



Week 11, Term 1 11th April 2019

Respect, Belonging and Fun Engaged Learning

Leadership News

Well done to our students on a great Term 1. We wish all children a safe and restful holiday and look forward to everyone returning on **Tuesday 30th April** (Monday 29th is a Pupil Free Day).

Recently we sent home parenting information in a green bag. These resources were provided to us by Parenting SA. It's been pleasing to receive positive feedback from families about the information sent home.

Last year we received feedback in our parent survey which indicated families would like more information about parenting engagement. The parent passport in the bag is optional.

If you would like further information from Parenting SA, we have fliers available called 'Parent Easy Guides' on a stand in our Front Office



This term in Health, Years 1 to 3 students are learning about Food and Nutrition. We have been focusing on the *Australian Guide to Healthy Eating* circle. In class, we decided that we wanted to show our learning and creativity within our school community so we approached Ms. Sue in the canteen to see if she would like to display our healthy food art. Ms. Sue was delighted with our idea and couldn't wait to see the final creations.

Room 32 & 33 spent two lessons creating art representing healthy foods from all of the food groups. We brought them to life using fluro coloured freeze tape to border them and now they are displayed in our school canteen. If you have a spare moment, please go in a have a look \odot - Miss B



Dates to Remember

Term 2

Week 1

Pupil Free Day Monday, 29th April

Term 2 begins Tuesday 30th April

Week 5

Reconciliation Week

Week 6
7th June
Pupil Free day

Week 7

10th June

Public Holiday

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National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Thank you to all of the students that entered our poster competition as part of 'National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence'. Congratulations to Tanzila in Room 23 and Sakara in Room 43 for their winning posters.



We are a 'Bucket Filling' school at The Pines



The SRC has promoted the concept of 'Bucket Filling' this term and all classes have contributed ideas of ways to 'fill someone's bucket' and also how to 'fill their own bucket'. After the students' ideas were collected, we incorporated this into designing a mural to celebrate that we are a 'bucket filling' school. It has been wonderful to see and hear children's, parent's and teacher's reaction to the mural. I was impressed to hear the Year 4 and Year 5 students interviewing artist Chad Spencer last week. Chad is the artist that has painted the 'Bucket Filling' mural. He also painted the Characters Strengths near the entry of the hall last year. There were some excellent questions about the process and about being an artist. Hopefully this mural will remind all of us to try and 'fill someone's bucket' every day. If you have not had a chance to see it yet, you can find it in the courtyard. You won't be able to miss it.

Jacqui Simpson Student Well-Being Leader



Exploring the butterfly life cycle

This term the preschool children had the opportunity to observe the life cycle of the wanderer caterpillar.

The children displayed a sense of wonder and awe as they noticed the changes during each stage of the process.

Each morning the children arrived, they were eager to discover if the butterfly had emerged from its chrysalis; pondering on how long the process might take. Some of the children recorded their observations through drawing and writing.







One particular morning the children arrived to discover an empty chrysalis. This sparked an immediate investigation around the preschool to locate the butterfly. Once found, wonderful conversations followed as children shared ideas and asked questions from their observations.

Questions included:

Where do butterflies go? Do butterflies have a family? What do butterflies eat?

Nature provides wonderful opportunities for children to engage in meaningful learning opportunities through sparking children's natural curiosity.

Since this experience, the children have noticed the butterflies in the outdoor environment a lot more closely as the conversations continue.





Canteen News

Change to Menu

Wedges with any meal will not be available on Thursdays.

Emergency Lunches

If your child has no lunch, we receive a note from their teacher and then supply them with a sandwich. We will also send a note home.













