

# THE PINES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8

Term 2

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

Dear Families,

A very busy term is fast coming to an end. Teachers have been very busy writing reports to provide valuable information on your child's progress. Just a reminder to parents that the last day of this term is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July and children will be dismissed at 2:00pm.

During our pupil free day all The Pines teachers joined other teachers from our Partnership in Professional Development focussing on Stem Strategies (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths**).

Teachers were very enthused about the various workshops, and took away the important message about facilitating "Critical and Creative Thinking" in Stem and in all other areas of the curriculum.

As I walk around classrooms, it is very pleasing to note that children are still very focused on their learning and indeed showing the dispositions of a "Growth Mindset".

The School has a couple potential Crows stars of the future. Bailey Innes and Harry Wheeler represented The SAPSASA Para Districts Football team successfully. Their team was undefeated during the week long carnival.

Not to be outdone, 31 Yr6/7 girls represented our school in a SAPSASA knock out competition last week and from all reports had a most enjoyable experience and performed most credibly.

Sam Konnis  
Acting Principal



Congratulations to  
Harry (Room 25)  
and  
Bailey (Room 37)  
who represented  
The Pines  
at the  
South Australia District Football  
Carnival.



Government  
of South Australia  
Department for Education  
and Child Development

**Dates to  
Remember**

**JUNE**

**Week 9**

Wednesday 28th  
June  
School Photos

**Week 10**

Friday 7th July  
Last day of term  
Assembly  
11:50am

**Early  
Dismissal  
School  
finishes at  
2:00 pm**

Pyjama Day  
Gold Coin  
Donation

## **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.

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Principal  
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# Room 25



## PLASTIC: FRIEND OR FOE?

How would you feel if you were choking on plastic?

2,000,000 tonnes of plastic gets thrown away each year in Australia.

In storms, plastic bags and rubbish made from plastic get blown into the drains and go out into the ocean. Once the plastic gets into the ocean, fish and birds think it is food. They assume it is jellyfish or some sort of other animal. Lots and lots of wildlife die each year from plastic. It affects marine animals such as dolphins, turtles, sharks and fish because it looks like food.



Also, micro plastic, which is tiny bits of plastic that have already broken down, chokes these species.



For many years rubbish has been choking the ocean. The Pacific has become the world's largest plastic dump and it's not good for future generations. Humans are sometimes thoughtless and careless because they pollute the environment. We need to stop using plastic and use alternatives like reusable containers instead.

Furthermore, five billion plastic bags are thrown away every year in Australia. This is about 200kg of plastic. This is collected by councils and dumped into landfill. Landfill is a place that is dug out approximately 16m down and where trucks go and dump the rubbish. When it is full, people that work for the council cover the pit and plant trees and might build houses on top of it. After it is full these council workers find a new place to put the rubbish. If we keep this up eventually, there won't be any buildings, schools, houses or cities.

The most important reason of all is we strongly believe that we should make laws about banning single use plastic bags. Plastic bags are a disgrace to our community. Only South Australia, Northern Territory, A.C.T. and Tasmania have banned plastic bags. We think it is shocking that the other States have not copied and done the right thing. We demand that the Queensland, N.S.W. and Victorian Governments ban single use plastic bags. These people should have banned their use like other States have. Aren't we supposed to be one country?

Some states of Australia and many other countries have been saying no to plastic bags and some people say we still need them.



# COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Little Lessons Australia is proud to announce a PARENT seminar with...

## Mark Le Messurier



Mark Le Messurier is a well-known teacher, counsellor and author of 11 books. He is the co-author of BOTH 'What's the Buzz? friendship/ social skills building programs now assisting children (4 to 14 years) in schools and organisations around the world - <http://www.whatsthebuzz.net.au/>. He regularly presents at conferences and is a recipient of an Australian National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mark works in schools and in private practice in Adelaide with young people he affectionately calls 'Tough Kids'. He is the architect of the 'Mentoring Program' now running in many Catholic and state schools throughout Australia to support vulnerable students. Mark's book, **RAISING BEAUT KIDS** (\$35), follows **PARENTING TOUGH KIDS** (\$35) which became an international best seller. Mark's books will be available at the workshop for purchase, using cash or credit card. Mark will offer **RAISING BEAUT KIDS** and **PARENTING TOUGH KIDS** together as a **BOOK BUNDLE** for the discounted price of \$50. Proceeds from book sales go to Hutt Street Centre - <https://www.huttstreetcentre.org.au/>



### SIBLING RIVALRY WHAT'S IT ABOUT AND HOW TO RESHAPE IT

A seminar for Parents/Carers  
*(Please note, the content of this event is for adults, no crèche)*

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

This workshop comes from Mark's books - **RAISING BEAUT KIDS** and **PARENTING TOUGH KIDS**

Competition between siblings has occurred since the beginning of time as kids vie for time, attention, love, resources and approval from their parents. It's not new!

Many of Shakespeare's plays were tangled around sibling rivalry because it sets an intriguing backdrop of one-upmanship, scheming and deception. What about the sibling rivalry between troublemaker, Bart Simpson and his nerdy sister, Lisa? A few sitcoms have portrayed healthy connections between brothers and sisters in series as; Everybody Loves Raymond, Frasier, Brothers and Sisters and Parenthood. Some are worth a watch!

Sibling relationships are the longest lasting and most constant intimate relationships formed by human beings - and mostly, they are driven by affection. They last longer than most friendships, through the deaths of parents and beyond many, many marriages. Sharing an extended shared history from early childhood into old age is significant! When the 'sibling relationships' are supported by parents in the early years they are likely to develop stronger self-esteem and feel more able to deal positively with their experiences. They are likely to be more compassionate, tolerant of differences and family connections will be stronger.

Let's talk, share, review and bring together our best management tools because there are a host of simple things we can do to help our kids 'get along' with one another!

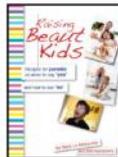
Hewett Centre  
28-30 Kingfisher Drive  
Hewett SA 5118

Registration from 6.30pm  
Presentation  
7.00 - 8.30 pm

Ticket Prices: Early Bird  
\$40 plus booking fee  
(limited tickets) then General  
Admission \$45 plus booking  
fee

Bookings & Payment online  
only at  
[https://marklemessurierhewett.  
eventbrite.com.au](https://marklemessurierhewett.eventbrite.com.au)

Be quick! Bookings due to  
close on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Please note, minimum numbers are  
required for this event to proceed.

#### Questions?

Please contact  
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IT IS NOT HAPPY  
PEOPLE WHO ARE  
THANKFUL. IT IS  
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HAPPY.

*What are you and your  
family grateful for?  
Maybe you could all try  
and think of 1 or 2  
things that you are  
thankful for over the  
weekend.*

*There is scientific  
evidence that supports  
gratitude increases  
happiness.*

*Jacqui Simpson  
School Counsellor*



Hi from Ms. Caroline, as the children call me.

Just in case you were wondering what we are getting up to in JAM on

Thursdays at lunchtimes, here are a few pictures which are worth a 1,000 words!

Parent permission is required to attend this activity because we talk about Christian beliefs.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FAMILY PHOTOS

Please note Sibling Family Photos will be taken between 8:30am – 9:00am on Photo Day.

Please go straight to the Hall.



## "Say Cheese"



**MSP Photography  
are on their way!!!**

**School Photo Day is:**

Wednesday, 28th June 2017

**Have your child's school memories  
captured forever.**

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other – You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

Please feel free to visit our web site  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

For photo enquiries Phone: (08) 8132 1148 or Email: [enquiries.adl@msp.com.au](mailto:enquiries.adl@msp.com.au)

"The Entertainment Book is such a great way to try new restaurants. It's also a great opportunity to help community organisations".

Entertainment books  
available  
in the Front Office.

