On Thursday the 4th of August we had an Aboriginal Children’s Day. We did three different activities like Aboriginal sports games, storytelling and Aboriginal handcraft. We saw a woman talk about who she was and where she came from—like what mob she was from. She also did a smoking ceremony where all the Indigenous kids got up and put gum leaves on the smoke. Everyone had a good time getting dressed up and doing all the games.

By Breanna and Jirrah, Grade 5/6

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear parents, students and friends,

There is no doubt that schools are busy places all year round; however, it would be difficult to find a more eventful period of time than we have experienced over the past fortnight here at Preston South Primary School. In addition to a range of academic activities, students in Prep to year 6 have been involved in an array of house, sport, and other fun activities around the school. I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents for supporting the school with the co-curricular activities. These activities extend our students so that they can achieve their best in a variety of aspects of school life as well as contributing to the wider community.

PERSONAL SAFETY PROGRAM

In the near future, we will be introducing a child safety program entitled Personal Safety Program. This program has been designed to provide children with the skills to know what to do in situations where they may be at risk of harm. Sadly, there are times when we cannot be there to provide protection for our children. Therefore, we believe it is very important, as a school community, that we do everything we can to provide our children with skills in self-protection. To ensure that parents and carers are fully informed and know how to help children to stay safe, we will hold an information session at our school, which you are encouraged to attend. **4.00pm Wednesday 17th August – Library**

PASTA DAY

Thank you to all the parents who helped to cook the delicious pasta lunch for students last Wednesday! As you can see from these happy faces it well received. Your donation of time and food (goods) was really appreciated.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN’S DAY

On Thursday August 4th we held a special assembly and Welcome to Country by Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Diane Kerr. Students enjoyed the ceremony and all the activities planned. Federal Labour MP Hon. David Feeney presented Breanna with a gift for our school.
SCHOOL COUNCIL
School Council recently approved the Parents Club Charter. We encourage all parents to come along to these meetings. The aim of the club is to provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child’s school as well as contribute to the wellbeing of the school community. School council also approved the gender identify policy. Please come along to our next meeting – 9.00am, Thursday 18th August, in the staffroom.

P.S.P.S OLYMPICS
Congratulations to all the students for participating in the house team Olympics. Students got into the spirit of the games, demonstrating sportsmanship and support. Even the teachers showed the support for their own house teams!
Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on the day.

PLAY PROJECT
A representative from Football Federation Australia (FFA) visited Preston South Primary school and delivered an exciting physical education program called “Huff ‘N Puff.” The program focused on a series of motivating games and activities that challenged students to think creatively about alternatives to screen-time, equipping them with the practical knowledge and awareness to make positive lifestyle choices. Students looked at active play through the ages, ways of achieving their 60 minutes of active activity each day and the impact of excessive recreational screen-time on our bodies.

EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL AND MULTICULTURAL CITIZENSHIP
Yesterday our school hosted 12 teachers (including 3 Principals) from ‘Tsung Tsin Christina Academy’, in Hong Kong. The department of Education recognises that Schools that make internationalising a fundamental part of their teaching and learning are better placed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and attributes required for a globalised world.
Staff and students were thrilled to share their teaching and learning with our guests. The exchange of information, resources and experiences was invaluable. We are hoping to build a relationship with schools not only in our neighbourhood but globally.
Our next overseas guests will be from Vietnam!

This exchange of learning is a testament to the great teaching and learning at P.S.P.S.
I would like to thank all the staff and students for their hard work, dedication and conduct, especially our wonderful Mandarin teacher Sarah Huang.
Recently the Education Department published a study on our school titled “Strong Educational Foundations at Preston South Primary School”. We are thrilled with the article and the attention we are getting.