The Pines School Newsletter



Respect, Belonging and Engagement in Learning

## Leadership News

As we approach the end of term, we maintain our focus on student learning. Last Friday was a pupil free day and our SSOs and teachers spent time further developing their knowledge of student wellbeing and problem solving in maths. Our staff also looked at the importance of using real objects and real-life learning to help develop maths thinking. Did you know there are lots of things you can do with your child to help them learn about maths?

Here are a few ideas that you can start doing today:



**Cooking** is a great opportunity to help your child learn about **measuring**. You can support your child to measure ingredients. You can also ask questions such as which ingredients are heaver or lighter. Try and use different types of measuring devices such as kitchen scales, measuring cups and spoons.

- **Shopping** is another great opportunity to talk about maths concepts. Younger kids can read the **numbers** they notice at the supermarket. They can also **count how many** items on a shelf, or keep track of how many items are in your shopping trolley or basket. Older students can add prices together, help with budgeting, or work out which product is the **best value** to buy.
- There is also lots of maths that can be done in the garden and around the house. Children can name the shape of objects, or go on a shape hunt. Ask how many circles, squares or triangles can they find around the house, or if you go for a walk? There are also many things that can be **measured** around the

house. Younger children can be supported to say which things

are bigger, smaller, heavier or lighter. Older kids can try and work out more accurate sizes and weights of things. If you have a tape measure or ruler, these are great tools for measuring lots of different things around the house and garden.

Planting a veggie patch, or flowers in the garden? **Measure** plants as they grow – how tall plants are, the size of each leaf or flower. You child could even write down the measurements so they can see how much plants grow over time.

Doing jigsaw puzzles, playing board games and card games are another great way to develop maths concepts with kids, and can be lots of fun. Top tip for maths learning at home - Keep it fun!



Easter Raffle - Thankyou to everyone who has already returned raffle tickets and money for this year's Easter Raffle to the front office. If you haven't brought your tickets back to school yet, it's not too late! Raffle tickets and money need to be returned to school by Wednesday 5th of April. With tickets only \$1 each, and three amazing Easter hampers to be won, maybe even get a ticket for yourself! If you would like to sell or purchase more tickets, please collect another book of tickets from the front office.

Some of the amazing items that will be in this year's Easter Raffle baskets!

Sleep helps us all learn and do our best - Did you know that Term 1 is the longest term of the school year? With 11 weeks of school in Term 1, children can tire easily. Getting enough sleep each night is especially important at this time of term. The recommended amount of

sleep for primary school aged children is 9-11 hours per night. It is also recommended that children don't look at screens at least 30 minutes before bed time to help them sleep well.



**Dates to** Remember



Term 1

**Week 10** 7th April

**Good Friday Public Holiday** 

**Week 11** 10th April **Easter Monday Public Holiday** 

14th April End of Term **School Finishes** 2:00pm

Term 2

Week 1 1st May

**Pupil Free Day** 

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Testing the viscosity of liquids.



Heating liquids and solids.

# Learning in Room 8

We have been learning about solids and liquids. We have conducted many experiments to learn how a change of state between solids and liquids can be caused by adding or removing heat.



Freezing milk with salt and ice.



Using salt and ice to make milk freeze.





Melting and freezing crayons.



Students in Room 10 went to the Road Safety Centre last week. They learnt about safety rules, while using road crossings, and how to safely ride a bike. They had an exciting opportunity to practise the new skills at the Centre. After the session, we enjoyed our lunch and playtime at the Bonython Park. Students really enjoyed the day!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1 May Pupil Free Day	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May
2	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May
3	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May Dream It— Yrs 5/6	19 May
4	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May National Sorry Day
5	29 May Recor	30 May Aboriginal Performance ciliation Week -	31 May "Be a voice	1 June for Generations"	2 June
6	4 5 June	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June Pupil Free Day
7	12 June King's Birthday Public Holiday	13 June	14 June Parafield Gardens High School Transition for Year 6 (haif day)	15 June	16 June
8	19 June	20 June	21 June Moon Hour Musica Viva Performance Reception –Year 6	22 June	23 June
9	26 June	21 June	29 June School Photo Day	30 June School Photo Day	1 July
10	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July School Assembly 11:50 End of Term School Finishes 2:00pm





South Australian Government Schools presents

### TERM 1 2023 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Free event and activity for primary international students in the Term 1 2023 school holidays!

Register via the QR code below!



### **ROAD SAFETY SESSION**

Primary students only Friday 28 April 10am to 12pm

Registrations close Sunday 2 April 2023

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