



Pinnacle Post



From the Principal

29th April 2024

Welcome to Week Three of Term 2! The students have returned to school with a fantastic attitude towards their learning, which has been absolutely great to see! There are many exciting things happening this term! This term, the students have started planting their vegetables which they will care for each and every day. Our gardening program (and eventual cooking program) is linked to supporting our wellbeing and also our Science/Design & Technology units which focus on life stages and also how food is grown. In addition to our Science learning of life stages, students have also enjoyed taking care of our mealworms in class. It has been absolutely amazing seeing students making observations each day and using wonderful terminology to describe what they are seeing such as *pupa*, *larvae*, *habitat* and exoskeleton. **Our sports days are occurring on the 4th and 5th of June this term. More information to come.**

Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important and it is vital to support the continuation of quality learning that student attendance is a priority. Where possible, it is important that students are at school each and every day. Understandably, there are times where appointments/external factors occur, if students are going to absent for part of the day/the day, can I please remind you to call the school office and message the Principal Phone with a reason for the absence so that we can input this information.

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Soundwaves

This term we have incorporated the use of the Soundwaves program in our learning to support student phonics. (Perhaps students have come home already singing some of the chants that they have learnt). Students have enjoyed this approach to develop their sound and letter awareness. Below is a link where you can find a YouTube video that outlines the sounds and their associated actions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM3dMF-Bxuk>

Annual Improvement Plan 2024

As a school, we develop an Annual Improvement Plan each year which identifies focus areas for the school to work towards this year. The 2024 Annual Improvement Plan for Pinnacle State School identifies three areas in which we will focus:

1. Educational Achievement: Rigorous implementation of the Australian Curriculum.
2. Culture and Inclusion: Differentiating confidently for the learning needs of all students.
3. Wellbeing and Engagement: Supporting wellbeing for the school community.

Homework

Thanks to all students and their families that have been engaging within homework. We will continue to hand-out homework on a Friday afternoon and hope that this can be returned by Thursday of the following week. Starting this week, readers will be coming home to support student reading skills.


ANZAC Day

A heartfelt thanks to all students and their families who participated in the ANZAC Day parade at the Pinnacle Memorial. Students were extremely respectful of the occasion and represented the school extremely well.

Pinny Priority


Each week we have a Pinny Priority which is an additional focus on a skill that is derived from our Resilience Framework. The focus for week three is *Speaking Respectfully*. Throughout the week, the students and staff will discuss what it means to speak respectfully and how we can demonstrate this skill. *Please see below a picture that is on display in the classroom.*

Pinny Priority
Term 2 - Week 3



Speaking respectfully

- Who am I talking to?
- Where am I talking? (Classroom, library, playground)
- Why am I talking? (Have I thought about how the other person will interpret my words?)
- When am I talking? (Are other people talking at the moment? How do I let people know that I would like to say something?)



Links to Pinnacle State School Resilience Framework - Social/Emotional Category

School Review

Every four years, schools (QLD Department of Education) engage within a review which aims to celebrate the things that are working well and to also identify the focus areas for schools to work on for the following four years. This review for Pinnacle State School will be occurring in Term Four this year (Early-November). Throughout this year, I will be eager to further involve parents in the quality work we are doing at Pinnacle State School and also gather your input and feedback.

Facebook

I have recently re-activated the school Facebook account for Pinnacle State School. I hope to upload great things that the students are learning about and also inform the community of upcoming events etc. It would be great if you like and follow the school Facebook page so that you have another way to keep up to date with the great things that we are doing!

Fire Safety Visit

Representatives from the Queensland Fire Service will be coming to Pinnacle SS on May 10th to engage our Prep and Year 1 students in a fire safety demonstration. Students from Gargett SS will also be attending. I will make sure to provide further information when I can regarding this wonderful learning experience.

Student Council

As a student cohort, we have been working on raising money for initiatives in the school that we would enjoy. To support this, please see information below:

- Ice Blocks – Zooper Doopers will be available for sale on a Friday afternoon for 50c. This will start this Friday (3rd May). We are also looking at providing warm Milo for when the mornings when it is colder (more information to come).
- Free Dress Day – To support the Student Council, students are excited to announce a Free Dress Day with the theme of *PJ Day*. On this day, students are allowed to wear their pyjamas to school (enclosed shoes and sun-safe) for a gold coin donation. This will be held on Thursday 9th May.

TERM 2: (Up to Week 6)

- May 6th – Labor Day Public Holiday (Week 4)
- May 9th – Student Council Free Dress Day
- May 10th – Walk Safely to School Day
- May 10th – Do it for Dolly Day (Week 4)
- May 10th – Fire Safety Visit (Prep + Year 1)
- May 12th – Mother's Day (Week 5)
- May 20th-26th – National Volunteer Week "Something for Everyone" (Week 6)
- May 22nd – National Simultaneous Storytime (Week 6)

News from the P&C

P&C Meeting

There is a proposed meeting at 3:30pm on Friday 11th May (TBC). Further information to come. We would love to see you there!



*Cash for Cans**

Cans, poppers and plastic bottles with the 10c label can be donated to help raise valuable funds for the school.

The P & C use the money received from the 10c containers to support Pinnacle students.

A grey bin is located near the tuckshop where your kind donations can be placed.

Thank you
Pinnacle P & C

Pinny Playgroup

A reminder about our Pinny Playgroup that happens each Monday morning.

Pinnacle State School

Pinny Playgroup



Monday Morning

9:30am – 10:30am

- *Hands-on activities*
- *Fresh-fruit morning tea provided*
- *Learning, Arts, Crafts*

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!