

Principal Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Father's Day/Special Friend Breakfast

There was a joyful atmosphere at PCS last Friday when we celebrated our Father's Day/Special Friend Breakfast prepared by staff, a past student and parent helpers. Many excited students shared a delicious egg and bacon roll with their dads, granddads and other significant people in their lives. The morning went off beautifully and we would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to support this school community event. The feedback from many dads and families was very positive. Make sure you check out the photos on the school's Facebook page.

After breakfast, our special guests took the opportunity to join their children in the classrooms to share in their learning journeys. It was great to see dads and family friends take time out of their busy lives, to enthusiastically participate in activities, learning and teaching alongside their children. The smiles on the children's faces said it all!



Communication

I want to take a moment to highlight the critical role that communication plays in the educational journey of our students. Effective communication fosters strong partnerships between the school and home, enhances student engagement, and ultimately contributes to the success of our children.

At PCS, we firmly believe that open lines of communication are essential. When parents and teachers collaborate, we create a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and emotionally. Sharing information about school events and student progress is vital, and it helps us all stay informed and involved in our children's education.

One of the key tools we utilise for communication is the **Compass app**. The Compass app is designed to keep you connected with your child's school life. By regularly checking the app, you can access important updates, monitor attendance, view assignments, and track academic progress. Staying engaged through this platform not only keeps you informed but also allows you to provide the support your child needs at home.

We understand that as busy parents, it may be challenging to find time to check for updates. However, I encourage you to make this a regular part of your routine. Whether it's setting aside a few minutes each week or utilising notifications to stay up to date, your involvement is invaluable. This shared responsibility in communication enhances our ability as educators to nurture your child's potential.

Our commitment to communication is a partnership, one that we believe will greatly benefit our students. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. Together, we can pave the way for a successful year filled with growth, achievement, and joy.

Regards,

Michael Smethurst

Principal

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



WEEK 6 AWARDS

Back Row (L to R): Neveah, Laylah, Blyth, Ben and Hugo.

Front Row (L to R): Bianca, Chelsea and Evie

WEEK 7 AWARDS

Back Row (L to R): Amy, Kealey, Chaise and Jobe.





Term 4 — Don't forget your hat!!

As the weather warms up, we remind our families that the UV rays become higher. Please remember that all students will be required to wear a hat from the beginning of Term 4.

It is Education Policy that School hats must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that your child has a hat for Term 4.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

6th September

School Basketball

12th September

R U OK Day

Divisional Athletics

17th September

Footy Colours Day

Footy Lunch Day

18th-20th September

Grade 3/4 Camp

G6 KSC Transition Days

20th September

Last Day of Term 3
(2.30pm Finish)

OCTOBER

7th Oct

Term 4 Starts

15th Oct

Regional Athletics

18th Oct

Working Bee (TBC)

25th Oct

Teacher's Day

Crazy Hair Day (TBC)

28th Oct

Grandparents Day

28th Oct - 1st Nov

Dental Van Visit

NOVEMBER

4th November

Student Free Day

5th November

Melbourne Cup

6th November

State Athletics

7th November

Grade 1 Dinner (TBC)

Grade 2 Sleepover (TBC)



Grade 4 Maths Update

Over the past few weeks, the grade four students have been working extremely hard on division in maths. Division is a key concept that lays the foundation for more complex math skills, and the students are taking this challenge head-on with enthusiasm and curiosity.

The students have been focusing on developing various strategies to assist in problem solving division equations. They have demonstrated skills in representing division in ; groups of, arrays, equal share and using key vocabulary.

Students have worked collaboratively with peers in the class to build upon ideas and share their knowledge. Grade fours will continue to develop their understanding of division the rest of the term.

We're thrilled to see our students' progress in division and look forward to their continued success.

Regards,

Grade four teaching team

