

THE PINES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2

Term 1

9th February 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone. Welcome to our new students (all 160 of them) and their families. We have had a very settled and great start to the year.

Next Wednesday 15th February is our Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM we discuss progress and priorities from 2016 and elect our new Governing Council. Further information on Governing Council is included in this newsletter.

Prior to the AGM the school will be open for Acquaintance Evening - Meet the Teacher. From 5:30pm-6:00pm Mr Konnis and I will provide information in the staffroom on strategies our school has been using to assist our students to be successful. From 6:00pm-7:15pm all classrooms will be open for parents to meet teachers. The AGM will be held in the staffroom at 7:30. Looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday 15th February.

Just a reminder that notes have gone home regarding The Big Splash on Thursday 16th February, this is to celebrate our first weeks back and for our social skills programme.

Notes will come home next week regarding swimming lessons for years R-5 and IELC R-7, this will be held in week 10, from the 3rd April. Cost will be approximately \$30 for Primary and \$27 for Junior Primary.

Cherie Collings
Principal

All students at our school are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge requires students to read 12 books a year to receive a certificate or medal during term 4. Eight of the books must be from the approved list and 4 can be student choice. Books can be read as part of school work or at home. As students finish reading each book they need to have it signed off by their class teacher, a parent or another teacher in the school who regularly works with them such as the EALD teacher or the Special Ed teacher. We have hundreds of approved books in our library for students to borrow and approved books can also be borrowed from local public libraries as well. Very young students who are not reading independently yet can have the books read to them. E books and other audio books are also suitable but must be listened to in completion. Please encourage your children to participate in the challenge as much as possible and if you have any questions phone the school and ask to speak to Toulas Girgolas.

PREMIER'S READING

Challenge



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education
and Child Development

Dates to Remember February Week 3

Wednesday
15th February
AGM &
Acquaintance
Night

Thursday
16th February
The Big Splash

March Week 7

13th March
Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday

Week 8

Tuesday
21st March
Harmony Day

Week 9

Parent Teacher
Interview Week

Week 10

R-5 Swimming
IELC R-7

REMINDER

Please advise the school as soon as possible of any change of:
Address
Telephone Numbers
Emergency Contacts etc.

It is vital that our records are kept up to date.

Thank you.

Cherie Collings
Principal
Sam Konnis
Assistant Principal

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Welcome back everyone, a warm welcome to new families at The Pines. For those who do not already know me, my name is Jacqui Simpson and I am the School Counsellor. This year I am looking forward to working with students, parents, staff and the community. I hope to help in any way I can to assist children to positively engage with their learning. Last year we saw many great programs and activities evolve and I look forward to watching this continue.

Last week I had the opportunity to visit all classes. We have had a focus on school values, the Child Protection Curriculum and Program Achieve in the first two weeks. It has been lovely to see the students engaging positively with their peers and teachers. I look forward to seeing some of the creative ways that students have documented their learning.

A reminder about the importance of regular attendance and being at school on time. Regular attendance for children means that they are more likely to succeed in academics, as teachers are able to build their knowledge and monitor their progress. They are also able to develop strong friendships and a sense of belonging. Regular attendance at school leads to success in a variety of ways. We will be monitoring student attendance closely again this year. All unexplained absences will be followed up. Please notify to the school in advance if you know that your child will not be attending school. I am looking forward to a fantastic 2017.

Jacqui Simpson
School Counsellor

Volunteering at The Pines School.

Are you interested in helping out at school?

We welcome volunteer support in a variety of ways including listening to reading, shelving books in the library, supporting on special occasions and being on the school's parent decision making body, 'The Governing Council'.

Before volunteers can help out in a school they must complete the Reporting Abuse and Neglect Volunteers Training Course (RAN). We will be running the course for interested people on Monday 20th February at 9am in the school staffroom.

If you are interested in attending please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.



I am interested in attending the volunteers' (RAN) training course

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Name of child: _____ Child's class _____

First 2 Weeks of Learning at The Pines

Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never, never - in nothing great or small, large or petty. Never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. ~ Winston Churchill

The start of the school year is a great time to reflect and to set some goals going into 2017. Our students have been learning about how to approach their learning with a 'Growth Mindset' in these first few weeks of the year. We look forward to seeing all of our students work hard to make progress.



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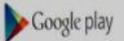
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2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
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6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



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2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
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The Women's Information Service provides a culturally respectful and safe place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. You don't have to have an issue to come in, you can just drop by to have a yarn and a cup of tea or coffee.

The Women's Information Service [WIS] is a free and confidential service for all women in South Australia. We are committed to providing accurate information and aim to empower women to make informed decisions.

You can talk to us about:

- family life and relationships
- domestic / family violence, sexual assault and safety
- health and wellbeing
- housing options
- financial matters
- women's groups and events
- education, training and career paths
- anything at all.

Call us, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(08) 8303 0590 or freecall 1800 188 158

Women's Information Service

All women have different lives with different questions.

If you're not sure what services can assist you we can help you find the right one without going around in circles. WIS is not a counselling service but provides a safe and respectful place for women to come in and have a yarn about anything. We will do what we can to provide you with the support that you need.

Our services for women include:

- information and referral
- computer/internet access
- Family Court Support
- SMS call back
- rural phone link up
- tax help
- Ombudsman outreach.

Women's Information Service

A free information, referral and support service for all sistas in South Australia

Shop front
Monday - Friday, 10am to 4pm
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 The Women's Information Service is wheelchair accessible.