

# Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk

This week we welcomed 2 inspirational world leaders of education.

Ron Berger and Gwyn ap Hari have been in South Australia sharing their stories of successful schools both in the USA and UK. Both men are inspirational leaders working for excellence in schools and a strengths based curriculum for children to shine. Ron has written 8 educational books sharing a culture of real world learning and opportunities for students to improve their communities in a meaningful way. It was such a pleasure to host them in our school and have our students sit down for a podcast with Ron. You can view the full podcast on our school Facebook pages.



Some personal news, for 2025 I have accepted a role within the Department for Education to help design training courses for all levels of departmental staff. This course development will help enact the department's new strategy. The strategy wants schools to focus on 'Learner Agency', 'Wellbeing', teaching students to be 'effective learners' and 'equity and excellence', all elements that our school shows strength in.

It has been a very hard decision for me to step out of the school I love and have put countless hours into. We have an amazing and unique community here which will continue to flourish under Russell's leadership. My initial contract is for 1 year and Russell will step up as acting Principal in my absence.

I have really appreciated the work of governing council and the work that many of you do to support our community.

I look forward to celebrating the end of year with our families at the concert on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Marg Clark

### Term 4, 2024 14<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> December

November	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception transition visit 1
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception transition visit 2
December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Governing Council Dinner
	4 <sup>th</sup>	End of year concert
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Class transition visits and reports home
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day 2:15 finish





# CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION

## J17 & J18

Last Thursday on the spooky day of Halloween, the senior studios had a cake decoration competition. The whole point of the competition was to apply our creativity and collaborative effectively to make the best-looking Halloween themed cake possible. We only had one hour to try our absolute best to create a winning cake. After the one hour was over, we had to clean and get our tables neat and organised for the judge to vote. It was exciting for everyone. It will stand out as this year's highlight. After our judge Tracey looked around and scored everyone, the winning team was Alina, Olivia and Poppy followed by Fahu & Loukas, Claire, Buddhima & Anahita. Congratulations to all the winning teams!

Well done to all of the participants!



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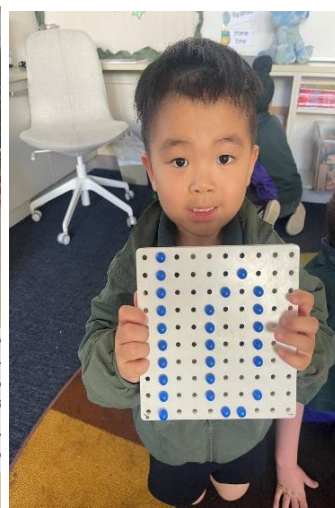
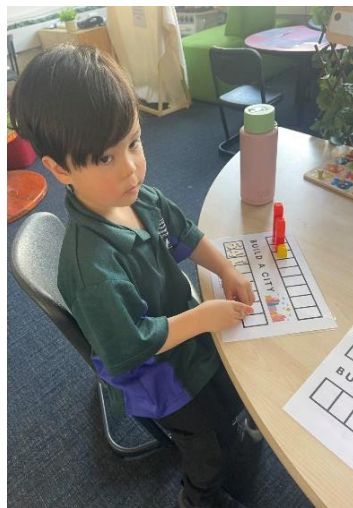


## Room 5 – Maths Play

This term, the reception students in room 5 have been participating in maths play.

During maths play, the students move through a range of play experiences to consolidate and practice numeracy skills that have been taught during maths lessons.

The skills include counting, understanding and using numbers and practicing number formation.



**Happy Diwali**

In Room 6 and 7, we have been learning about the Hindu festival, Diwali! Students that celebrate Diwali shared their experiences celebrating with family and friends.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights, so we made some artwork that uses the sun to light up our classroom with beautiful colours. During Diwali houses are decorated with rangoli, traditional sweets are made and shared and a lot of celebrations occur with loved ones.



## PNTV short Film

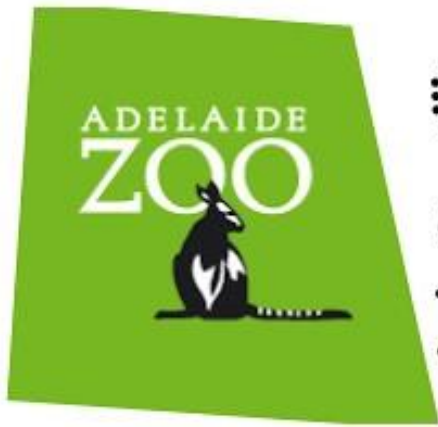
This week, we are thrilled to premiere our brand-new PNTV short film 'The Ripple Effect', directed by the talented Dash and Zayra. We couldn't be prouder of these students for creating such an incredible piece of art they'll cherish for years. A special thank you to Patrick and the entire T15 class for their participation and dedication in bringing this project to life.

In a world where a single act of kindness can change everything, "The Ripple Effect" tells a poignant and heartwarming story of transformation and empathy. Our film begins with a new student, a girl who arrives at school only to be met with bullying and isolation. She feels utterly alone, her spirit weighed down by the harsh treatment from her peers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yW4RLF-644M>







# Receptions at the Zoo



The four reception classes went on an exciting excursion to the zoo on Tuesday Week 2. We went with the focus to learn about animal habitats and even helped a zoo keeper create a suitable home for Harry, the Australian Skink. We learnt that animals need food, water, shelter, heat/cold source, air and enrichment to survive. All animals need different things. We also enjoyed seeing the different habitats around the zoo, and the animals that live there. Highlights were seeing the giraffes, pandas, echidna, sea lion, meerkats and watching the bird show.





# PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading to improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

This year we had a total of **306 students** who completed the Premier's Reading challenge! This means 75% of our school students participated in the Challenge.

83 students receive participation certificates for their first year of participation.

55 students receive Bronze Awards for two years participation.

72 students receive Silver Awards for three years participation.

55 students receive Gold Awards for four years participation.

19 students have participated for five years, and have achieved the Champion Award this year:

We would also like to congratulate the following **14** students who have achieved the Legend Award this year, for six years participation:

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| Ivanna  | Ziaan     | Enzo      |
| Sama    | Arya      | Mia       |
| Poppy R | Alina     | Christian |
| James   | Charlie Y | Genevieve |
| Ava K   | Gauravie  |           |

This year, we also congratulate the 8 students who have achieved the Hall of Fame Honour, meaning they have participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge for seven years.

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| Dash  | Zayra    | Buddhima |
| Naksh | Victoria | Anahita  |
| Rose  | Claire   |          |

To all our students, Congratulations on your persistence to complete the challenge. The premier's Reading challenge will start again on the first day of school next year.



**UMS**  
WE'VE MOVED UMS CLEARVIEW LOCATION

THE UNIFORM SHOP HAS RELOCATED TO A NEW PREMISES AT PARA VISTA.  
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END OF YEAR CELEBRATION  
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**FRIDAY**  
6 DEC 2024

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM  
UPPER PRIMARY STUDENTS (YEARS 5 AND 6)

TICKETS \$5

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# PNPS'S 90TH BIRTHDAY SPECIAL!



## TOP STORY: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEARS. HOW HAS SCHOOL CHANGED OVER THE PAST 90 YEARS?

This term we have been exploring how school life has changed over the last 90 years, discussing topics like how technology has evolved, what games children used to play, and how classrooms operated in the past. As we celebrate PNPS's 90th anniversary, we have also enjoyed making birthday cards, discussing birthday traditions, and participating in "birthday party" events.



### PROPRIOCEPTION MONDAYS

Crossing the midline, focusing on balance and recalling sequences. All wrapped up in a fun game with silly challenges!



## "WHISKING UP FUN EVERY WEDNESDAY!"

### FRIDAY GAME DAY

Friday, students come together to play a variety of games that encourage teamwork, strategic thinking and enjoyment. Through a mix of classic games and new favourites, students get a chance to practice social skills, such as taking turns, communicating effectively, and working cooperatively with their peers.