The Pines School Newsletter

Week 2, Term 4
23rd October 2024

Respect, Belonging and Engagement in Learning

Leadership News

The term has begun very positively with many exciting events on our door step. We have just completed three weeks of swimming with over 90% of our students R-5 experiencing important water safety instruction. The instructors were particularly impressed with our students' behaviour and listening skills.

Another very popular event is the Year 6's Market Day. The students, with the guidance of their teachers have spent many hours making, designing and creating interesting things to sell to our student community. This will happen on Tuesday, 29th October.

Everyone is looking forward to Sports Day, on Friday, 1st November, a very popular day on The Pines School events calendar.

CONSTRUCTION OF

THE PINES SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Beginning this week, construction will start on our new gymnasium. First stage will include a section of our oval being fenced off so that builders can set up all of their infrastructure required for this project.

This means that the gate used to enter and exit the school from Hemming Street, near the crossing, will be locked and cannot be used.

Parents and children can use the Morgan Street gate at the back of our oval. The OSHC gate and the Andrew Smith Drive gates can also be used to enter and leave the school.

Just a reminder to all of us *not to use the Childcare Carpark or the Staff Carpark* for "dropping off" children, as this will cause safety issues for our students and child care users.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this will cause, however we are very excited with the commencement of the building of our new school gymnasium.

ROOM 23 & 24
Coding Competition

YEAR 4 STUDENTS IN ROOM 23 AND ROOM 24 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.

Aldrich B	Adrienne S	Peter H	Daniel L	Grecy P
Leo K	Dyhana P	Aarav S	Lachlan P	Harrison S
Navaneeth S	Francesca E	Aloysius C	Thanh N	Skylah T
Adam I	Isabella D	Vedanshi B	Tyag P	Zachary N

Here are some students' reflections regarding the competition:

grok academy

I recommend coding because you can learn all about technology and problem solving. I would love to do coding again because it was awesome and I never gave up – **Deegan**

Coding is a challenging activity for your brain to get smarter and stronger – **Leah**

Coding was challenging because I have never done it before. It was so much fun and something different – **Piya**

I recommend coding because you can make new stuff and design new things, like an app **Olivia**

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I like coding a lot because you can use lots of ideas and you can use creativity. You all use positive thinking – **Aiden**
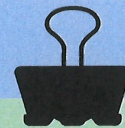
I think coding is fun because you can improve on your maths and have fun – **Riya**

I enjoyed coding because it helped me to understand more strategies and how to follow instructions – **Zachary**

I enjoyed coding because there were lots of different challenges and they were lots of fun **Wezley**

I thought coding was going to be really hard but when I kept trying it got easier and I learned how to do some really hard things too – **Nate**

I think coding is a really good thing for people to try because you get to do different challenges and learn more about programming and how to do it – **Daniella**

Coding is a good skill in life because you can problem solve, become more creative and over all it's amazing for me and it helped me know how to make use of a computer – **John**

I recommend doing coding because it is good to try new things. Grok was good fun to do – **Sienna**

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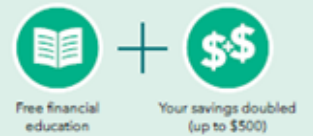
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It is delivered in partnership with not-for-profit organisations The Smith Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of Social Services fund it.

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The Pines School

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for 2025

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LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is starting to build up.

Could parents please check lost property daily. It would be helpful for your child's name to be on items of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes. If items are misplaced we can return them to your child/ren classroom.

Community News