



Leadership News

Welcome Back Mrs Collings

After spending 7 weeks holidaying overseas visiting Canada and Alaska, Mrs Collings has returned to The Pines, well refreshed and ready to continue her duties as Principal. She will have many stories to share with us all.

PAT M/PAT R Testing

Last week, students in Years 3-6 began the PAT Maths and PAT Reading tests and they will continue for the next fortnight. Like NAPLAN, these results give us further information about how our students are tracking in these two important areas of the curriculum.

Hats on!

The Pines School is a Sun Smart School and we value the importance of keeping our school community safe from the potential harm the sun's rays can cause.

This is a reminder that all children need to wear an appropriate hat (no baseball caps) during recess, lunch and during P.E. or outside activities. Please ensure that your child has a hat that is clearly labelled with their names, so they can be returned if lost.

New Sports Uniforms

Recently the school purchased several sets of sport uniforms (football, netball, basketball, soccer and athletics) for both boys and girls competing in SAPSASA events. The children wore them for the first time last week and they all looked very smart.



Sports Day - Thursday, 21 September

We know the children are excited for Sports Day and we are hoping for great weather.

We acknowledge the support from *The South Australian Cricket Association* and the *South Australian Soccer Federation* who will be supplying Development Officers to help us with the morning activities.

If the day is postponed due to weather, we will endeavour to reschedule for the following day Friday 22 September.

The canteen will set up a "Pop Up" stand near the 40's block. Children and parents will be able to purchase drinks, chips, and ice blocks and fruit kebabs.

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Dates to Remember

2023

Term 3

Week 9

18 & 20 September

School Choir
Off Site

21 September

SPORTS DAY

Week 10

25-27 September

Year 6 Camp

26 September

Police Band

29 September

School Finishes at
2.00pm

Term 4

Frist Day starts on

**Monday,
16 October**

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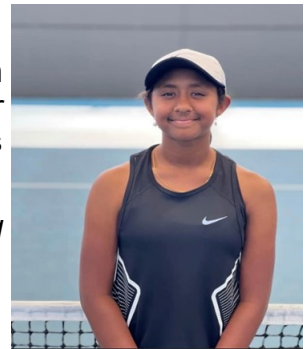
Web: www.thepines.sa.edu.au

Congratulations

Special congratulations to Deepika who will be representing South Australia in the *School Sport Australia National Tennis Carnival* for children 12 and under in Brisbane. This is the second year she has made the state side.

Deepika was successful in winning the *Under 12 National Qualifying Event* held in Adelaide.

Wimbledon here we come!



Optional Interview

Term 3 is going well and its been excellent to see students progressing with their learning and engaged in special activities. Sports Day next week will be another exciting day.

Teachers will contact parents/caregivers if they want to talk to them about their students. Alternatively, if parents want to talk to teachers, they can make an appointment for a phone conversation by contacting their child's teacher on Class Dojo. Reports will come home in Term 4.

Tournament of the Minds

On 10th September 2023 Sonia M and Mrs Collings went to Adelaide High School with our two school STEM teams to the Tournament of the Minds competition. Both our teams did very well and students should be proud of their efforts. We had lots of parents join us at the competition to support their children and our school. At the end of the day, finalists and winners were announced.

One of our teams achieved Honours and came second in the Primary Schools TOM Stem competition. This was a great result; first place last year and second place this year. Students were awarded medals.

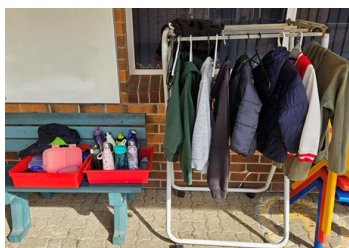
Well done to Sonia M who does an excellent job supporting our students with TOM, which promotes creative thinking. Christin and two of our parents also assisted as judges in other competitions to support this program.

Important Notice

If parents/caregivers need to use a toilet when they are on school grounds, please go to the front office as **adults are not allowed** to use the student toilets.

Lost Property

The lost property area is starting to build up with drink bottles, lunch boxes and jackets. Could parents please check to see if their child has miss placed any items.



Wellbeing Corner



The Thriving Kids and Parents School Project:

Our school has registered to participate in the Australian Government funded 'Thriving Kids and Parents School Project'. This project has been approved by the Department of Education in South Australia. It is currently being rolled out in over 300 primary schools in Queensland, South Australia and Victoria.

All families will be invited to participate in three free online seminars on positive parenting in a few weeks. This project consists of high quality, evidenced based parenting programs to support parents and schools develop a shared language and a toolbox of strategies to support every child's learning and wellbeing.

These seminars will provide parents with strategies to:

- Guide their child's behaviour and develop their self-regulation
- Develop their child's emotional regulation and manage everyday anxiety
- Develop healthy peer relationships, build resilience and prevent bullying

Please see the website below if you would like to find out more information about this project. We will keep you posted about how to register a bit closer to the seminar time and will give you a link to register.



THE THRIVING KIDS & PARENTS SCHOOL PROJECT



Web: <https://able.adelaide.edu.au/education/thriving-kids-and-parents/>

Coding Competition

Year 4 students in Room 23 participated in a computer programming (coding) competition. This competition was provided by Grok Academy, an online digital resource. Programming (also known as coding) is how websites, games and apps are made. It's a skill that teaches you how to work with computers as well as teaching you how to solve problems. Knowing how to program is like having a computing super power.

Congratulations to all students who participated and persisted to solve challenging tasks.

The following students completed the competition tasks to a high standard and received an award for their work and effort from Grok Academy.

Khang

Kenny

Alistair

Devya

Ameliah



Here are some students' reflections regarding the competition:

"I recommend doing the coding competition because if you want to learn how to make an app, I think this is an amazing way to start. Even if you don't want to make an app you'll really enjoy it, like me!" - **Iraj**

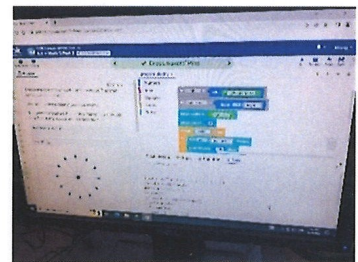
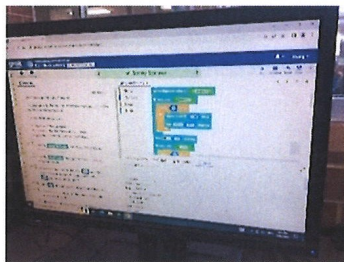
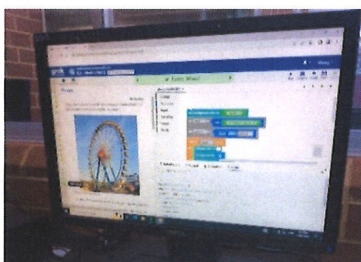
"Coding is not just a power, it is a life lesson which can help your job opportunities." - **James**

"I personally think that coding can really help with your computer skills and that everyone should have a go." - **Emma**

"I think the coding challenge was awesome because it challenges me and you can make a lot with coding." - **Jayzon**

"I think coding is fun and good for every class to do and it challenges your brain." - **Fatima**

"I recommend this competition to all students because it is challenging and you get to use your growth mindset." - **Hunter**



Tournament of Minds



This year is the third year The Pines School has entered the very challenging Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition.

Tournament of Minds is an international challenge for primary and high school students. Students who participate in this competition work in teams of seven to solve demanding, real-world problems.

This year, two teams made up of Year 5/6 students represented our school in the STEM division of Tournament of Minds. Both our teams did an amazing job, working VERY hard on the challenge for six weeks.

This year's challenge required students to use their STEM skills to design and build a bird that could make two different flights using very limited materials. They also had to make a perch with a launch mechanism for the bird. To present their ideas, students develop a ten-minute play to present their ideas, including information about science, maths and the environment, while also telling a story to bring all their information together. Students researched, wrote a script, made costumes and props and rehearsed their play ready to present to a panel of judges. They also designed and built a bird and perch using their engineering skills. This actually meant they needed to build many birds, as they tried different ideas and designs to try and make a bird that would complete two different flight manoeuvres.

Sunday was Presentation Day at Adelaide High School. Our two TOM teams confidently presented their ideas and plays in front of TOM judges and an audience of family members and school staff.

It was a proud moment, watching our students perform so well after working on their challenge for the last six weeks. A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to our TOM students this year and their teachers and families who supported their participation in this year's competition.

Our 2023 TOM teams:

The Eagle Engineers - Tamseel, Jaecey, Eli, Tyler, Yashika, Pal and Aditya

The 7 Birdiacs - Rayan, Vansh, Sehaj, Sayesha, Damien, Emerson and Samreet who were **awarded honours** (second place) this year.



Damien, Samreet and Emerson working on costumes.

Tamseel and Yashika (with the help of TOM mascot Percy) working on their script.





Students rehearsing their presentations at school



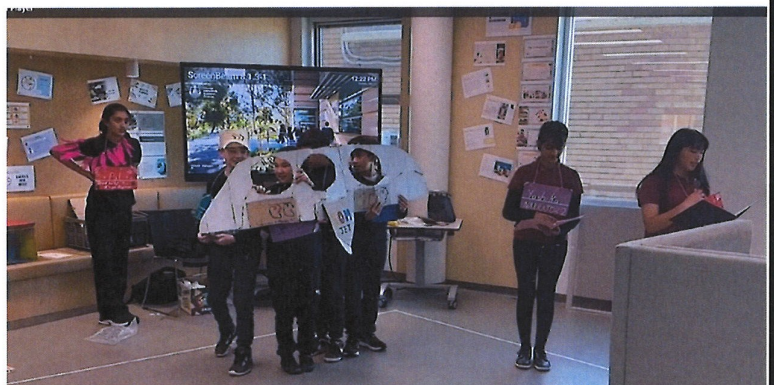
Our 2023 TOM students outside Adelaide High School ready to do their presentations



Last minute preparations to warm up our brains and ideas before presentations at Adelaide High School



Our teams performing their play in front of the judges and an audience of families, other students and The Pines School staff



EARLY YEARS SCIENCE

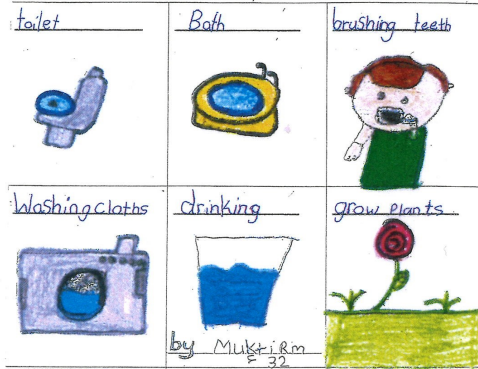
with Ms Alex

This term we have been learning about WATER.
Below are examples of students' work relating to this topic.

Interesting facts

1. there are 2 types of water Freshwater and salt water.
 2. Another name for water is H_2O .
 3. Our bodies are made up of water.
 4. most of the water is in the oceans.
 5. you can drink fresh water but not salt water.
 6. you can find water in lakes, rivers and creeks.
- by Sienna Room 32





Where is water used in your home?



Tsunamis are giant waves caused by earthquakes under the sea.



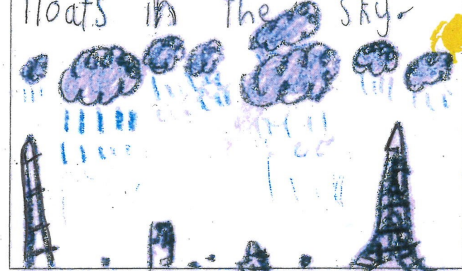
How to save water by Jackson Room 14

1. Reuse your towel for at least a week. 
2. Listen for dripping taps. 
3. Fill the dishwasher before using it. 
4. Take shorter showers. 

A flood happens when water covers the lands and buildings.



A cloud is made of water that floats in the sky.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Term 1, 2024!**



**The Pines
Preschool**

When can my child start Preschool?

Your child can start preschool when they turn 4 years old between:

Term 1

1st November and 30th April

Term 3

1st May and 31st October

For more information visit education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families



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SEASON STARTS 21st OCTOBER

REGISTRATIONS FROM 11AM

JUNIOR TRAINING SATURDAYS 12:45PM - 3PM

POINT MALCOM RESERVE, MILITARY ROAD, SEMAPHORE PARK, S.A. 5019

COME AND TRY SESSIONS available till 16th Dec
\$25.00 for 3 sessions (non consecutive sessions ok)

WHAT TO BRING: Long Sleeve Training Top, Broad Brimmed Hat,
Sunscreen, Water Bottle, Bathers, Towel and Goggles.

GET IN EARLY - PRE-REGISTER AT THE CLUB

THUR 5th OCT 5:30pm-7pm/SUN 15th OCT 4pm-5pm

ALTERNATIVELY

SEE OUR COME AND TRY PAGE ON THE WEBSITE
for more info, downloadable info sheets,
and registration forms

<http://semaphoreslsc.com.au/nippers-come-and-try/>

Alternatively E-mail registrar@semaphoreslsc.com.au



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TIME: 8:30AM START
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