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Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been extremely lucky to have some great achievements to celebrate. Last week our fantastic Reception classes in A1 & A2 and some students from the Senior Studio attended the Adelaide Film Festival's Youth Gala. Our Reception students were successful in winning both the Best Short Film Award and also the Audience Award. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in both films, you have all made us very proud.

This week we also celebrated some milestones for four of our staff who received service recognition certificates. Congratulations to Sam Mitric, Juana Estrella and Sam Leverenz who all received 10-year recognition certificates and Sarah Pressler who received a 20-year certificate. We are so very fortunate to have so many dedicated and experienced teachers here at PNPS.



Today we also celebrated all of our teaching staff as part of World Teachers Day celebrations. One of the highlights of today's celebrations is the staff portraits that are presented to all of staff. These portraits are created by the students in Kylie and Dani's classes and are always very well appreciated by everyone. They go on display in the staffroom and provide us with so much joy!



On Monday Week 5, 9th November, we will be holding our final Pupil Free Day for the year. There will be no school for students on this day, as staff will be undertaking training. OSHC will be available for families to access, but you will need to make a booking for your child to attend.

Russell Barwell - Principal

Term 4, 2026 12th October -11th December

November:	**2nd**	**Governing Council Meeting**
	9th	**Pupil Free Day**
	13th	**New Reception Transition Visit**
	27th	**New Reception Transition Visit**
	30th	**Governing Council Meeting**





Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

A DAY OF DISCOVERY, EXPLORATION AND ADVENTURE!

On 22 October, Room 8 and T7 embarked on an exciting excursion filled with science, nature and plenty of discovery! Our day blasted off at the Australian Space Discovery Centre, where we took part in a hands-on S.C.R.A.P. 4 Schools workshop. We became budding rocket engineers, designing and building our very own paper rockets. We tested our prototypes, made modifications and put our improved designs to the test. We then explored the centre's interactive displays and activities, sparking curiosity and inspiring some out-of-this-world thinking!



















Our adventure continued at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, where we immersed ourselves in the wonders of the natural world. We were captivated by the incredible images in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, explored fascinating displays at the Museum of Economic Botany, and took time to connect with our surroundings along the Sensory and Wellbeing Trail.







It was a fantastic day packed with hands-on learning, new discoveries and memorable experiences. We certainly kept our minds busy and our feet moving — we walked A LOT! By the end of the day, we had plenty of stories to share and wonderful memories to take back to the classroom.



SPANISH



CLIMATE CHANGE

This term in Spanish, students are working on the topic of 'Climate change'. Students are practicing vocabulary related to concepts like reuse, reduce and recycling. In the recycling game, students must place different types of waste into the appropriate bins, using a set phrase.

Students use formulaic expressions when participating in classroom routines and collaborative activities

Students are reflecting on various initiatives that help us take care of our planet, such as reforestation projects, the removal of plastic from the oceans, or organic farming.



UN PUNTO DE VISTA DIFERENTE.

We have taken the opportunity to view nature from a different perspective. Using a microscope, we discover extraordinary details that our eyes could never even imagine: a bee's wing reveals veins and giant hairs, while the petal of a tiny flower displays its cells arranged in a geometric pattern.



SPANISH POETRY READING CONTEST FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. ORGANISED BY SPANISH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Students will participate in a competition to foster a love for Spanish literature, to improve students' oral expression, and confidence when interpreting poetic texts. There will be five different categories based on school grade levels for primary and secondary schools.

Students who choose to participate will read a specific poem in Spanish, which will be recorded in a private video.

A group of Spanish teachers will evaluate the students based on an established rubric. In each category, a diploma and a small gift will be awarded to a single student.

Congratulations!



Ella K from Studio 11 competed in the National Taekwondo Championship in Canberra over the school holidays and won a bronze medal! Ella is dedicated to her sport training 6 hours per week, showing up for the hard work, enjoyment and commitment. On the journey to Nationals, Ella competed in local and state competitions to earn her spot. Congratulations to Ella on this marvellous achievement, and to both Billy and Dave (dad) who also won bronze!

YMCA JUNIOR PARLIAMENT PROGRAM





Congratulations Jai Jaipartap

Jai Jaipartap was selected to participate in the YMCA Junior Parliament program, joining other young South Australians to learn about democracy and how Parliament works.

During the first two days at the Adelaide Convention Centre, he took part in activities that developed his understanding of parliamentary procedures, public speaking and debating. He also worked with other students to prepare their ideas and arguments.

On the third day, he visited Parliament House and participated in debates on four topics. The students listened to different perspectives, presented arguments for or against each proposal, and voted.

The program's proposed laws, known as Youth Bills, are presented to the Minister for Human Services for the South Australian Government's consideration.

This experience gave students opportunities to develop their confidence, teamwork and leadership skills while learning how young people can contribute to decisions that affect their communities.

Stars on Stage – Celebrating Our Students

Our students recently had the wonderful opportunity to perform in the Primary Schools Festival of Music: Stars on Stage at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

Alongside more than 1,300 Year 5 and 6 students from across South Australia, 64 of our students proudly took to the stage, showcasing their enthusiasm, confidence and musical talents. We were also delighted to see Oti represent our school as a host, demonstrating exceptional dedication and skill. It was also great to see two past graduates continuing their passion into high school by performing in Troupe.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music is a treasured South Australian tradition that brings students together through artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion. Experiences like these not only create lasting memories but also help students develop confidence, teamwork and resilience. Singing and music participation have also been shown to support learning by strengthening concentration, memory, listening skills and creativity.

This year's concert was a truly unforgettable experience. Audiences were thrilled by energetic guest performances, outstanding musicianship from the orchestra and troupe, and a vibrant repertoire spanning a range of musical genres.



A special thank you to our teachers and support staff and parent helpers who went above and beyond to make this opportunity possible. Their dedication, encouragement and countless hours of preparation helped our students shine on stage.

We are incredibly proud of all our performers and grateful to be part of such a spectacular celebration of music, learning and public education.

POETRY IN ROOM 6

In room 6, students have been learning about poetry!

We started our fantastic journey by having a poetry lesson with Alison, our amazing wellbeing coordinator. She taught us about implied and literal meaning in our poems. We watched a short video of the celebrated poem "Accents" by Puerto Rican American poet Denice Frohman. In the poem, the poet talked about her mother's bilingual speech and her rich-Puerto Rican accent. Denice Frohman described her mother's voice as not something that needs to be "fixed" or "corrected" but as a powerful force, keeping her connected to home.
The following week, we continued exploring rhythm, line breaks, verse and stanza. We decided to focus on Acrostic poems and rhyming poems. We all chose a few topics that we would like to write about and then turned them into our own unique poems! In this News article, we would like to share some of our Favorite poems we have created over the past week. We hope to dive deeper into writing more poetry, and we are looking forward to our Poetry slam at the end of the term 4!

Summer

Sticky ice cream melting in my hand,
My cousins and I build a sculpture in the sand,
Sunlight burning on my skin ,
seagulls hovering around the bin.
Kites flowing in the blue sky,
Jetskis making loud noises,
children leaving sand toys.
In my room, it feels like freedom with the AC,
Wearing shorts every day,
palm tree near the bay,
Drinking cold berverages,
Collecting sea shells.
At home, cracking the crab's shell,
Seagulls following me while i have a sandwich in my mouth,
Splashing water with my friends,
I love the weekends!



Family

Fabulous family
Awesome and adorable
Marvelous and memorable
Inspiring and impeccable
Loving and caring
Yearning for each other's love





Happy Halloween

Written by: Linet





Happy Halloween, it's Halloween tonight!
It's the bestest spooky dream of the night.
We filled up our bags and buckets with treats
and lollies for us to eat.

Trapped



Trapped in a small scary place
get fed once a day,
but no room to play,
shall I ever get away
and spread my wings,
just for one day.

Ben Sharp





Christmas - Indiana King

Cookies fresh out of the oven, warm and gooey, carols playing on the TV, only 3 days before the best time of the year!

Hot chocolate, and gingerbread lay on the dining table, waiting for the guests to arrive!

Red, green and white smothers the house, flickering christmas lights blink all throughout the street.

Icy cold, frosty weather, icicles float around the sky, mountains of snow is piled up along the footpath.

Santa Claus is coming tonight! he will slide down our chimney, with his jolly old laugh, "HO HO HO!"

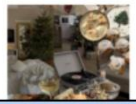
The house is filled with laughter, talking and bad, christmas jokes.

Mountains of presents are squished under the christmas tree, wrapped in gold striped paper, with big, red bows on top.

Advent calenders bring daily joy as we count up to the big morning.

Sleigh bells ring softly as reindeer glide across the starry night sky.







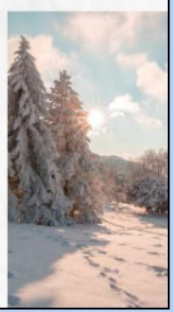
It is winter, branches snap and plants wither,
Frostbites deep and icicles splinter.
As the freezing winds come it makes the weather bitter.

The sparkle of snow gleaming like glitter,
Moonlight reflecting ever so silver,
And outside the branches shiver.

We grab wood to beat the winter,
And drinking cocoa all together,
Gather blankets to each and every person,
So they sit and chat in the open.
The smell of dough,
And the smell of cocoa,
Everyone is cozy out the snowstorms blow.







ACROSTIC POEM

JUNO

J is for joyous, playful and fun.
U is for unique our special one.
N is for natural, gentle and kind.
O is for optimist and positive mind.



Ocean Poem

Deep down in the dark,
Marine creatures roam around,
Fishes hiding from a reef shark,
But they always end up with the hound.
People sunbathing on the shore,
Just for them to get burnt,
Skin starting to severly soar,
But in the end they never learnt.

Written By Javin



Adelaide Film Festival Youth Gala Evening

On the 22nd of October, two groups of talented film makers from PNPS were invited to the AFF Youth Gala, where they were able to walk the 'pink' carpet and watch their short films be played on the big screen. The Receptions in A1 and A2 showcased The Magical Wishing Stone (directed by Molly and Michaela) and a group of Year 5/6 girls presented The Last to Leave (directed by Shreya).

A third PNPS film was also submitted to the festival, and it was shortlisted in the top 10 Best Primary School films as well. It was titled Sticks for Sale (directed by Alaska and Izzy) and featured students from a range of year levels across the school.

We had an absolute blast celebrating the hard work and amazing talent of our students, and we were very proud that our Reception film won the award for both 'Best Primary School Film' and 'Audience Choice'. Congratulations to all involved!





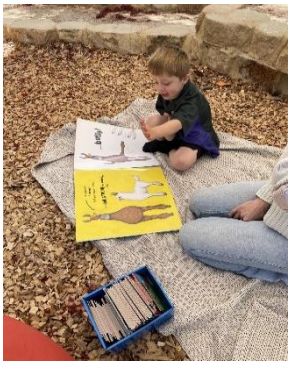
Nurture

We have been having fun in Nurture through play-based learning. We have been learning to share, negotiate rules, take turns and how to work as a team!

















PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual literacy initiative that encourages students from the mid-year reception intake all the way through to Year 12 to develop a love for reading

To complete the challenge, students must read 12 books between the start of the school year and early September.

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been recognized as one of the 55 High Achieving schools in 2026, and selected students will be attending the 2026 Premier's Reading Challenge Reception. This honor celebrates the exceptional dedication and hard work of our students and staff in this year's Challenge.



This year we had 264 students who completed the challenge.
62 students received a certificate for their first year participation
52 students received a bronze medal for 2 years participation
53 students received a silver medal for 3 years participation
32 students received a gold medal for 4 years participation
32 students received a champion medal for 5 years participation
25 students received a legend medal for 6 years participation

Extra congratulations goes to the 8 students who recieved the Hall of Fame medal this year. These students have participated in the challenge every year of primary school:

Alistair S	Benjamin A	Himaksh K	Anabel B
Zidan K	John K	Oti M	Naysa P













A3 Class Update

RAIN CATCHER

Over the past 10 weeks, students have been busy designing and developing the Arthur Street Garden, and we are pleased to share that the project is now **officially complete.**



A special feature of the garden is our handmade rain catcher sculpture, created with great care and creativity. Students made and painted clay pots, which were then hung on wire to help catch rain and attract bees to the space.

We are very proud of the effort that has gone into this project and are now working hard to keep our garden well maintained and thriving.

AUTHOR STUDY

In our Writer's Workshop sessions, students have been taking part in an author study of Alison Lester. Inspired by her wonderful storytelling style, students wrote and illustrated their own versions of Alison Lester's stories.

Alison Lester



A favourite part of the experience was creating our own water colour front covers, which allowed us to showcase both our creativity and our understanding of Alison Lester's unique style.







