

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

As we head into the final week of Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for the hard work that they have been doing behind the scenes over the past month in writing their Semester 1 reports for your children. There is a considerable amount of afterhours work put into each and every report and this is reflected in the final report that demonstrates just how well they know every student in their class. Reports will be sent home on Thursday next week, so please check your child's bag for them.

Do you have a child at home who is turning 5 in 2026? If you do, have you completed an expression of interest form to start the enrolment process for them? Term 1 Reception intake offers for 2026 will be sent out early in Term 3 and if you do not have an expression of interest form, we may not be able to guarantee a place for your child. Please contact the office urgently if you need to enroll your child.

Next week, all of our students in Reception to Year 5 will be attending the school Water Safety program at The ARC in Campbelltown. You should have now all received the relevant information for your child's class, including

lesson times. Please make sure that your child is at school on time with their swimming things, particularly if they are in the group going first thing in the morning. The buses will not be able to wait for late students.

In Term 3, Football South Australia will be holding their Football in Schools program here at PNPS on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:20-4:20pm. This program was very popular and a great success last year, so I'm sure that it will be supported by our community once again this year. Please keep an eye out in your emails for the information regarding how to enroll in the program. The program is run by Football South Australia and the cost can be covered using the School Sports Voucher. The school does not handle any aspects for the program.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school finishes at 2:15pm next Friday. Have a wonderful two weeks holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 26th July.

Russell Barwell
Principal

Term 2, 2025 28th April – 4th July
Term 3 2025 21st July – 26th September

June	30 th	Swimming commences Years R-5
July	4 th	Last day of term 2,
		2.15pm dismissal
	26 th	First day of term 4



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Room 1 and Studio 10 Buddies

Mango's Birthday!

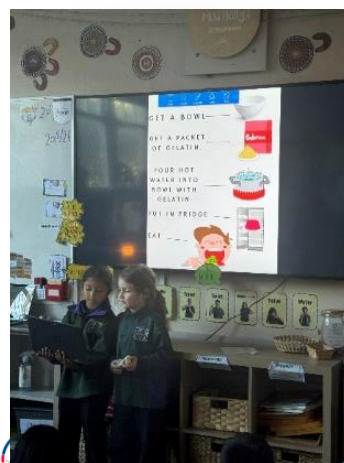


Last week, the Receptions in Room 1 went upstairs to celebrate Mango the Bearded Dragon's birthday with our Buddy Class, Studio 10. We wore party hats, made cards, decorated balloons, sang happy birthday and made Mango a cake made of meal worms! We love learning about Mango and how to care for him from the Studio 10 Herpetologists (scientists who study reptiles).



Room T17 and Room 6 Buddies

This term, students in T17 teamed up with their big buddies from Room 6 for an exciting inquiry project. Each buddy pair chose a "PI Question" - a big, open-ended question such as "Where does this food come from?" or "How is something made or grown?" They worked together to brainstorm, research, and create a presentation to share their findings. It was wonderful to see the creativity, teamwork, and curiosity shine through in each project. The final presentations were fantastic, we loved seeing the variety of topics explored and the confidence with which they were shared



Celebrating Our Talented Students at Prospect North's Got Talent

Our incredible students showcased their remarkable abilities at the annual Prospect North's Got Talent event during week 7.

Students had auditioned in the weeks leading up to this moment, with the finals taking place before the entire school. From magicians to cultural dancers, singers, and instrumentalists, the students delivered outstanding performances, and we commend each one of them.

A special congratulations goes to our winners!



The Performers

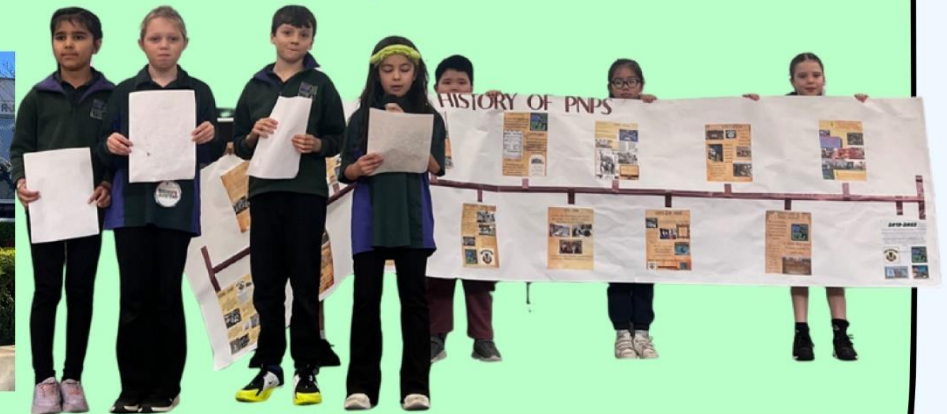
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Kiyaan	Javin
Freddie	Latisha
Vivaan	Issy
Rindeesha	Kahleesi
Solly	Nishka
Imogen & Kenzie	Nethmi
Varsha	Rudraa & Aaira
Jade	Sama & Sidiki
Lenny	Alaska
Liam	Elyza
Tanveer	Indi
Anayah	Maryam
Eva	Alina



NEWS FROM ROOM 7

HASS

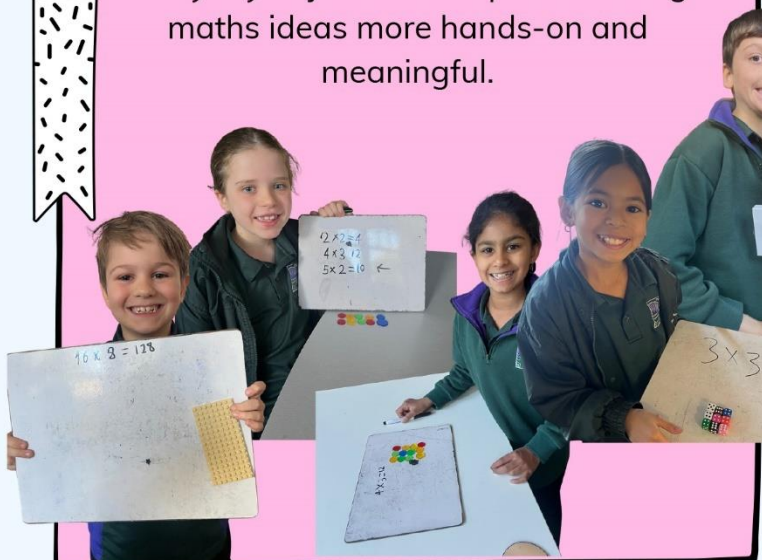
In HASS, we've been learning about the history of PNPS. Together with Room 6, students created a timeline of key events and wrote letters to a past student, asking what school life might have been like. There were plenty of surprised faces when they learned that students once had their hands and shoes inspected, boys and girls were separated, and mouths could be washed out with soap!



MATHS

In Maths, students have been developing their understanding of multiplication through hands-on exploration of arrays.

By becoming "array detectives" in the classroom, they discovered how multiplication is all around us, then applied that knowledge by creating their own visual representations using everyday objects. It's helped make big maths ideas more hands-on and meaningful.



STEM

Students have been working to design innovative solutions to support endangered animals. We've explored the design thinking process to deepen our understanding of conservation issues. We were fortunate to have a visit from Miss Alana's zookeeper friend Chad, who shared his insights and sparked some incredible questions. Students will soon present their final designs to him for authentic, real-world feedback. It's been a great way to connect their learning to life beyond the classroom.



UNICEF Donation

I am very pleased to share the news that the money raised by Room 9, year 3 and 4 students, in 2024 has been donated to UNICEF.

The student's gift of \$400 will help in some small way to address the suffering of families in this time of increased global conflict and natural disasters.

A sincere thankyou to last year's Room 9 students for your very fine modelling of global citizenship and compassion.

Kind regards to all, Vicki Sandstad.



Basketball

Last week, PNPS Senior Basketball Squads headed to Woodville High School for a Primary Schools Basketball competition, run by WHS Year 12 students.

There was some incredibly skilled and fast-paced basketball on show from both squads as they settled into their roles and looked to establish themselves in their respective divisions. We have some incredible basketballers at this school and it was a joy to watch them share court-time, support each other and showcase their skills in a competitive environment.

A particularly pleasing moment was when our girls team coming up against another school who were clearly younger, smaller and new to basketball. When they realised this (and established a lead), the girls supported the opposition to each get a basket. They returned rebounds to each girl after failed attempts and cheered them when they eventually scored. The girls showed great sporting spirit!

As finals arrived unfortunately our Boys Squad were edged out in a thrilling contest, meaning they had to settle for a 3rd place finish. Special mention to Charlie, Will & Marek who were outstanding throughout the day and caught the eye of watching Adelaide 36ers players.

The Girls Squad dominated their division, winning all their matches and even succeeding in the finals series, resulting in a 1st place finish.

Congratulations to Olivia Martin who was awarded with the divisions MVP award.





MATH INVESTIGATIONS

in Studio 11

In Studio 11, students are embarking on an exciting math investigation focused on probability. They are participating in a "Fair and Unfair Games Creation Expo," where they are designing two games: one fair and one intentionally unfair. This hands-on project allows students to delve into the principles of probability, understanding what makes a game balanced or skewed.



Through this investigation, students are exploring key probability concepts by calculating theoretical probabilities and comparing them with experimental results. They'll learn how probability affects fairness in games and develop skills in data analysis and critical thinking.



In week ten, students will have the exciting opportunity to test out each other's games. This interactive session will allow them to experience the games firsthand, analyse the probability concepts in action, and provide feedback to their peers. It's a fantastic way for students to apply their learning and engage in collaborative problem-solving.

Room 8

Room 8 have been learning about frictional, gravitational, and magnetic forces. We have made predictions, conducted fair tests and recorded the results of our experiments.



Room 8 designed and made 3D models that demonstrated how forces can be exerted by one object on another. We gave feedback and feedforward to each other, implemented changes and reflected on our designs. Keep a look out for our learning on the latest episode of PNTV!



UMS

Please Note
The Para vista Store will be
closed on
Wednesday 2nd July.

TERM 2

Winter School Holidays @The Lights

244 - 270 East Parkway, Lightview (cnr. East Parkway & Hampstead Rd)



Bookings Available online now at www.thelights.com.au
Got any questions? Speak with one of our friendly staff on 8405 6670

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

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- Nerf wars
- Mighty Days

*Mighty Day ages 5-12

*Mighty Days from \$50, refer to website

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