but my favourite was sailing because I jumped off the boat with my friends. I would do aquatics again and will try to gain the confidence to capsized my kayak. Naysha



Aquatics was super fun and exciting to learn about how to do all the activities. I did surfing, kayaking and sailing, and my favourite is surfing because I caught a big wave and stood on the surfboard. I would do aquatics again. I would love to learn how to surf properly. Sanjith



I was surprised how it was engaging with the many activities we explored. The most enjoyable activity was surfing because I've never done it before.
Daphne

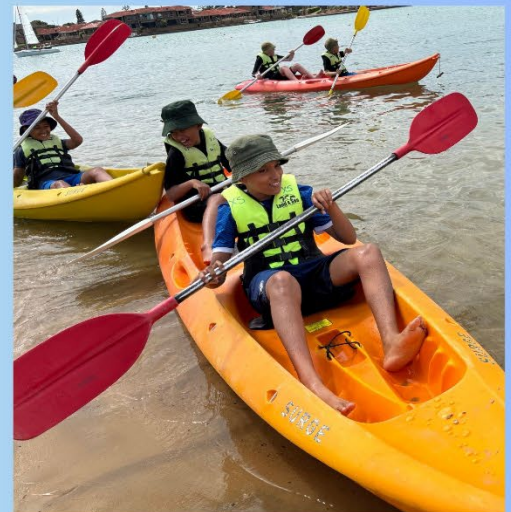
Kayaking was my personal favourite because got to pair up with our friends. My funny moment was when I almost fell off my kayak as I tried to stand up. Chi

I had an amazing time at aquatics and made many new memories with my friends. My favourite part was sailing because we got to jump off the boat. Lily



Aquatics was a once in a lifetime experience to have with my friends before we go to high school. Katerina

Out of all the activities, surfing was my favourite because I've never done it before and it was really easy to learn. Darcy



Most of the activities were ones I have never done before, so I felt nervous at times especially when we were surfing. Even though I was nervous, I had a lot of fun and I would love to do it again. Astrid



I tried to capsize, you had to put in lots of effort to do it, it was fun and easy to tip it back up. Janvi

A3 & A4 News

Over the past few weeks A3 and A4 have been enjoying using our garden produce. We have eaten our watermelons, and used our eggs and limes to make lime butter and meringues.



Studio 12 Class Novel

Studio 12 have recently read the captivating Australian novel **"Blueback"** written by **Tim Winton**, which follows the adventures of a boy named Abel and his extraordinary friendship with a wild blue groper, Blueback. The story provides insights into the marine environment and raises awareness about the history of whaling in Australia. As part of our learning, we investigated the history of Australian whaling. Whaling in Australia began in the late 1700s, soon after European settlement in 1788. Early whalers hunted whales mainly for **oil**, which was used for lamps and soap eventually oil was used as fuel, baleen was used in corsets, umbrellas and later for meat. Whaling was one of the first industries in the new colony of Australia. Whaling areas included **Tasmania, New South Wales, Western Australia and South Australia.**

By the late 1800s, whale numbers dropped due to overhunting. New products like kerosene and electricity reduced the need for whale oil. The industry slowed down but didn't completely stop. Australia officially banned whaling in 1979. Today, whales are protected, and harming them is illegal. Australia now focuses on whale conservation and whale watching tourism. Many coastal towns now earn money from people coming to see whales, not hunt them.



News from Room 7

Hi everyone! Thanks everyone for your huge support of our ice block sales on Sports Day. Together We raised over \$300! We hope to hold another fundraiser next term to continue the good work.

Back in class this term we have explored several topical issues in our study of persuasive texts, written our autobiographies and dug deep into concepts of number and data. We have started investigating the function of parts of the brain and chosen our topics for research into water. Did you know that most water on Earth predates the formation of the Sun and Earth itself! Wow! Learning really is wonderful!



Learning About Our Culture In Reception!

The Receptions in A1 and A2 have been exploring Family and Culture during HASS. We have been sharing what makes our family special, including similarities and differences with each other. We used a map to find all of the countries that our families come from, and then recreated our country flags using sharpies and water colour paints. Can you recognise any of them?



SPARKLE Inclusion Day!

Join us to celebrate what makes us all sparkle and increase awareness of neurodiversity!

Wear sparkles or your favourite bright colours

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH

Diversity is our strength!

FREE EVENT

PLAY LACROSSE FOR PROSPECT NORTH THIS WINTER!

The Official 2026 Lacrosse SA season is kicking off soon!
Games run from May to August against school & club-based teams

Trainings - Thursday nights from 5.30 - 6.30pm at Patterson Reserve, Felixstow
Games - 8am on Saturday mornings at Felixstow (Term 2) and Gepps Cross (Term 3)

- Get involved in a club atmosphere while representing your school!
- Coaching and equipment supplied by East Torrens Payneham Lacrosse Club
- Attend family friendly events and an end of season presentation day at the East Torrens Payneham Lacrosse Club
- Low playing fees and \$200 Government rebated Sports Voucher accreditation!

ALL NEW PLAYERS RECEIVE A LACROSSE STICK AND BALL TO KEEP!

For more information or to register your interest, visit the link below or scan the QR code:
redwingslax.com/juniors/prospect-north

SCHOOL

**PROSPECT NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

STARTS

MAY 12th 2026

LENGTH

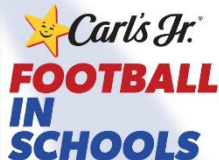
8 SESSIONS

TIME

3:20pm - 4:20pm

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What is Football in Schools?

Football in Schools is an introductory program for those new to the game of Football. This program is designed to give primary aged children a great first experience of Football.

The Football in Schools program is run once a week from an 8-week period, going for 1-hour duration, after school hours. The program will develop basic Football skills in a safe and positive environment, with a strong emphasis on fun football activities.

All participants will receive a participation pack!

REGISTER TODAY!



Use your sports voucher with code 'SV2026'