



Leadership News

Dear Families,

Recently, we held a review of the role of our Pastoral Care Worker. Electronic surveys were sent to families (via Skoolbag) and to staff and students. Results from the surveys were discussed at a meeting with the Schools Ministry Group. Staff, students and families returned very positive surveys, in support of Caroline's position and the work she does for our school community. There was enthusiastic support for her role supporting students, families and the Breakfast Club. The continuation of the role was approved by Governing Council and recently I applied for funding to continue the role over the next few years. Thank you to all those who completed the surveys.

Each term, we review our School Improvement Plan. Our plan is discussed by staff and at Governing Council meetings. Our continued priorities include continuing to improve each child's reading and number understanding in Maths. All students reading growth is always a priority- we aim for 12 months or more growth for every child. We measure this through Running Records in JP years and as well through analysing NAPLAN and Pat R in the primary years. As part of this work in JP years, we introduced Phonological assessment and use a PASM assessment to measure each child's growth in the Pre-school and JP years. The development of Phonological awareness is a necessary skill for developing reading. In Reception and Year 1 teachers continue to work on developing reading skills and some students are involved in intervention in small groups. As students move through reading levels, we check their progress each term to determine growth. Students not making growth or those behind what is expected, work in small group intervention. Interventions include Minilit in JP, MacLit and Multilit in primary. Families can always assist children with their reading, by reading to them each night, as well as making time to listen to children read for about 15 minutes a night. Positive reinforcement and positive encouragement assists children develop their skills and love of reading.

Another improvement priority on our Site Plan is Number is Mathematics and once again we monitor every child's progress through the Maths curriculum and in areas of the Big Ideas in Number each term. Trusting the Count activities are taught in JP years. If children do not Trust the Count after year 2, we include them in small group intervention in year 3. As well PAT Maths and NAPLAN results measure students' achievement and growth in primary years. Other Maths intervention in the primary years includes Big Ideas small group work, SmartLite and Quick Smart in upper primary grades. Teachers differentiate for those requiring modified work, as well as those students who require acceleration with their learning, as they are ahead of what is expected for their grade and age. This is also a priority in our school.

We review our progress regularly and further discussion about our progress takes place at our Site Improvement Committee meetings in week 8, we will also take part in an External School Review. These reviews happen every 3 years and involves a review team visiting the school to discuss our school work, our planning, our use of data and priorities for improvement.

Cherie Collings

Father's Day Stall— Wednesday, 28th August
Sports Day— Thursday, 26th September

Dates to Remember

Term 3

Week 5

Book Week

20th August
Dress Up Parade

23rd August
Grandparent and
Special Visitor
Morning Tea

Boys Soccer

Week 6

28th August
Father's Day Stall

30th August
Pupil Free Day

Week 7

2nd September
School Closure Day

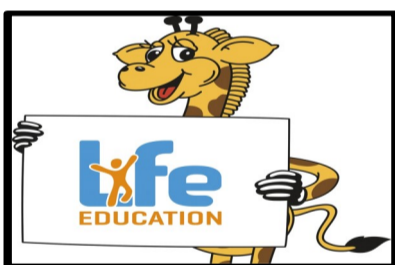
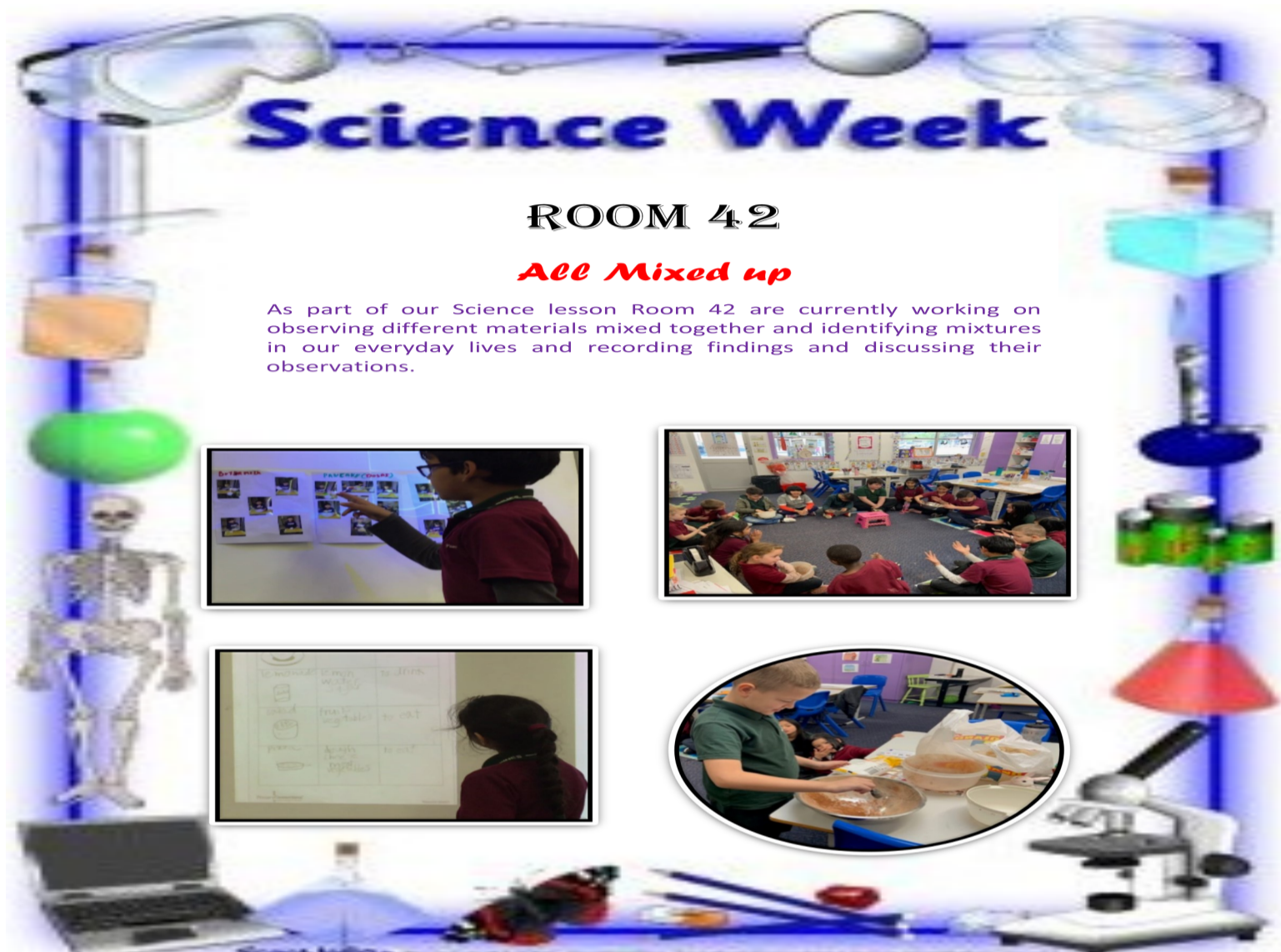
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The Life Education Van is coming to

The Pines!

Week 8 and 9
September 9th – September 20th
The cost per student is \$6.00 (GST exclusive).
Incursion consent forms are due back with payment no later than
Thursday 29th August.

Furniture - Ideal for Shed storage

We have two compactus that are no longer required at school. They are available for a donation. Please contact the Front Office.



From your Pastoral Care Worker ...

If you would like to donate non-perishable items for our community cupboard which is available for staff to give to families in our community that are struggling there is a box in the breakfast club room for donations.



Canteen News

The Pizza's that we had in the canteen are no longer available.

We have changed to a different pizza and have Margarita, BBQ Chicken, Ham and Pine-apple. Available at a cost of \$3.00.





Next week is Children's Book Week. This is a special week each year when children's literature is highlighted and celebrated across the country.

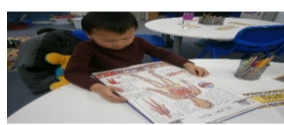
Next Tuesday at our school, children are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character or as anything else that ties in with this year's theme of, **'Reading is my Secret Power'**.

Classes will assemble on the hard play area outside the Reception rooms for a short parade of Book Week costumes. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us for the parade. The library has a display of shortlisted books and Ms Gina has once again made a fabulous display for children to enjoy.

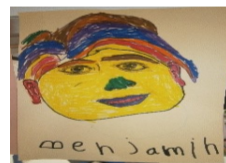
The Five Senses

Room 45

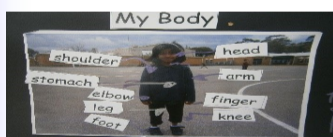
This term in English our unit of genre study is **'Description'** and our topic of learning is **'My Body.'** We are learning the names of our body parts, both internal and external, discovering feelings and the senses and what our body can do. We are learning how to label pictures, describe ourselves both orally and in our writing. Here are some samples of the work and activities we have been enjoying.



Viewing texts



Art activities



Labelling our photos and drawings



Oral language



taste

smell

touch

hearing

sight



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Smith Family

Learning for Life Scholarship Opportunities

The Smith Family supports long term participation in education through the provision of timely opportunities and support, enabling students to optimise their education outcomes. For this reason, The Smith Family offers Learning for Life Scholarships, Programs and support throughout the primary, secondary and tertiary education years.

Scholarships are awarded to students in families experiencing financial disadvantage that have demonstrated a commitment to education and who would benefit from additional resources and support.

The Smith Family is partnered with The Pines School, and now has openings for Learning for Life Scholarships.

Eligibility:

- **Attend a partner school between Reception - Year 8.**
- **Have a current Pension Concession or Health Care Card.**
- **Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through a minimum 90% school attendance.**

Families who meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to speak with **Jacqui Simpson**. *Self-referrals can't be accepted, and can only be submitted by the school.*

Please note that meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee a scholarship opportunity will be offered, and making a referral will be at the discretion of the school.



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