



Respect, Belonging, Fun - Engagement in Learning

Leadership News

Dear Families

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation week is May 27th – June 3rd. It is a significant week for all of Australia as we strive towards reconciliation and harmony in our community. Our Senior Leader in Aboriginal Education, Ms Alicia Phillips has led our staff in understanding the principles and ideals underpinning this week as we watched the video 'The Uluru Statement from the Heart' at a recent staff meeting. Alicia has organised for our school to hold a march on our oval on Thursday 3rd June to show our support for this important week. On this day, Students can wear clothes in the colours of the Aboriginal flag - black, yellow, red.

Reports and NAPLAN

As we are now halfway through Term 2, our teachers are busy writing reports and reflecting on the progress each student is making across the various areas of the curriculum. Students have also now completed their NAPLAN assessments. Due to the large number of students at The Pines, our school undertakes NAPLAN over two weeks and this involves considerable planning and coordination. Thanks must go to our Deputy Principal, Mr Sam Konnis for ensuring this event ran as smoothly as possible, with little disruption to the rest of the school. Thank you also to the Year 3, 5 and 7 teachers for their preparations and flexibility around this testing and to the students for their participation in the tests. It is important to remember that the NAPLAN assessment is but one single snapshot of the overall learning of your child. Results of NAPLAN will be sent out between August and September this year.

Year 6/7 Entrepreneurship Unit and Fundraising

Each year the Year 6/7 teachers lead their students through a great unit on entrepreneurship, where students learn about local economies, supply and demand and producing, promoting and marketing goods at school. There will be various activities which will be communicated further by the Year 6/7 teachers, including a Trash and Treasure stall at school, with proceeds going towards their camp. We also look forward to a sausage sizzle in Week 10. Keep checking on Class Dojo for updates.

Winter and our School Hat Policy

We are at the end of autumn and most deciduous trees have now lost their leaves, heralding the beginning of winter next Tuesday. Therefore, wearing hats at school will no longer be necessary from the beginning of next week, unless students wish to wear them.



Dates to Remember

Term 2

Weeks 5 & 6

27 May to 2 June
Reconciliation Week

Weeks 6

1 June
Year 6 Transition
Parafield Gardens
High School
9:00 - 12:30

3 June
Mabo Day

Weeks 6 & 7

3 June to 21 June
Life Education Van

Weeks 7

11 June
Pupil Free Day

Week 8

14 June
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

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WELLBEING CORNER



Wellbeing for Families

As the first educator of their child, parents/caregivers will have a significant impact on their wellbeing. However, there are many factors to consider when raising healthy and well-adjusted children. It's just not your child that you have to look after!

An important part of being a parent is to make sure you look after yourself. Parenting can be a demanding job and takes a lot of physical and emotional energy. It can be easy to lose sight of the importance of looking after yourself. If you're tired, stressed or exhausted, it's difficult to be the parent that you're striving to be. But when you feel happy and well, you're better able to cope with stress, maintain relationships and enjoy parenthood.

Wellbeing is more than just physical health - it involves your emotional, social and mental health too! It's the overall satisfaction you feel about yourself and your life – which can go up and down depending on what's happening in your life.

Good wellbeing can include:

- Feeling able to cope with daily stresses
- Having a sense of purpose and generally enjoying life
- Feeling able to manage negative emotions
- Feeling connected to your community
- Having supportive relationships
- Being able to do and enjoy things that are important to you

It's important to take time to reflect on your own wellbeing.

Thinking about these questions might help you figure out what area you need to focus on, or give you some ideas on how to improve your wellbeing.

Ask yourself:

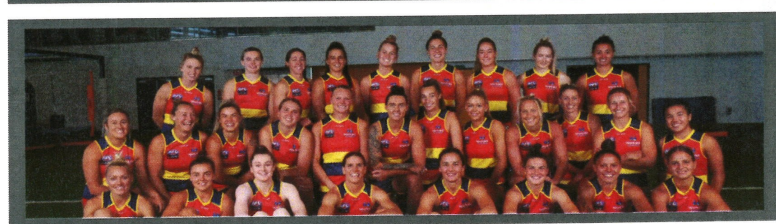
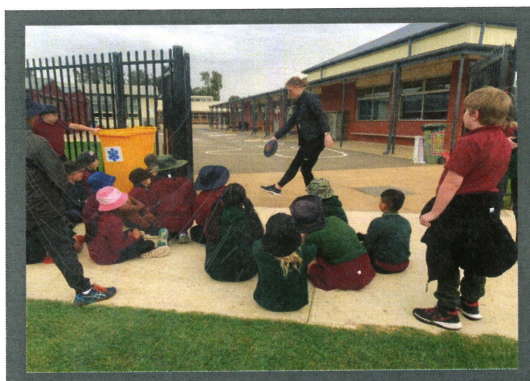
- Do I have someone I can talk to about my feelings, thoughts and experiences?
- Do I do things that I enjoy or make me feel good?
- Do I spend time with people outside of my immediate family?
- Do I get regular physical activity?
- Do I feel hopeful about tomorrow?
- Do I make time for distractions and fun?
- Do I set aside regular time for relaxation and activities that I enjoy?
- Do I eat regular and healthy meals?
- Do I get enough sleep?
- Do I get breaks from my daily responsibilities?
- Do I feel happy and content with my life most of the time?
- Do I think clearly and feel that I can work through any problems?

Sourced from: <https://parentline.com.au/parents-carers/issues/parent-wellbeing>

THE SPORTS CORNER

TERM TWO - 2021

FOOTBALL WITH ASHLEIGH WOODLAND (AFLW)

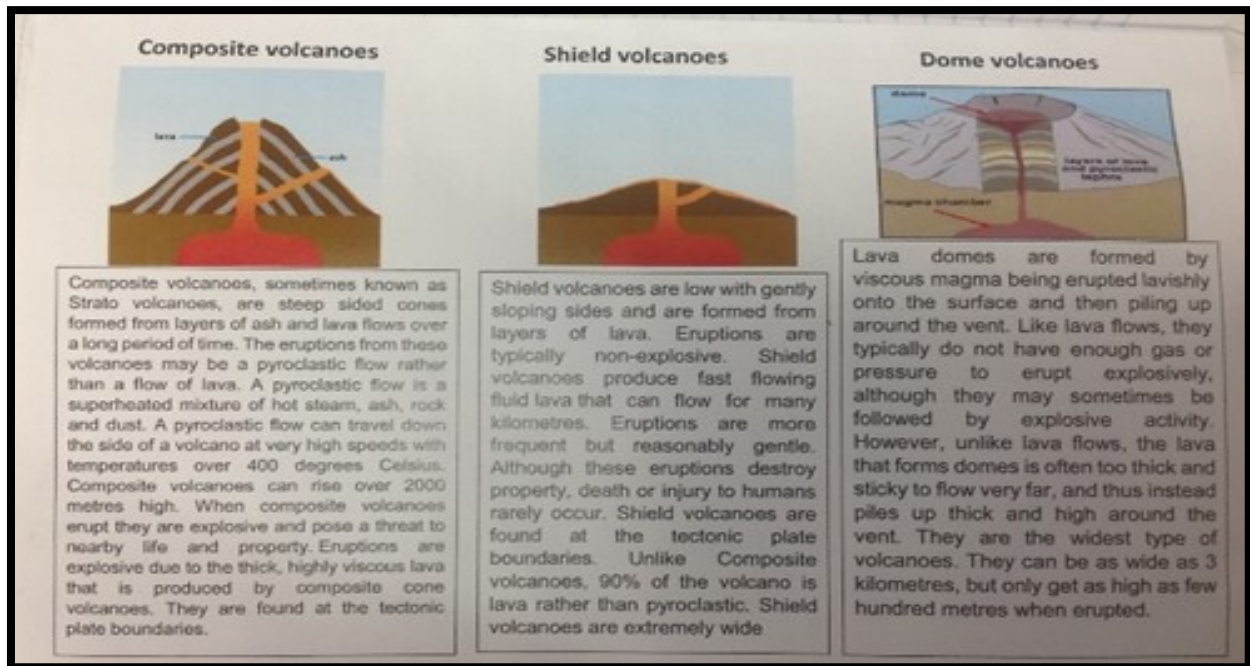


For the first half of this term, Miss B has been teaching her classes the fundamental skills of Aussie Rules Football. As many know, Ashleigh Woodland is a former student and now a SSO at The Pines. She was recently drafted to the Adelaide Crows in the AFLW, after a successful season for North Adelaide in the SANFLW last year. Miss Ashleigh won the SANFLW Goal Kicking AND North Adelaide Best and Fairest, all in a Premiership Year! She played all 11 games for the Crows this year and was picked to play in their 2021 Grand Final side.

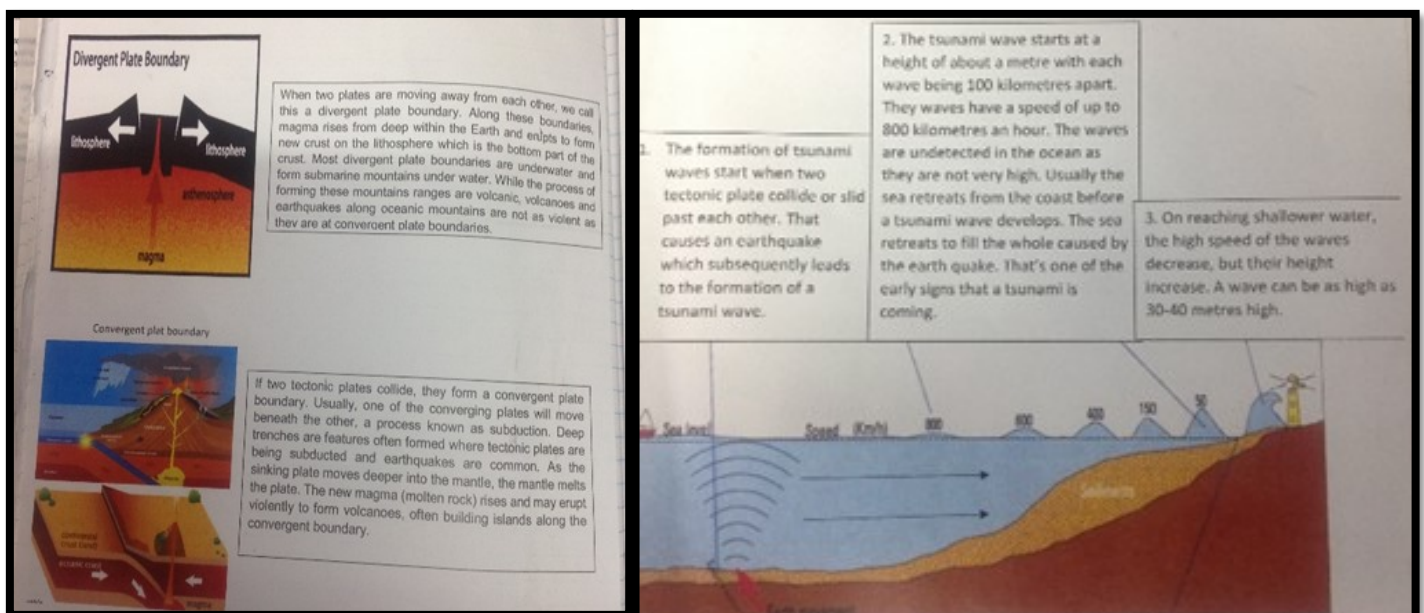
So.. who better to teach our students?!?!

Miss Ashleigh joined the PE lessons of Room 9, 12 and 23. Students were very excited to have Miss Ashleigh out with them as many have seen her play on the TV or at the oval. She showed the classes some drills that the Crows do at training and students worked on improving their handballing and kicking skills. In the last lesson of football, students put all of their improved skills into game play and played an enjoyable mini game of football. We hope Miss Ashleigh loved teaching us as much as we loved learning from her (including Miss B!). Remember to look out for #24!!

Room 10



Last term as part of English, Room 10 was learning about natural disasters. The children were highly engaged as the topic made them curious. They were astounded as we looked at the science aspect of it. We started by looking at the structure of earth and how movement of tectonic plates beneath us cause different types of natural disasters. This curiosity brought on a lot of questions and researching on the children's part, which was wonderful. We also looked at the effects these disasters have on people, countries and the environment. They wrote several pieces of work explaining how volcanoes, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods and bushfires occur. They really enjoyed the topic and had a sound understanding.



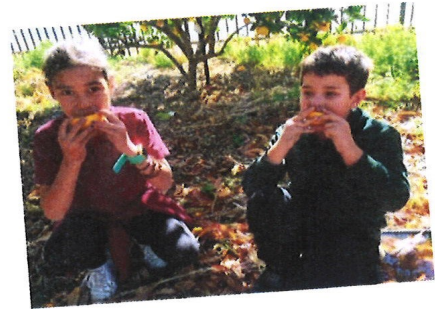
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Student Leaders

The Oranges are ready at The Pines

Our new reporters Selena from Room 29 and Daniel from Room 30 report for the first time: Today we got to pick delicious oranges from the Pines School orange tree.



First, we had to turn and tug the oranges to get them off the tree. Then we cut them open and then ate them.

We smelt the oranges; Selena could tell they would be a bit sour. Daniel thought they smelt a bit sour too. Selena thought they tasted sweet and a little sour when you first bit into it.

We wondered if each orange tastes different. We cut a second orange open. Daniel said “grubs up’ when it was time to eat the second orange.

The second orange tasted different; it was a bit sweeter than the first one. Daniel said it was delicious too!

Daniel remembered oranges are called citrus fruits. He also remembered that citrus peels do not belong in the compost because worms do not like citrus fruits.

We talked about different types of oranges. Daniel does not recommend eating blood oranges because they are very sour. ‘Take it from me’ he said, ‘they are very sour!’ Selena disagreed and said blood oranges are yummy, even though they are sour. They have a different taste to normal oranges. They are a little bit sweet and sour at the same time.

Daniel and Selena said that their first time being a reporter was pretty good because they got to eat oranges. Eating the fresh oranges was a one-time opportunity because the oranges are only ripe at one time of the year. It was also good to be able to pick the oranges off the tree.

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NEW YEAR 3 REPORTERS

Please welcome our two new Year 3 reporters, Sanvi and Vansh from Room 9 to our school reporter team.

Sanvi is looking forward to being a reporter because she will get to meet new people and visitors to the school. She will use her confidence when meeting visitors that visit our school. She will also use her writing skills and she is also good at taking photos.

Vansh is good at maths and is very confident because he has been doing drama from a young age. His experience in speaking to lots of different people will help him to be a good reporter.



Vansh and Sanvi from Room 9 are excited about learning to be reporters for our school newsletter

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NAPLAN AT THE PINES SCHOOL

Over the last few weeks, around 200 students at The Pines School completed the NAPLAN test. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. It tests skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy.

Our reporters Vansh, Sanvi and Annabel share their experiences doing NAPLAN this term:

Vansh:

NAPLAN is not a test to stress about. It's just a test for teachers to know about what each student finds challenging in their learning. Basically, NAPLAN gives teachers information about what they need to teach each student. I felt great doing NAPLAN because I like to do challenges and NAPLAN is a challenge.

Sanvi

Last week we had NAPLAN and I had so much fun. At first, I was scared, but it turned out to be fun. NAPLAN is just for the teachers to help them know which learning to focus on. I also found it fun because I had my friends and teacher with me.

Annabel

At first, I was worried and then I got a bit stressed about it. Once we got started, I felt much better. For me maths was the hardest one because I find maths hard. Reading was the easiest one because I love reading books and answering questions about them. When I finished NAPLAN I felt awesome and felt very happy. I think NAPLAN is so teachers know how we are doing so they can help us with our learning.

Our reporters Sanvi and Vansh also interviewed Mr Konnis, our Deputy Principal who coordinated NAPLAN this year:

How long does it take to get everything ready for NAPLAN?

It took Mr Konnis many hours over about four weeks to get everything organised.

Was it hard to organise NAPLAN and how did you feel setting everything up?

It was not too hard, but it was challenging. Mrs Konnis likes challenges, so it was ok. He was feeling excited and a bit nervous because things can go wrong. Fortunately, things generally went smoothly this year and challenges were dealt with quickly.

What did you use to set everything up for NAPLAN?

There is a special place on the Internet where all the children who do NAPLANs names are. This helps Mr Konnis keep track of students and their participation in NAPLAN. There are also timetables that need to be organised. Mr Konnis also needs to make sure all the technology is working properly.

Thank you to Mr Konnis for all your organisation and congratulations to all the students that attended and did their best in NAPLAN this year.

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Spotlight on Learning – Team Sports

This week, our school reporters Amelia and Jaxon spoke with students who play SAPSASA football in the Para Districts team.

The Year 5 and 6 students from The Pines School in the team are Brodie, Nicolas, Jayden, James and our own reporter Jaxon.



Amelia interviewed some of the team members to find out what they like about being on the team and what they are looking forward to in the coming footy season.

Koby

This year I am looking forward to kicking goals and playing with a new team because it is fun. So far, I have enjoyed meeting new people.

Brodie

I am looking forward to finding out the position I will be playing in the game. I have enjoyed meeting the coaches because they are nice. I have also enjoyed training for the games and meeting new people.

Nicolas

I have been looking forward to playing with my friends because it is fun. I have enjoyed learning more skills while having fun.

Hayden

I have been looking forward to playing in the carnival with my friends, because it's a new experience for me and I might not get this opportunity again. I have enjoyed getting to engage with the coaches and the team.

James

I am looking forward to the experience. I have also enjoyed meeting new people. It is good to branch out and make more friends.

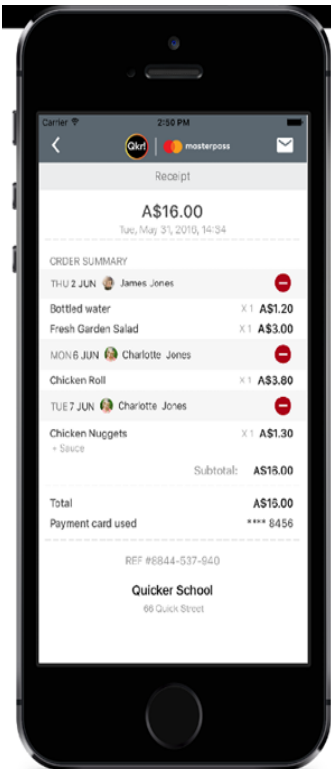
Jaxon

I am looking forward to playing the game, experiencing new experiences and playing with mates from school. Most of them play for different clubs so we finally get to play an official game together. I have enjoyed playing with mates and training with them, meeting the coach because it's fun to get to see how differently they coach. In footy we develop teamwork so we get to learn new leadership skills and we need to work collaboratively, help others and be able to take on responsibility.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Canteen News

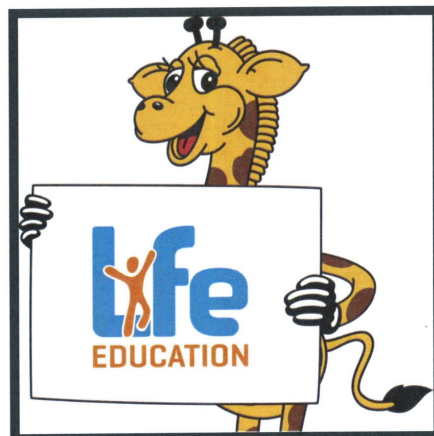
Qkr Ordering Update



To cancel lunch orders that have already been ordered and paid for:

1. Open Qkr App and tap activity.
2. Scroll down to order history and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle on the right side of the order to be cancelled. You can select the entire order or individual items and then press OK.
4. You can cancel any order made by 9am.

If you need to cancel after this time please contact the canteen.



The Life Education Van
is coming to
The Pines!

3rd June - 21st June
More information to follow soon.