The Pines School Newsletter



Respect, Belonging and Fun Engaged Learning

Leadership News

Dear Families,

Students really enjoyed the Big Splash last week. We hold the Big Splash to celebrate returning to school and settling back into the new school year. Over the first few weeks students have been working with their teachers on class expectations and positive education.



Our first Pupil Free Day will be held on *Friday 6th March*. Staff will be attending training off site on that day. OSHC staff will be on site. It's important that parents / caregivers make sure that their children do not come to school on Pupil Free and Closure Days.

Our Pupil Free dates are advertised on Skoolbag, the School Sign and in Newsletters.

The School Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th March at 7pm in the staffroom. At this meeting the school Annual Report for 2019 and other reports will be presented. The School Governing Council is appointed at the AGM.

It's important that we have a Governing Council that represents our school community. We therefore need parents/caregivers who represent the early years (Preschool to Year 2), the middle primary years and upper primary years on our Council. Parents/caregivers representing other groups in our school including the Intensive English program and our Aboriginal families are encouraged to nominate.

Governing Council meetings are held twice a term, at present in the evening from 7 pm.

Forms with further information that will include a tear off slip for nominating are at the end of this newsletter.

Cherie Collings Principal



Dates to Remember

Term 1

<u>Week 5</u> 28th February Para District Swimming Championship

### <u>Week 6</u>

**4th March** Governing Council AGM

> 6th March Pupil Free Day

> > <u>Week 7</u>

*9th March* Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

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## **Volunteer Training**

Responding to Abuse and Neglect -Education and Care (RAN-EC) training will be available to anybody wishing to be a volunteer in the school this year. This training session will be held in the School Staffroom on Wednesday, 4th March at 9:00am



# APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD

# All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1	Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
STEP 2	Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
STEP 3	Complete all mandatory fields. Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
STEP 4	Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
STEP 5	Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button. Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.





sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



early childhood to senior schooling



#### **Coronavirus update**

### 17th February 2020

#### Dear parent/caregiver,

I would like to update you on the situation regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the current Federal Government health advice that we are following.

This week the Federal Government announced it will extend the travel ban on foreign nationals who have recently been in mainland China for a further week from 15 February 2020 to protect Australians from the risk of coronavirus.

Restrictions remain in place for people who have recently returned to Australia from mainland China, with the following advice current across all schools, preschools and early childhood services:

In the following scenarios you **cannot** attend school, preschool or an early childhood service:

- If you have left, or transited through, mainland China—you must isolate yourself until 14 days after leaving China.
- If you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus—you must isolate yourself for 14 days after last contact with the confirmed case.

In the following scenarios your child **can** attend school, preschool or an early childhood service:

- Children, students and staff who have returned from mainland China and have isolated themselves for 14 days after leaving China.
- Children, students and staff who have only been to Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan.

More information on the current advice can be found at the **Department for Health** website.

The Department of Health has also issued the following advice in relation to preventing the spread of viruses:

- Teach and encourage your children to wash their hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after going to the toilet.
- Avoid spreading infections to others by keeping children home if they are unwell.
- Teach children to cough and sneeze into their elbow.

If you have any questions about coronavirus disease, you are encouraged to contact the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

In Room 1 we have been learning about the character strength 'Teamwork'. We worked together using a parachute to keep a ball in the middle and to gently bounce the ball. We each decorated a puzzle piece to remind us that together we make a great team.



## Room 1



# **Room 2 Buddy Work**



Room 2 and Room 13 students enjoyed getting to know each other. The Year 2/3s helped the Receptions make and dress their paper people.

They will be reading buddies this year.



## JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Expression of interest for Under 7's to Under 12's for boys teams and Under 12's & Under 14's for girls teams. We are also seeking an expression of interest for Coaches and Team Managers.

Registration Day will be held on Friday, February 21, from 5pm to 7pm at North Pines Sports & Social Club - Andrew Smith Drive, Parafield Gardens.

If you cannot make it on the day but would like to express interest in registering for the 2020 season, please email secretary.northpines@gmail.com or contact: Mark, Sports & Social Director on 0423 968 843 Elyse, Vice President on 0405 772 345 Chad, President on 0403 677 807.



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# ROWING

#### ANY BOYS OR GIRLS INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR ROWING?

AT MAWSON BOAT CLUB THE BOAT SHED FIRST AVE MAWSON LAKES

A FREE 2 HOUR COME & TRY SESSION THIS SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEB AT 8.00 AM

SPORTS GEAR & WATER BOTTLE REQUIRED

MAWSON BOAT CLUB: Mawsonbc@gmail.com For more information Call 0419854371





## THE PINES SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL

## **Annual General Meeting**

## AGENDA

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 7:00 pm in the school staffroom- all welcome

Welcome & Apologies

Introduction by Chairperson

Governing Council Awards

To acknowledge outstanding support to The Pines

Minutes of Previous AGM

Acceptance of Minutes & Any Business Arising

Presentation of School's Annual Report

Vacancies declared for the next two year term

Nominations called for and/or received

AGM closed

The New Governing Council Convenes

Election of Councillors for vacant positions on Council

Future meeting dates are set

See the next page for further details about how to nominate for Governing Council.

#### **Governing Council Nomination**

Governing Council members are elected for a two year period. Governing Council meets twice a term, so four meetings a year.

It is very important that members of Governing Council attend meetings. Previously meetings have been held during the evening and for the last few years, the meetings have been held on Wednesday evening. The time and the day of meetings this year, will be determined once the Governing Council is formed.

If you would like to nominate for Governing Council please complete the form below and return it to the school front office by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Being on Governing Council is a great way to be involved and informed about your child's education.

#### **2020 Governing Council Nomination**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name and year level:

I would like to nominate for the 2020 Pines School Governing Council.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_