



*Respect, Belonging and Engagement in Learning*

## *Leadership News*

Welcome back to The Pines School for another year of fabulous learning. What an unusual start we have had this year. We began the year on Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> with Reception and Year 1 students and a few students across all other year levels, whose parents or caregivers are essential workers.

This week we welcomed all students from Years 2 to 6 and what an absolute delight it has been to have our students back at school again. We also welcome new families to our school community and we wish them a settled and supported time with us.

On-line learning has certainly challenged some of us including teachers, parents and students and we know that being at school and interacting face to face with friends and teachers has many, many benefits. The leadership team is proud of the manner in which teachers adapted quickly to a model of online learning and face to face learning. We are equally as proud of students and families for managing on-line learning and in some cases having one child at school and one learning at home.

This year we welcome new staff to our school community. We have Mr Orphanou teaching Year 4 and 5 students in Room 35 and Miss Esther teaching the Reception students in Room 3. Miss Esther is on contract, replacing Ms Keryl who is at home looking after her new baby boy, Tate. We welcome back Miss Emma who is in Room 1, replacing Miss Van Loggem who is also at home with her little girl Lucy. Miss Schmidt is working on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Room 13 while Mrs Turnbull supports some class teachers with the development of literacy practice.

We have four new teachers in our Intensive English Language Program and they are: Ms Marites in Room 45, Mr Woolford in Room 11, Ms Jenny in Room 8 and Miss Lisa in Room 9. We also welcome Ms Kaur who has joined us from Colonel Light Gardens Primary School. We extend a special welcome to all our new staff members and we hope their time with us is happy and fulfilling. We know that they will do their very best for our students.

This term, our principal Mrs Collings is working at Elizabeth East Primary School each week from Wednesday to Friday and Mrs Girgolas will be Acting Principal at our school on those days.

Over the next few days class teachers will send home information about the term and will outline some of the requirements and structures of the year for their students.

Good relationships between home and school are vital for the development of confident and engaged students. If there is a school issue that needs to be discussed please phone the front office and ask to speak to a leader or the class teacher. Alternatively you can communicate directly with the class teacher via Class Dojo. We make every effort to support our students to be successful learners and we welcome parent feedback and support.

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**Dates to  
Remember  
2022**

**Term 1**

**Week 7**  
14th March  
**Adelaide Cup  
Public Holiday**

**Week 11**  
15th April  
**Good Friday  
Public Holiday**

**Term 2**

**Week 1**  
Starts back on  
2nd May 2022

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## Leadership News (continues)

Class Dojo continues to be the main communication platform for parents and teachers and we encourage families to use this to communicate with class teachers within working hours. While Covid continues to complicate our lives we are limiting face to face contact with parents and caregivers but we welcome phone calls and emails to the school info line: [dl.info.1777@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.info.1777@schools.sa.edu.au)

We ask parents to be patient with Covid restrictions and we thank those who adhere to current requirements including wearing masks in the school grounds and staying out of classrooms.

If your children show symptoms including fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, headache, irritability, loss of appetite, breathing difficulties, vomiting, diarrhoea, poor oral intake and dehydration please keep them home and have them tested for Covid. If children are close contacts they must stay home and wait for advice from SA Health before returning to school.

We look forward to a fabulous term at our school where we can settle into a great year of learning.

# **DROP OFF ZONE ONLY FOR DROP AND GO**

The drop off zone at the front of the school on Andrew Smith Drive should only be used to drop off students. This is not an area to park.

Please ensure you do not park and leave your car in this area.

Principal  
Cherie Collings

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## School Newsletter

Parent/ Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year level: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive a paper copy of the School Newsletter.

Please return to the Front Office.





# WELLBEING CORNER



It is fantastic to see everyone back at school this week. We would especially like to welcome our new reception students, who have been getting to know the school, their teachers and classmates for the past two weeks. We would also like to welcome new students and families to our school.

To start each school year, teachers teach students a social emotional learning program called 'The Starting Block.' This is taught in every class to ensure consistency when setting expectations around behaviour and learning. It is also a good way to develop positive relationships between students and teachers.

This week Year 2-6 teachers will be focussing on our school values of:

**Respect** – caring for yourself, others (peers, friends, teachers) and our school

**Belonging** – having positive relationships with others and feel a part of the school

**Fun – Engagement in Learning** – actively participating in class and finding ways that you learn the best

They will also be finding ways to use this terms' character strengths:

**Appreciation of Excellence and Beauty** – taking the time to notice the beauty in the environment around us and appreciate the skills of others

**Humour** – enjoying laughter and not taking life too seriously, which enhance relationships

**Judgement** – being open minded and a critical thinker, willing to listen to other opinions without jumping to conclusions

As we use the practices of Positive Education within our school, we will also be learning different forms of mindfulness to support our students to:

Gain control over their emotions (self-regulation)

Increase energy and focus

Be present and ready to learn

We encourage you to talk to your child about our school values, this terms character strengths and the mindful practices they are learning about. We look forward to a great year of learning!

## UNI SA Social Work Students

This term we have two social work students joining us at The Pines School from the University of South Australia. Their names are Yung Phan and Rhiannon Groutsch. They will be here every Monday to Thursday for term one and two. They are here to develop the wellbeing of our students.

For the next two weeks, they are spending time in the classrooms, getting to know everyone. They will then be supporting students by running some of the following:

lunch time activities

check in/check out programs –1:1 weekly check-ins and student support

Interception

Social Emotional Learning Groups – focussing on positive friendships, self-regulation and anxiety, grief and loss

Leadership Day – for the student representative committee

We are fortunate to have Rhiannon and Yung working with us. I

If you think that your child needs some additional support in these areas, please feel free to contact me so we can discuss it further.

Christin Valley

Wellbeing Leader

# Student Leaders

## The Pines School Music Programs

### Musica Viva Residency 2022, 2023, 2024

This year, we are very excited to begin our three-year Musica Viva Residency program. This Residency will help The Pines School build on the work we have already been doing to provide quality music programs for our students.

Throughout the three years, teachers at our school will be working with a specialist music mentor teacher to improve classroom music programs. Our students will also enjoy a music performance each year from Musica Viva. In addition to this, some of our students will work with a real composer and learn to write their own music. Lastly, Musica Viva will be supporting our instrumental music program with some more instruments and an extra instrumental music teacher.

### Instrumental Music

This year we have over 80 students from Year 4-6 in our instrumental music program. The instruments we have in our music program this year are:

<b>Flute</b> 	<b>Clarinet</b> 	<b>Trumpet</b> 	<b>Trombone</b> 
<b>Saxophone</b> 	<b>Recorder</b> 	<b>Guitar</b> 	
<b>Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass</b> 		<b>Drums /Taiko Drums</b> 	

This is the third year of our instrumental music program and we continue to grow and develop the program. This year we welcome new string teachers to our school. We have also added Taiko drums to our program and look forward to building this Japanese instrument into the program with Mr T and Ms. Norley. While instrumental music is for Year 4-6 students, this year we will be also be giving some of our Year 3 students a chance to try an instrument for a term. Keep an eye out for more information about this later in the year. Happy Music Making!

Raylene Norley and Sonia Magon



# Student Leaders

## Welcome from our Student Reporters.

Welcome back to the Pines school, and welcome to The Pines if you are new. The Pines School reporter team wishes all students and staff a wonderful 2022.

We are two of the senior reporters on The Pines School news team. Our names are Emily and Isaia. Here is a little bit about us:



*Emily and Isaia from Room 26 are two of our senior reporters on the school news team.*

### Isaia

One of my goals this year is to have a fantastic year with my peers and teachers. I am extremely excited for the fun journeys we are going to go on this year. I'm hoping my last year of primary school will be the best one! I have also recently noticed how many people have been interested in playing a musical instrument! It's amazing how so many people have been inspired by one another to be involved in music learning. Goodluck to all those students who have begun music, keep going! I'm wishing you all a lovely year of fun and engaged learning! I will now pass onto Emily (Another senior reporter) to talk about her goals for 2022.

### Emily

I have many goals this year. One of them is to improve the way we can make our school more environmentally friendly and change some things such as the use of plastic cutlery. I really want to make my mark on this school. Another goal is to use what I learnt last in TOM (Tournament of the Minds) to do even better this year. last year we did it and got honors (which pretty much means second place). My last goal is to try hard with all my work and enjoy my last year of primary school. We have lots of fun activities to look forward to such as new learning, camp, The Beach House and aquatics.



*This year our student reporter team is working on developing The Pines TV news. Keep an eye out for our first TV news report later this year!*

# Canteen News

## Qkr Ordering Update

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Please ensure that your child's **Profile on the Qkr! App** has their correct classroom number for the 2022 school year.

If you have already placed an order and your child goes home early, please notify the canteen or if before 9am, orders can be cancelled using the App.

Regards

Sue

Canteen Manager



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TIP OF THE WEEK

## Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

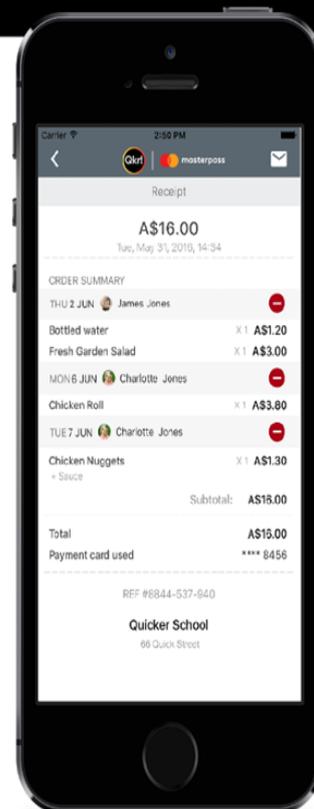
OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Dear Parents

The Premier Reading Challenge has begun and will finish on the **9th September**.

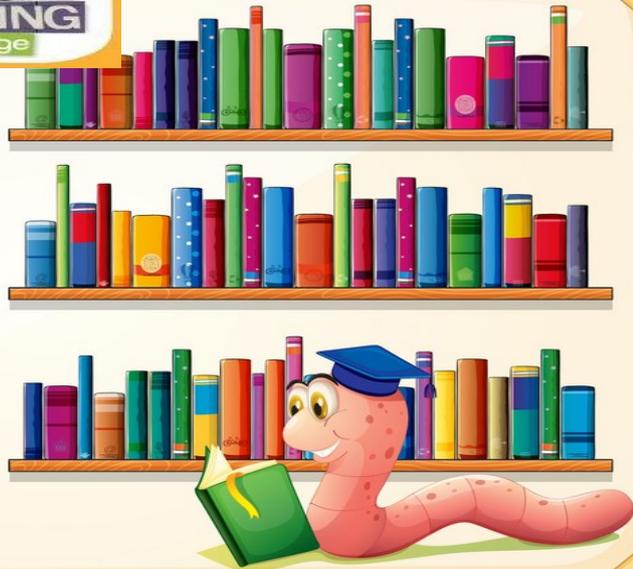
Please could you encourage your children to participate.

Children must read 8 Premier Reading Challenge books and 4 books of their own choice.

They will receive a Record Sheet to fill in from their teachers or from the Library.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and ask the Library staff.

Thank you



# The Pines

Before School Care

After School Care

Early School Finish

Pupil Free Day

Vacation Care



## Get in touch

Anytime. Anyhow.



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## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

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Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Michelle Macarthy



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



### All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.  
*Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.  
*Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



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0401 410 465

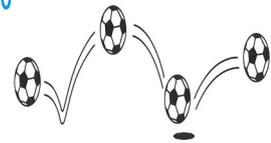
### Term 1 2022 PlayStart Soccer

Commences Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th February

### 8 Week Soccer Program Information for boys and girls aged 2-10

Program runs all year round

▶ Play ▶ Learn ▶ Progress



Locations: Grange | Mawson Lakes | Stonyfell | Unley Park | Windsor Gardens

#### ▶ PLAY SOCIAL

- Learn through creative play
- Fundamental ball movement skills
- Parental input to boost confidence
- Basic motor skills

Age group: 2 to 3 years  
Class time: 9:00am - 9:30am  
Term fee: \$120

#### ▶▶▶ PLAY IMPROVE

- Supports your child's physical & mental growth
- Learn basic player positions
- Soccer essentials like passing and tackling
- Improved sense of team play

Age group: 6 to 8 years  
Class time: 10:00am - 11:00am  
Term fee: \$140

#### ▶▶ PLAY DEVELOP

- Self-paced development
- Fun & interactive class delivery
- Some Parental involvement
- Build and increase coordination

Age group: 4 to 5 years  
Class time: 9:00am - 9:45am  
Term fee: \$130

#### ▶▶▶▶ PLAY PROGRESS

- Prepare for the next stage of soccer journey with greater emphasis on evasive dribbling, kick timing
- Match play each class
- Gain skills to head to Academy/Club soccer

Age group: 8 to 10 years  
Class time: 10:00am - 11:00am  
Term fee: \$140

#### ▶▶▶ PLAY CONNECT

- The next step up!
- Increased age appropriate skill games
- Focus on basic dribbling/shooting
- Finish your class with 'The Match'

Age group: 5 to 6 years  
Class time: 10:00am - 11:00am  
Term fee: \$140



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