# Pinewood Primary School

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# Newsletter

**5 MARCH 2015**

## CALENDAR

**March**

9th Labour Day public holiday. No children to attend on 1 this day.

**11th BOOK CLUB DUE**

12th Twilight Sports

17th School Council AGM 6.30pm

17th School Council Meeting 7pm

20th Prep Incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership

20th Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

25th Harmony Day

27th Easter Raffle Draw

27th Term 1 ends.

30th—10 April VACATION CARE

**April**

3rd Good Friday

5th Easter Sunday

6th Easter Monday

13th Term 2 commences.

16th School Photos

**18th WORKING BEE**

25th ANZAC Day

**May**

**2nd SCHOOL FETE**

8th Mothers Day Stall

15th Curriculum Day. No children to attend on this day.

**Dear Parents,**

Karen Jenkin
Principal

**BADGE PRESENTATION FOR STUDENT LEADERS**
On Friday of this week, 6th March, we are holding a special assembly at 9.30am to present badges to our student leaders for 2015. Ms Anna Burke, Federal Member of Parliament for Chisholm, will be presenting the badges to the students.
It is usually a very proud moment for these students as they are presented with their badges and recognised by the school for their leadership potential.

**TWILIGHT SPORTS**
We will be holding our Twilight Sports next Thursday, 12th March starting at approximately 6.00pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for parents to meet other families from the school and it is usually a great social occasion. Activities will take place on the oval. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Our Parents Club will be holding a barbecue during the evening selling sausages and drinks to our families. I look forward to seeing you all there.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
It is very pleasing to see our children in full school uniform. The children are proud of their school and it is apparent in the way they present themselves. As the leader of the school I am extremely pleased with the attitude and appreciate parents support in ensuring all our children wear their uniform with pride.

**SCHOOL TOURS**
Our first official school tour for 2015 was conducted this week with 16 new families attending. Tours of the school will be conducted each Tuesday morning at 10.00am.

**PARENT HELPER REMINDER**
We really appreciate the classroom support provided by our parent helpers. Please remember to sign in at the office and collect your visitors badge prior to helping in the classroom. When you have finished helping you will need to sign out and return the badge. All parent helpers will need to provide a copy of their "Working with Children Check." You can apply for this at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. Volunteers incur no cost.

**SAD NEWS**
On behalf of the staff and the parent community of Pinewood P.S. I would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Tania Hamamen and family at the tragic loss of her husband, Paul, last weekend. Tania has been replacing Ms. Sandra McGregor in Year3 for term 1.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

# PARENTS CLUB NEWS

### 2015 Calendar of Events

**TERM 1**

| | |
|---|---|
| Thurs 12th March | Twilight Sports Barbecue |
| Fri 20th March | Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser |
| Weds 25th March | Harmony Day |
| Fri 27th March | Easter Hamper Raffle Draw |

**TERM 2**

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| Sat 2nd May | School Fete Barbecue |
| Fri 8th May | Mother's Day Stall |
| Fri 29th May | School Disco (TBC) |

**TERM 3**

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| Thurs 23rd July | Popcorn Day |
| August/September | Whole School Musical Kiosk |
| Fri 4th September | Father's Day Stall |
| Weds 16th September | Footy Hotdog Day |

**TERM 4**

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| Fri 30th October | Halloween Disco (TBC) |
| Tues 10th November | Popcorn Day |
| Sat 5th December | Bunnings Barbeque |
| December | End of Year Concert Barbecue |

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## School Banking Day is TUESDAY!

## *CHANGE OF CONTACT NUMBER*

***The school phone number has changed. Please phone 8847 3200 to contact the school. The diversion from the old number to the new will expire at the end of the term.***

## School Office Hours 8.30am—4pm

## *CLASSROOM REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2015*

We are looking for parents who would be interested in being a class representative for their child's class this year.

Thankyou to the parents who have already volunteered :

| | | |
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| Prep H | - | Amanda Coster |
| Prep L | - | Chats Fernando |
| Prep M | - | Debby Lin |
| Prep R | - | Davina Knight |
| 1A | - | Sadike Miller |
| 1JK | - | Rosie Cluett |
| 1T | - | Lisa Strong |
| 2D | - | |
| 2M | - | Kavitha Wilson |
| 3B | - | Lisa Strong/ Helen Vickery |
| 3K | - | |
| 3M | - | Louise Berry |
| 4M | - | Rosie Cluett |
| 4R | - | Lily Spear / Deb Matheson |
| 5C | - | |
| 5K | - | |
| 5T | | |
| 6H | - | Lily Spear / Deb Matheson |
| 6U | - | Cindy Fraser / Michelle Raimondi |

## PLEASE REMEMBER THE 40kph SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

## Uniform Opening Times

**Monday, 3.15pm—3.45pm**
**Thursday, 3.15pm—3.45pm**

The Uniform Shop is now located near the office. As from Monday 16th February, the price of long sleeve polos will be $30, due to an increase in manufactures prices. Track pants have come down in price but the bucket hat is now $11.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Thom K.** **Prep H**
For working very hard to listen to and follow instructions. Well done Thom, keep up the great work.

**Lennox C.** **Prep L**
For taking turns and listening well during class activities. Well done!

**Alex Z.** **3B**
For demonstrating self– confidence when he delivered his oral presentation to the class.

**Hannah F.** **Prep R**
For the wonderful effort she puts into all activities and for being a responsible and co-operative class member. Well done Hannah!

**Layla W.** **2M**
For having a positive outlook towards all classroom activities and working hard to complete all tasks.

**Johnson T.** **5T**
For making such a great impression since joining us here at Pinewood. Johnson has been hardworking, friendly and co-operative.

**Joshua T.** **6U**
For his excellent effort during t-ball at the Summer Sports Round Robin. Well done for also demonstrating good sportsmanship.

**Logan B.** **1A**
For consistently using his good listening skills and for focusing on his work. Keep up the good work Logan.

**Nathan D.** **1JK**
For the kindness and consideration he shows towards others. You are a wonderful role model to others. Well done.

**Nik M.** **1T**
For always being polite and respectful to others and for completing all of his work to a high standard. Well done.

**Triya S.** **Prep M**
For the effort she puts into all activities and for being a responsible and co-operative class member.

**Eric H.** **5C**
For settling well into his new school and for displaying exemplary behaviour in all activities.

**Alan M.** **4R**
For displaying great confidence and persistence in his oral presentation. Keep up the fantastic effort Alan !

**Willis P.** **6H**
For an outstanding class presentation. Your talk showed great organisation and research. Well done.

**Yianni G.** **5K**
For the enthusiastic effort you put into your persuasive writing. You have great ideas and evidence to support your position. Well done.

**Lithasha P.** **4M**
For an excellent oral presentation to the class. Well done on speaking so clearly and confidently.

**Mitch D.** **2D**
For the positive attitude he brings to school everyday and for always producing neatest work. Keep it up Mitch!

**Anna G.** **3K**
For good listening in maths and demonstrating your new skills to solve a problem. Well done!

**Lachlan B.** **3M**
For trying his best in all classroom activities and co-operating well with others.

**PE Award** **Prep M**
For being very flexible and patient during the wild weather last week.

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## FETE NEWS

This year as part of our fete we will be holding a competition called "Kiss the Pig". Students and parents will have the opportunity to make one of the Pinewood staff give a pig, a big wet kiss! The staff member with the most money raised by the date of the fete will have to kiss a pig. Students and parents can donate money to the staff member of their choice by putting money in an envelope with the staff member's name on it and giving it to their class teacher in the morning. Alternately piggy banks with the teacher's face on them can be found at the office.

Staff who are participating -

Mr Bolger, Mr Byron, Ms Clement, Ms Delany, Mr Hartigan, Mrs Hayden, Mrs Kay, Ms Jenkin, Mrs Kovas, Mrs Mann, Ms McGill, Ms Robinson, Ms Russell, Mr Tate, Mrs Thomas, Ms Ung and Mrs James.

## TERM DATES 2015

***Term 1***

January 29th Years 1 – 6 begin
January 30th Preps begin
Term ends Friday, 27th March

***Term 2***

Monday 13th April – Friday, 26th June

***Term 3***

Monday, 13th July – Friday, 18th September

***Term 4***

Monday, 5th October – Friday, 18th December

# FACE PAINTING STALL 2015

If you are interested in joining the
FACE PAINTING STALL
at the fete this year
SATURDAY 2ND MAY
there are positions available for
FACE PAINTERS
MONEY COLLECTORS/QUEUE CONTROL
No experience is necessary-
A FACE PAINTING WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD IN THE ARTROOM
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH at 3.40pm
and will cover
HYGIENE
BASIC FACE PAINTING SKILLS
FOUR BASIC FETE DESIGNS

Please contact Francine on fran.ce@iinet.net.au if you are available for either position, indicating preferred time slot of hour or more block.
If you are a confident face painter feel free to skip the workshop.

## MUSIC NEWS

Our full music programme is now up and running for the year at Pinewood Primary School. All children have a music lesson each week in their grade, and we also have a small orchestra, Year 5/6 Recorder Group and a Year 5/6 Marimba Group for any students who wish to try these.

**'Class concerts'**
For our final week of term (beginning 23rd March), music classes will offer the chance for any students who are learning an instrument to play to their class. We look forward to hearing guitar, violin, recorder, cello and piano/keyboard in music lessons. If parents could please help remind children to bring their instrument and/or music this week that would be appreciated.

Instrument lessons at school :-
A reminder that children can have lessons paid for privately during the school day.
- Piano/keyboard, Wai Ling Yee (B.Arts) : 0424 640 766. Fees: $150 for 5 weeks.
- Guitar and Drum kit (Geoff Wright)
- violin (Ian McCullogh)

These are small group lessons – contact MusiCorp on 1300 858 911.
Fees: $209 for 10 lessons, including book, hire of instrument, and music stand.

### Music at Assembly

On Monday 16th March our school orchestra (violins and flute) will perform at Assembly. On Monday 23rd March some of our children who play instruments will play. Anyone who would like to play for the school at assembly should let teachers know (class teachers or music teachers).
Recorders

All our Year 4 students learn to play the descant recorder in class, and they have now had two weeks of trying their recorders. It is important for them to learn to blow carefully, cover the holes, and not squeak, so we make sure they can do this before they can take their recorders home.
(Parents, we want you to enjoy your children's playing!)

Students who join the 5/6 Recorder Group will have the possibility of borrowing the larger recorders from the school: treble, tenor and bass.

Mrs Nicole Blowfield
Ms Heather McLaughlin
(Music Teachers)

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Australian cricketer's visit

Last Monday we were very lucky and honoured to have two current Australian cricketers in Chris Rogers and Julie Hunter visit the school, our prize for winning the Cricket Colours Day online competition. They conducted a clinic with selected students in grades 3-6 and gave out some very valuable advice and tips to the students.
After handing out a whole range of merchandise and signing hundreds of autographs, the grade 5 and 6 students took part in a Q & A with Chris and Julie. Some very probing questions were asked and we were all given a fantastic insight to the life of an elite cricketer. All students and staff involved throughout the day walked away with huge smiles on their faces after being part of this incredibly rare opportunity. We extend our thanks to Cricket Victoria for organising such a memorable day.

Rick Byron - Acting Sports Coordinator

# VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2015

1. All students at Pinewood are registered for the Challenge.
2. The P.R.C opened on the 3rd of March 2015 and will end (for Pinewood students) on the 4th of September 2015.

| If you are in: | You must read: | Number from the challenge: |
|---|---|---|
| Prep | 30 | 20 or more |
| Year 1 | 30 | 20 or more |
| Year 2 | 30 | 20 or more |
| Year 3 | 15 | 10 or more |
| Year 4 | 15 | 10 or more |
| Year 5 | 15 | 10 or more |
| Year 6 | 15 | 10 or more |

3. If you are in Prep, Year 1, or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother, sister, classmate, buddy or friend.
4. Don't forget that in the library the Prep-2 books have red stickers, 3-4 have green stickers and 5-6 have purple stickers.
5. All your information must be completed online by Friday 4th of September 2015.

Written by Year 6 Library Monitor Suying 'Shirley' Tu