



4th April 2019

Principal's Message

What's On.....

April
5th **Term 1 ends. School finishes at 2.30pm on this day.**

23rd **Term 2 begins**

25th **ANZAC Day Public Holiday. No children to attend school on this day.**

26th Year 4 Camp payment due

May
6th Year 1 Incursion

6-10th UNSW Global Digital Technologies Years 3-6

6-8th Year 4 Camp

9th Mothers Day Celebration

14-16th NAPLAN

17th SDSSA Cross Country

20-24th Education Week

20th Curriculum Day. No children to attend school on this day.

21st School Council
21st BBL Incursion P-6

22nd Grandparents Day
Open Night

23rd Year 6 Economics Fair

27-31st May UNSW Science
Years 2-6

28-29th Year 3 Excursion
RSPCA

June
4th Year 4 Excursion

4-12th Somers Camp

5-19th Life Education

7th Disco

10th Queens Birthday Public
Holiday. No children to
attend school on this
day.

Dear Parents,

This week our Yr 2 students celebrated their 'Healthy Living' integrated unit with a fabulous dress up parade depicting various healthy fruits and vegetables. Some of the students dressed up as bananas, there was a pineapple and even an eggplant. Great effort! The healthy foods parade was followed by a fun filled circus skills activity session conducted in the hall.



Farewell Mrs Robinson

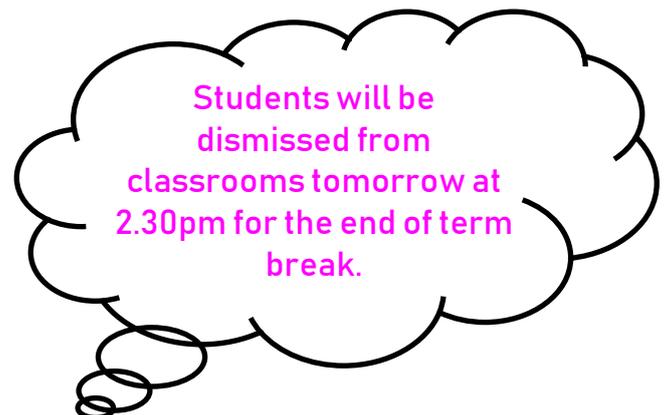
This week we say goodbye to Mrs. Jen Robinson, as she begins her Maternity Leave. We are looking forward to meeting your little bundle of joy soon!

Mr Thomas on Leave

Next term, Mr Thomas will be on Family Leave (until the end of May), as he and his wife Emma, are expecting their second child sometime over the school holidays. We are all excitedly looking forward to meeting the new baby soon! Mrs Helen Dent will be Acting Assistant Principal while Mr Thomas is on Family Leave.

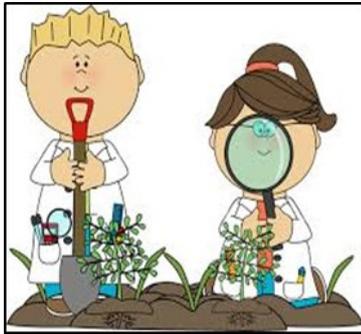
End of Term Assembly

The final assembly for Term 1 will be held on Friday at 9.30 am. Our fabulous Parents Club will be conducting the Easter raffle draw at assembly. Students will be dismissed from classroom at 2.30pm
REMINDER: Term 2 commences at 9.00 am on Tuesday 23 April.





PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:



5 WAYS to KEEP KIDS LEARNING DURING the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a time for rest, relaxation, family time and celebrations. But learning doesn't have to stop when the school gates close...You can help foster a love of learning in your children over the holidays. And they won't even know it!

I thought I would share this article with you as your children are about to embark on a two week break from school. It has been written by Melbourne Child Psychology and School Psychological Services, Port Melbourne.

Below are some great school holiday activities that get kids engaged, curious and excited about learning...

1. Go to museums.

It's an obvious choice for good reason:

Kids love the interactive, tactile and three-dimensional experience of learning at the museums, 'Museums offer a dynamic opportunity to expose children to experiences and explore new things in a rich and educational environment,' explains Sara Choi, Education Program Manager of a Children's Museum.

'Through interactive exhibits and hands-on play, children have the ability to take ownership of their own learning and develop and explore their own curiosities. This unique exposure provides the foundation for creativity, critical thinking, and connection to the world around them.'

A study from a few years ago also testified to the educational and personal benefits of visiting museums.

It found that kids who did:

- demonstrated stronger critical thinking skills,
- displayed higher levels of social tolerance,
- exhibited greater historical empathy, and;
- developed a taste for art museums and cultural institutions.
- And there's opportunities for engagement and learning for children of all ages.
- Younger children can benefit from focused exhibitions that encourage experiential play and problem solving.
- And older kids and teenagers can learn about art, history, culture, the environment, science and more outside of the school environment, and without the pressures of assessments.
- This different experience of learning can foster more active engagement with topics and ideas that will then transfer into their curriculum at school...
- And active engagement is a crucial element of successful learning.



- Take your kids to museums and galleries of all types, and encourage questions and discussions that will ignite their curiosity.
- It not only provides the perfect opportunity for family bondings...
- It can also help to boost creativity, develop problem solving skills, support active inquisition and a love of learning

2. Take them to the supermarket.

You read right!

A study into childhood learning — aptly named 'The Supermarket Study' — involved placing signs with questions on items around the supermarket.

Questions like 'where does milk come from?' and 'what else comes from a cow?' were designed to encourage dialogue and evoke curiosity and inquisition from the children.

The results saw a one-third increase in conversations between parents and children — a pivotal form of informal education.

And while the study was conducted with children under 8, the inherent principles can be used with kids (and even adults!) of all ages.

The idea is to create opportunities for learning outside of the school setting and in the real world.

Think about how many interesting and potentially unanswered questions we can ask about the world on a daily basis:

What kind of trees line your street, how your groceries get from where they're grown to in your kitchen, or how the technology in your home was developed...

There's myriad opportunities for learning all around you.

By encouraging your kids to question the how and why of these mundane things, you're fostering a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge.

3. Let them be bored.

Yes, you read right again!

The holidays can often be a constant battle of finding new and interesting things to keep kids entertained.

But there's a lot to be said for leaving them to their own devices, and letting them just be.

'Children need time to themselves – to switch off from the bombardment of the outside world, to day-dream, pursue their own thoughts and occupations, and discover personal interests and gifts', explains Teresa Belton.

Children of the digital age are used to having constant entertainment and instant gratification.

So removing these distractions allows some much-needed time for quiet reflection, a wandering mind, and developing creative strategies to keep them entertained.



The best type of boredom can be found in the great outdoors where they can investigate the natural environment.

It also encouraged imaginative play, which helps kids to express their creativity.

4. Make reading part of the routine.

Regular routines go out the window when school stops...

But you can still keep a sense of routine, and important daily rituals, all through the holidays.

Reading is one of the best forms of learning for all kids (and that includes reading to them):

Younger kids develop language skills, improve literacy, and put their imagination to good use...

While for older kids, fiction books can further support their writing skills, and through non-fiction they can learn about topics that interest them that they may or may not study in the school environment.

Reading can also aid relaxation and reduce stress and anxiety, increase empathy, and promote good sleeping habits

5. Discuss current events.

Dialogue, as evidenced in The Supermarket Study, is a powerful and often-overlooked opportunity for teaching and learning.

Discuss timely, relevant events from the media (or otherwise) with your children.

Of course, your discussions should be age appropriate...

But you will find that there are appropriate news-worthy topics to discuss with young children and older teenagers.

By encouraging them to be aware of issues in the world, to analyse and engage with them, and to consider events from various angles...

You're helping to develop their critical thinking skills, to problem solve, and become responsible, engaged and empathetic.

And who knows, you might learn something from them too!

So let your kids enjoy the holidays — but show them that learning can be one of the most fun holiday activities, too.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy end of Term 1 holiday.

Karen Jenkin
Principal





Art Room News

This term in the Art room we have explored the theme "Growing Up In Australia". The students have experimented with a variety of styles and approaches to recreate scenes of the Australian bush, beach life, iconic buildings, Australian animals and plants and Indigenous art styles. The senior students have explored the work of Sidney Nolan and Frederick McCubbin in their personal interpretations of "Lost" and Ned Kelly images.

In Term 2 we will be creating art work related to the school production "The Wizard of Oz". The students are hugely excited about creating backdrops that will be projected as images on the stage.

Fran Combes and Susan Tate
Visual Art Teachers





LIBRARY NEWS

Recently, we had our Origami Story Time for the third time this term! We had a story called Hattie and the fox by Mem Fox. We made foxes and the kids were pretty happy about what they did. There were Preps, Ones and Twos. The Origami Story Time was excellent because the children had origami options to do as well as free drawing. This helps them to learn new words and they get to learn origami skills! We need to thank Johnathon for helping and Georgia for taking the photos!

Comments from the kids that came to the Origami

Story Time:

Rudy (Yr1) | really like the story time and the origami.

Lexi (Yr2) | like story time because of the story and it's inside.

Charlotte (Yr1) | like

story time because there are a lot of activities and we read a story.

Maisie (Yr2) | like the origami and there are a lot of funny stories.



Lily (Yr1) | like the origami and the story.

By Library Captain

Miffy,



French News

Bonjour, Pinewood Primary School community. Find below some French words related to Easter and the holidays. Thank you for your support throughout the term and remind your children to revise the vocabulary during the school break.

Joyeuses Pâques et Bonnes Vacances,

Meilleures vœux,
Madame Vinga



French Words of the Week

vacances – holidays

bonnes vacances – have a good holiday

Pâques – Easter

Joyeuses Pâques – Happy Easter

oeuf – egg

la poule – the chicken

le poussin – the chick

le lapin – the bunny

oeuf de Pâques – Easter egg

oeuf en chocolat – chocolate egg





Parents Club News



DISCO – Term 2!

Friday 7th June

The Parent Club are looking for extra helpers to assist on the evening of the disco. If you are able help at either the Junior or Senior disco, or both please email Lisa, sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au



Easter Raffle will be Drawn this Friday at assembly 9.30am.

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets, a total amount of \$1677.45 was raised!

GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN

FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Easter Raffle

Casual Dress Day

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A total amount of \$552.00 was raised from the children who participated in Casual Dress Day!

This was a fantastic result – **thank you!!**

Mothers Day Stall – TERM 2 Friday 10th of May

The Parent Club are looking for extra helpers to assist on the day. If you are able help please email Lisa, sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au
The Catalogue will go out in the first week of term.



Mother's Day Stall



Hi all,

I would like to introduce myself. I am Harshini Seneviratne, and I am the new Coordinator for Pinewood OSHClub, taking over from James when he leaves for Canada at the start of next term. I have worked in Queensland and Adelaide for Helping Hands and independent OSHC services. I am looking forward to meeting you all very soon! It has been great getting to know the service so far and it has been great to see that the school, parents and students are all very supportive of each other.

Holidays are just around the corner and James and the staff would like to thank you all for a fantastic Term 1. As a thank you we have organised a family breakfast this Friday morning, the 5th of April, in our Before Care room between 7:30 am - 8:40 am. We would love for you to stay for 5 or 10 minutes when you drop off your children and enjoy a coffee and breakfast on us!

We wish you all a great holiday, and look forward to seeing many of you at Holiday Program!

Regards,

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