

THE PINES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8

Term 2

23rd 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 7th 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



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.



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

Cherie Collings
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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 20TH 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!

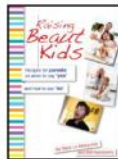
Hewett Centre
28-30 Kingfisher Drive
Hewett SA 5118

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 30th June 2017



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

Questions?

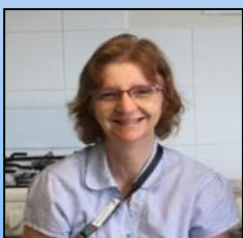
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IT IS NOT HAPPY
PEOPLE WHO ARE
THANKFUL. IT IS
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PEOPLE WHO ARE
HAPPY.

*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

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

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