FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Even though we are getting towards the end of the term we have by no means begun to slow down. Our biggest excitement for the last week has been the amazing performance from our four teams that participated in the TOURNAMENT OF MINDS on the weekend. After being mentored by Anna Weinert over the last six weeks on effective problem-solving the teams had to solve challenges from a choice of disciplines, including Science Technology, Language literature Engineering Mathematics & Social Sciences.

I am proud to announce that one team was able to, through their diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and discipline to work collaboratively, come out as the South Australian winners. A very big CONGRATULATIONS from all of the community. (Please see the students comments later on in the newsletter).

IMPORTANT: On Monday all families were notified via email of a case of Influenza A in our Junior Primary. Please make sure you have read the email and gone to the following link if you need further information.


Seat belts

Being on crossing monitor duty a few times a week I am surprised at the number of students who are unstrapped in cars as they go by. Often the children still have their backpack on their back and therefore are sitting forward on the seat. From the following website:


It states that Children 4 years up to 7 years must use either an approved forward-facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness, or a booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted lap-sash seatbelt or child safety harness. They must not travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has two or more rows of seats, unless all the other seats are occupied by children who are also under 7 years. Please take the time to go to the website if you are unsure of the laws regarding the safe restraining of your child.

Karen Duval Acting Principal
T.O.M participants comments

It was really fun to compete on the day with the rest of my team, but it was also really challenging at the same time. I also liked working with other people and getting out of my comfort zone. I learnt new things like how to perform and I gained more acting skills. I also think that none of us could have done anything without Anna’s support. I can’t wait to have another shot next year in high school.

Ella Weir

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Oliva Taylor

I really enjoyed this experience being with friends, competing against other teams and seeing all the different schools. I also liked walking around the university and seeing all the stuff they had. I can’t wait to do it next year in high school. I also really liked having everyone’s support and I think Anna did a really good job coaching us.

Elizabeth Brusnahan

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Masoumeh Heidari

I thought that T.O.M was a really great experience and I learnt new strategies and made stronger friendships. On the Sunday was a great day and we all had fun. Also I think that none of us could have done this without Anna and her support.

Indi Henley

Amelie and Ashanti

I really enjoyed Tournament Of Minds because it was lots of fun to have a go and forget about people watching you and possibly judging you. Tournament Of Minds helped improve my confidence in public and around people I don’t know very well. I had a great time at Flinders University and thoroughly enjoyed the long term challenge. I made some amazing new friends through Tournament Of Minds.

Maddie Berryman

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T.O.M participants comments

The whole T.O.M was a really fun experience and I enjoyed every bit of it. Going to Flinders University and competing against so many teams and schools was an amazing experience. I enjoyed working independently in our team, without teachers help for our long term challenge because we all learnt to do everything alone and to get through any problems or challenges we have along the way. 

Mariah Poulis

Tom was a good experience for me it really encouraged creativity, teamwork, leadership and builds confidence, it was fun to compete against other schools. Ela Lukac

T.O.M was really fun and exciting but it was challenging, I liked the creativity of the other teams and it was such a great opportunity to experience. Imogen Miller

During the whole time at T.O.M I learnt about problem solving and working better as a team. It was a great time to spend with friends and I gained a lot of confidence with working together and acting in front of others. I really enjoyed the whole experience and definitely recommend it for others next year!

Olga Tavlaridis

I found TOM to be challenging, fun and a great experience for my last year of primary school. I’ve had fun with all my friends and it is a great opportunity for all students and I recommend tom for all people. Tisharn

T.O.M was amazing, it was one of the best experiences of my life, I loved walking around with my team and feeling so proud of what me and my have team have achieved together. I loved being up there and seeing the judges’ expressions ad opinions whilst we performed and the spontaneous was a great way to show how me and my team work together. Winning felt amazing, standing up there with my team knowing that all our hard work had paid off and that we were the champions! Lilith Winter

Something I really enjoyed whilst doing tom was talking and working with all these people I personally don’t play or talk with. I made great friends and loved having the chance to use creativity in a new way. Ivy Bell

Well my experience at tom was very fun because I got to act and I love acting, I felt very happy with my team and my team and I may have forgotten our lines but it WAS SOOOOOOOOOOO FUN, I want to do it again. I wish we could do it again and have fun. Vicky Neolceous

T.O.M was an amazing experience with friends. I had gained my confidence while by performing in front of a crowd and levelled up my acting skills. The amount of teamwork, effort and fun persuaded me to join T.O.M again next year.

Liana Dib

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TERRIFIC KIDS PROGRAM

Each term, two students will be chosen to receive the Terrific Kids Award, an initiative of the Kiwanis International Prospect Club. TERRIFIC kids are thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive and caring.

This term, the two award recipients were Bibi from Rm 15 and Jack from Rm 9. Each student received a certificate and a $40 Dymock voucher. Congratulations.

PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Charlie rm 6, Charlie rm 7, Ingrid rm 9, Angus rm 18 and Isabella rm 18 for all receiving Honourable Mention. These students received a $30.00 Book Voucher as a prize for their writing entries!
International friendships

This year due to the hard work of Michelle Hutchins, our EALD teacher, class teachers and host families we have been fortunate to have many students from abroad come and experience Australian schooling here at PPS. We learn so much from having these visitors. This letter was from one of our Chinese visitors that had been hosted in Room 6 typifies the importance of these partnerships.

Dear classmates:

I am so happy that I can learn English and play games with all of you. I have stayed here for 5 weeks, quickly as open eyes and close eyes. I am very sad to must leave you. Sometimes, I really don’t want to go back to China. You have many virtue, just like as respect everyone, give people encourage and so on. You gave me lots of help, thank you very much.

Now I am better in English, know more things. But that is not all. I step a deeper and wilder world more than ever, girls and boys with different skin colour can have a very happy time. I will remember you again with my deep sincerity, especially Ashleigh, Keely, fortune, Sarah and so on. The school is not the same, if you study one day in my Guangzhou School, you will understand my feeling. I will miss you!

Emergency foster carers needed

Foster care agencies are currently seeking emergency and short term foster carers.

What is emergency foster care?

Sometimes children need urgent placement with a foster carer because there are concerns for the child’s immediate safety. These placements can occur any time, day or night, including after hours and on weekends.

‘Emergency’ does not mean you start today. All foster carers receive thorough training and assessment to ensure the children placed with you are safe and that you have the skills needed to provide quality care.

For more information, visit the Families SA website.

Contact: Program Officer, Foster Care Services, Maria Krahling, phone 8226 6617
SPORT

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 30th August Mrs Butler, Simon and myself had the pleasure of taking 47 athletes from Prospect Primary School to the North Adelaide District Athletics Day. The event was held at SANTOS Athletics Stadium and we competed against other primary schools in the North Adelaide District, including Rosary, Walkerville, St Peter’s, Wilderness, North Adelaide, Prospect North, Nailsworth and CBC. To compete against other schools in such a big stadium was a great experience for our students and fun was had by everyone. All students competed with pride, enthusiasm and effort. We witnessed some very talented athletes that day, including our own Eleni Biris who won both the 100m and 200m and now has the opportunity represent both Prospect Primary School and the North Adelaide District at the state carnival in week 10. Congratulations to all athletes involved.

Miriam Bourke
SAPSASA Co-ordinator

PROSPECT PRIMARY CRICKET FOR TERM 4

Want to play cricket with your mates from school? Here’s your chance!

KANGA CRICKET Years 2/3: 6 to 8 players per team

Played on Friday nights at Prospect Oval (Wilcox Ave, Prospect) between 5:30 and 6:30 on dual pitches (to ensure kids are always involved) with teams from other schools in the area. It is suitable for children in years 2 & 3. Players wear school colours.

JUNIOR CRICKET Years 4/5: 6 to 8 players per team

Played at Prospect Primary School and at other schools in the district (to be advised) on Saturday mornings at 8.30am. Matches take about 2 hours. Players wear school colours

SENIOR CRICKET Years 6/7: 6-8 players per team

Played at Prospect Primary School and at other schools in the district (to be advised) on Saturday mornings at 8.15am. Players wear school colours. As a leather ball is used children are required to wear all protective equipment, which is provided.

Matches commence on the weekend of 28/10.
Training is at the discretion of the coach.

This competition can’t go ahead without the participation of some adult
volunteers in the roles of Coaches, Managers, Scorers.

Please think about donating your time so that your child can enjoy some weekend sport.
For more information or to register your interest, contact Carol Young
youngcarol67@gmail.com
FUNDRAISING

Well done to our Father’s Day stall held on Friday 26 August.

Co-ordinated by parent Amanda Walsh from our fundraising team we raised $952 to go towards improving the playground experience for students.

Many thanks to the following parents for all their support in the lead up or on the day: Amanda Walsh, Amy Thomson, Cate Ryan, Cherie Lane, Christel Crowther, Christie Neill, Diana Toyakuta, Gen Miller, Kathy Nixon, Lili Eldic, Marketa Berryman, Sam Brown and Sonia Green.

Really hope our dad’s enjoyed the gifts selected on the day!

1st Prize $500
2nd Prize $150
3rd Prize $100
5 Prizes $50

Select a number between 1 and 300 for your chance to win a cash prize in our Mystery Lock fundraising challenge.

$20 per guess payable at the front office.

All funds raised will contribute to improving the playground experience for our students.

Drawn once all combinations are sold out!

This is open to all families and friends of Prospect Primary School, so please help us spread the word!
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<td><strong>Adelaide Zoo</strong>&lt;br&gt;MUST BE AT SCHOOL BY 9:00AM. We are spending the day at the Adelaide Zoo.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 5th October</td>
<td><strong>OSHC Cinema Day!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear your pyjamas and come watch some movies at OSHC on the projector!</td>
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<td>Tuesday 4th October</td>
<td><strong>Inflatable World!</strong>&lt;br&gt;MUST BE AT SCHOOL BY 8:30AM. Today we are going to an inflatable world! It is an indoor inflatable playground full of everything inflatable.</td>
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<td>Monday 3rd October</td>
<td><strong>Public Holiday Labour Day!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Today is a public holiday therefore there will be no OSHC today!</td>
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Activity: Outdoor Activity: Today we are going to spend some time outside blowing bubbles! Please Remember to Pack: Recess and Lunch, Water Bottle, Hat.


Activity: Cooking: Let's cook up a storm and bake cookies! Please Remember to Pack: Recess and Lunch, Water Bottle, Hat, Movies.

Activity: We are making cupcakes this afternoon! Please Remember to Pack: Recess and Lunch, Water Bottle, Hat, Socks.
Wednesday 21st September – Week 9
Theme: We all live in a rainbow world!
Students are encouraged to wear casual clothes in rainbow colours.
Peace Day Assembly in the gym at 9.30am. All Welcome.

WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO SHARE AND CELEBRATE WITH OUR COMMUNITY THAT A SPECIAL EDITION OF OUR E-NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT OUT ON MONDAY.  

Karen Duval