



Newsletter

14 MAY 2015

CALENDAR

May

15th Curriculum Day. No children to attend on this day. **After Care will be available.**

18th—22nd Year 5 – 6 Camp Weekaway

25-29th Education Week

25th Yr 2 Excursion to Como House

27th Open Morning

27th Grandparents & Special Friends Morning Tea

27th Open Night for Parents

29th SDSSA Cross Country

29th Whole School Disco

June

5th Winter Sport for Years 5&6

8th Queens Birthday Public Holiday. No children to attend on this day.

19th SDSSA Soccer Round Robin

26th Term 2 ends at 2.30pm.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 3PM.

July

13th Term 3 commences.

23rd Popcorn Day

August

3rd Curriculum Day. No children to attend on this day.

Dear Parents,

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to our Parent committee for organising a fabulous Mother's Day stall last week. The children appreciated the opportunity to purchase a special gift for Mum.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Tests were conducted for students in Years 3 and Year 5 this week.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in literacy and numeracy. This information is analysed by teachers to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. NAPLAN reports are issued in September. At Pinewood Primary School the NAPLAN tests are one of a number of assessments that are undertaken throughout the year, a more comprehensive assessment of a student can be made by talking to teachers who are continually tracking each child's progress based upon standardised tests, teacher judgements and zoned assessments.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2016

Parents of children in the school with a sibling who will be starting Prep in 2016 are encouraged to collect an enrolment pack from the office. The forms need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. This information is important in the planning process for 2016. If you know of any families interested in sending their children to Pinewood P.S. please inform them that enrolment packs are available and that tours are conducted each Tuesday at 10.00am.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPERS

Best wishes to our Year 5/6 students, teachers and parent helpers who are heading to 'Weekaway' Camp, for five fun



Karen Jenkin
Principal



filled and action packed days next week.

REMINDER- Curriculum Day Friday 15th May –Tomorrow

'SWAP' DAY

Our student leadership team organised a fund raising event to help the earthquake victims of Nepal. The leaders conducted a 'SWAP' dress up day, where for a gold coin donation, a student could come to school dressed as a teacher and a teacher could come dressed as a student. Several staff participated in cross country training and picked up papers at recess. It was a real role swap! The money raised will go towards providing financial support for victims of the earthquakes in Nepal.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

In light of the recent natural disasters in Nepal, and considering the purpose of the student leadership fund raising, 'Swap Day', I've added a timely article on tips for parents to help their children respond to and help make sense of natural disasters.

Help your children make sense of natural disasters.

Michael Gross -Parenting Ideas

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can't do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when the natural disasters fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1 Reassure children that they are safe

The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don't understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it

will not affect them directly.

2 Be available

Let children know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

3 Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television

Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

4 Support children's concerns for others

They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heart-warming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

5 Let them explore feelings beyond fear

Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions. They may feel sadder for the loss of wildlife, than for loss of human life, which is impersonal for them.

6 Help children and young people find a legitimate course of action if they wish

Action is a great antidote to stress and anxiety so finding simple ways to help, Including, donating some pocket money can assist children to cope and teaches them to contribute.

7 Avoid keeping the television on all the time

The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.



8 Be aware of your own actions

Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

9 Take action yourself

Children who know their parents, teachers, or other significant caregivers are working to make a difference feel hope. They may feel safer and more positive about the future.

So do something. It will make you feel more hopeful, too. And hope is one of the most valuable gifts we can give children and ourselves.

Children's worlds can be affected in ways that we can't even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children's needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children. In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Bailey M-S. **Prep H**
For working very hard at home and at school to learn his Wizard Words and letters and sounds. Well done!

Mitchell D. **Prep R**
For being a wonderful role model for other students in the class. Mitchell displays lovely manners and tries his best in all activities. Well done Mitchell!

Mubashir Ahmad **Prep M**
For the wonderful effort he has made during Maths sessions. Keep it up Mubashir!

Ben C. **6U**
For his excellent 'Holidays'. It was a descriptive and very interesting to read. Keep up the fantastic work Ben.

Olivia E. **4M**
For always presenting her work neatly and taking pride in the work she produces. Keep up the excellent standard.

Keeley S. **1T**

For always having a positive attitude and trying her best in all activities. Well done Keeley!

Shahood S. **3B**
For the effort he puts into completing all classroom activities. Keep up the great work Shahood.

Zain A. **2M**
For working hard to complete all activities. Keep it up!

Chenuki S. **5T**
Chenuki has worked extremely hard during our NAPLAN practise and colonial history work this week. Fantastic work Chenuki.

Arib H. **5C**
For being an enthusiastic student, in particular for his entertaining and well written narrative on being 'Grounded' Keep up the great work!

Harvey C. **4R**
For displaying a positive attitude towards class activities and for being helpful around the classroom. Keep it up Harvey!

Catherine R. **Prep L**
For being an active participant at the toy incursion and for trying her best during reading groups. Well done!

Natalia V. **1A**
For using her good listening skills and for quickly focusing on her work. Well done!

Medha S. **1JK**
For making a wonderful effort to focus and complete tasks to the best of her ability. Well done Medha.

Tara M. **3K**
For being a wonderful classroom helper. Thank you for everything that you do.

Adele B. **2D**
For always helping out in the classroom and consistently producing neat, high quality work. Well done!

Jamie K. **3M**
For acting responsibly to ensure he has practised his times tables and spelling words for our Friday test.

Jasmine D. **6H**
For the outstanding effort put into her research project about natural disasters and the high quality work she puts into everything she does.

PE Award **4M**
For picking up the art of base running and making good decisions during games.



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WAVERLEY CYCLES

ROAD, MOUNTAIN & FAMILY



Hey guys, exciting times. We now have Sunday morning group classes at Pinewood Gym. Classes are great fun and target weight loss. Circuits run from 8am—9am and are \$20.

Any inquires or bookings, please contact **Kirsty** on 0458 544 888.

Bookings are essential, all spots must be booked prior by contacting me on the above number.

Can't wait to see you there.

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all the helpers who assisted with the Mothers Day Stall.

This was a successful event as the children enjoyed purchasing that special something.

Michelle Raimondi, Marnie Grant, Ava Armyoun, Suzanne Davis, Jules Berry, Sharmaine W

Tran Phan, Rashi Budhiraja, Anya Mitchell, Lucy Adams, Koula Giannakis, Arlet Jurdoukian

Lindy Fergeus, Cindy Lowe, Smitha Podgrarat, Diana Hunt, Debby Lin, Sarah Speakman

Georgia Sinclair, Amanda Fairbairn and Sadike Miller.

Thank you once again, for giving up your time.

We look forward to the next Parents Committee event.



**School Banking
TUESDAY**

HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE LUNCHES DELIVERED FRESH TO PINWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY
(Unavailable Tuesday)**

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www.classroomcuisine.com.au

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Email: contact@classroomcuisine.com.au

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.

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