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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope that everyone had a great break and have enjoyed the first three weeks of the term. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and are looking forward to sharing them with you all over the coming weeks. It is important that we have an up-to-date email address for every family to ensure that you receive any communication regarding any planned events via an EDSmart email or Seesaw. Please contact the front office to update your email address.

PNTV Celebrates 200 Episodes

Last week we were incredibly proud to celebrate our 200th Episode of PNTV. PNTV is one of the unique ways that our students showcase their work with a broad audience and the weekly episodes are always so much fun to create and share. Through PNTV our students develop confidence in their abilities to speak publicly and they also get an opportunity to learn valuable skills in digital media. If you are not a regular viewer, please take the time to check out an episode on our PNTV YouTube channel. A new episode will land tonight and every Friday during term time.

Extended Subway Ordering Time

Thanks to a request from our Governing Council, we have been able to extend the closing time for Subway orders on the QKR app to now close off at 9pm. Please remember that Subway orders are available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and orders need to placed by 9pm the night before from next week.

Uniform Update

With the cooler weather now approaching, please make sure that your child has a school jumper that is named. During terms 2 & 3, we often get an increase in the number of jumpers being put in lost property because they are not named. If you need to order a new jumper, they need to be ordered directly from our uniform supplier, UMS, as we do not keep stock on site. Rain jackets can be ordered through the front office.

R-5 Swimming

Just a reminder that R-5 Swimming will be happening in week 10 this term. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Russell Barwell Príncípal



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NEWS FROM A3

In Room A3 we have been observing the lifecyle of frogs. Mal, Hannah and Karyn spent some time restoring the frog pond from 2017 found in the Secret Garden. They re-dug the hole, put new liner in and planted water plants, ready for the tadpoles.





Each student then got to name a tadpole from our tank and release it back into the pond.

The Biggest Morning Tea In Week 4, A3 and A4 will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to recognise people impacted by cancer.

Our class have participated in many cooking lessons to prepare food for our event. We have made, apple tea cake, banana muffins, cheese slice and Anzac biscuits so far.





Junior Primary Art in the Community

All students from reception to year 3 are participating in an exhibition for Dream Big Children's Festival and this is a big one as we are celebrating 50 Years of Dream BIG in South Australia.

Alana's Yr 3 class are participating in a combined schools exhibition at Newmarch Gallery. I arranged for an artist in residence through Dream Big and we were lucky to have the input of two young artists, Felicity Earn (the concept creator for our school's work) and our in-house artist in residence Ella Goodchild.

Ella worked alongside me over two double lessons to create our cabinets of curiosity using the Dream BIG Theme this year of "I was, I am, I will be". The opening for the exhibition was held on Friday 9th May at Newmarch Gallery, and involved local schools including Prospect Primary, Nailsworth Primary, Rosary School and Blackfriars Schools as well as of course Prospect North primary School.



Along with this, students in attendance could make sculptural party cakes and felted flowers which were being added to the exhibition. All other students also have their bunting displayed at the entrance to the library and Newmarch Gallery.

The exhibition opened on May 9th and will be open to the public until June 7th. Please take time to visit the space and while there you will have the chance to vote for your favourite school exhibit. Please support Prospect North's endevours and again congratulations to Oliver who was chosen as our standout artist by the judge on the night and thank you to all the families and students who attended and supported us.

Suzanne Conboy Junior Primary Art Teacher- Reception to Year 3.



At the opening we had a guest judge, Mayor of Prospect, Matt Larwood, who formally opened the exhibition and selected selected his personal favourite piece from each school. Oliver was selected from Prospect North and it was noted that the judge very much liked the personal written response to his work.

Thanks to all those who attended as it was a fun night where students really got to feel they were true artists whilst sharing their ideas with the wider community. Students even got to have a little party with party pies, pasties and sausage rolls, pizza, fruit platters and donuts along with party soft drinks.





T15 and T16 loved it when Carissa McCarthy (Auntie Tissa) our Aboriginal Education Teacher, joined us in our classroom and taught us to sing *Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* in Kaurna language. Auntie Tissa also shared a First Nations Dreaming story called Thukeri from Ngarrindjeri Country (one of the books from the First Nation's Reading Challenge that can also be included in the Premier's Reading Challenge).

The messages that came out of this story are:

- 1. Don't be greedy take only what you need
- 2. Be honest, tell the truth
- 3. To share

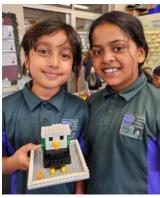
Students used great *Team Player* Secret Powers when working with a partner to draw the bony bream from the Dreaming Story. You can learn more about *Thukeri* by typing it into your search engine.





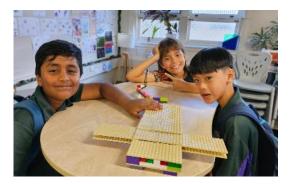


In **Room 5** we have been learning about fractions in math. We have learnt about equivalent fractions and working out fraction quantities. We also built Lego models where we had to practise our theorising and justifying. In writer's workshop we have been writing narratives, creating our own characters, and learning to write sizzling starts to engage our audience.





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In STEM we have started learning about space. We are participating in the Moon Mascot competition through NASA. Students are designing a new Plushie toy for the Artemis 2 rocket, which if their design is chosen, will be made into a plushie toy that will travel in the rocket as it orbits the moon.





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- We make decisions about how we learn, who we learn with, what we learn and where we learn.
- Our Learning Teams give us a chance to meet new people that we've never worked with before.
- Working with new people helps us become more familiar with our classmates.
- When we work in our Learning Teams, we receive more support when we need help and don't have to rely on our teacher.
- We learn in a happy environment because we all feel like we have a sense of belonging.
- Our class community includes many different cultures.
- To help us remember the due dates and assignments, we take on the responsibility by using a diary.
- We choose our own Specialist Teams to manage our learning environment.
- We move into our next lesson without being told.





New Student Artworks in Our School



As part of Visual Arts School Projects, students completed a 2025 Harmony Day canvas using orange as their base colour. Students experimented with the visual effect of *colour counterchange*, by mixing different light and dark shades of orange acrylic paint and painting in the spaces created around four hearts.

The painting was embellished with orange buttons and completed to a professional standard. You can see this painting hanging in the front office area.

During Term 1 Aleana, Jolie, Rayyan, Noyan and Tressie worked hard creating our new mosaic planter boxes seen at the entrance of our school. These students independently designed and fixed tiles to the four sides of their pots using tile adhesive, and were supported to grout their pots.



SAPSASA News

On Monday 5th May, PNPS attended the North Adelaide District Netball SAPSASA at Netball SA Stadium, entering one girls squad and one boys squad in a participation competition. Despite some early nerves both teams improved as the day went on. Our girls squad shared court time and positions, coming away with two wins and three losses during the group stage. Our boys squad won 4 and lost one, booking their place in the final against Marryatville Primary School where some fast-flowing netball made for

a fantastic spectacle. Unfortunately our boys squad narrowly missed out on a final victory against very strong opposition.





All students can hold their heads high and a great day was had by all. Well done to our students for developing their netball skills, showing teamwork and of course having fun.





On Friday 9th May, 19 PNPS students attended the North Adelaide Districts Cross Country SAPSASA, running a 1km track for either two or three laps. What was particularly pleasing was to see how our students encouraged and cheered for each other throughout the morning, sensing when our runners were struggling and giving them the boost they needed to compete the course. Olivia Martin placed 4th in the Girls 2013 age group and was invited to State Championships in Oakbank. Congratulations to all our runners and we are proud of the determination and grit displayed!

Congratulations also goes to Ari Harris, Marek Aust-Leist & Charlie Nabradi, who have been selected for the North Adelaide Districts Football Squad!



MEDITATION

As part of the routines at the beginning of Spanish class after breaks, we do a meditation based on a mantra.

It is a time to relax after the hustle and bustle of playground games but also a moment of reflection to think positively about us, love ourselves, speak lovingly to ourselves and give us energy for the rest of the day.

You can find some of these meditations in the following links:



Mantra SHIVA SHAMBÓ | MiniPadmini https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-Ybpp9jIN4.



Some of the students' thoughts after the meditation are:

Oakley (T15): "Everyone is special" "I am going to be myself manager". Ellie (T15): "Meditation helps me to listen better to the teacher and other people". Evie (T15): "I'm going to be kind to other people".

Sofia (T15): "It helps me to relax". Pippa, Ethan, Lio (T15): "I feel in the green zone". Phoenix, Tom (T15): "I am going to be kind". Viraj, Krishiv (T16): "I'm thinking to be a better learner". Benyamin (T16): "I'm thinking to be better at school and listening". Ariz (T16): "I know how to make friends". Camila (T16): "I like the song". Ali, Mohammad Malekian (T16): "I am a good listener". Subhan (T16): "I am the best at drawing". Billy (T16): "I can't wait for my birthday".