



Newsletter

18 JUNE 2015

CALENDAR

June

19th SDSSA Soccer Round Robin

22nd Year 5 Excursion to Sovereign Hill

25th Pizza Day

26th Term 2 ends at 2.30pm.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 3PM.

July

13th Term 3 commences.

23rd Popcorn Day

August

6th Jeans 4 Genes

7th Curriculum Day. No children to attend on this day.

10th Oxfam Concert, Box Hill Town Hall.

14th Winter Sport for Years 5&6

19th Musical Soiree in the Hall

24-28th Book Week—Theme is 'Books Light Up The World'

September

4th Fathers Day Stall

11th SDSSA Basketball Round Robin

16th Footy Hot Dog Day

18th Term 3 ends at 2.30pm.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 3PM.

Dear Parents,

END OF TERM

The end of term is rapidly approaching with our final assembly being at 9.15 am on Friday 26 June and school finishing for the holidays at 2.30pm. Please note that there is no assembly next Monday 22 June.

STUDENT REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

We have all been working very hard to produce highly professional and informative student reports, and student portfolios, and are looking forward parent teacher discussions next week on your children's achievements. Please read the student portfolios with your child or children and join us in celebrating all their achievements and learning so far this year.

PLAYGROUND NEWS!

As our amazing school fete raised more than \$28,000 profit, School Council has, this week, approved my request to commence the scope of works for the relocation of the Toombah St. playground, to the area near the current cricket nets (approx. \$13,000). The playground works are now scheduled to take place during the second week of the school holidays.

The bringing forward of the playground relocation project, has only been made possible due to the generous contribution, in both time and effort, of parents, staff and the wider school community, as together, we created a wonderfully engaging and profitable fete. The money raised at the fete now provides the required funds for the school to commence the playground scope of works.

The financial success, of such an event, adds to our ability to continue to make Pinewood PS a thriving environment of learning and engagement for our students. I am sure the students will be thrilled when they return to school, after the holidays, to see the new playground in place and ready for action!

PREP STUDENTS – 'BUCKET 'N' TONGS KIDS' LICENCE.

The introduction of buckets and tongs for paper collection in the yard has created great excitement with the Prep students, in particular. To ensure the Preps use the buckets and tongs safely, we have introduced a, 'Bucket and Tong licence' system for them. This has been a huge hit!

Congratulations to all of the Prep students, for successfully obtaining their 'bucket and tong' licence this week.

Prep students needed to be demonstrate the following 4 skills in order to gain a 'Bucket 'N' Tongs Kids' licence:

1. Able to hold a bucket by the handle and walk with **tongs facing downwards** for 20 metres -includes walking safely around an object with tongs facing to the ground.



Karen Jenkin
Principal



2. Able to competently **pick up a piece of paper** using the tongs.
3. Able to **place the paper in the large rubbish bin** using the tongs.
4. Able to **return the bucket and tongs** to the sandpit entrance.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, we held our House Cross Country Sports morning. The students competed with great enthusiasm and there were some very close finishes in some of the races. It was fabulous to see the students of all ages demonstrating good sportsmanship and having lots of fun too. Thanks to Mr Byron and Ms Mc Gregor for organising a most enjoyable event for the students.

PIZZA LUNCH

The Parent's committee have organised for a pizza day lunch on Thursday 25 June. If you would like your child/children to participate, please complete and return the Pizza Day order form given to students this week.

HEAD LICE

At the moment we have an outbreak of head lice in the school. In order to eradicate this problem it is essential that all parents take particular precautions in monitoring this situation.

I would ask all parents to please check their children's hair for any infestation. The eggs (nits) are usually found at the back of the neck and behind the ears close to the scalp. Eggs are 1mm in length, oval in shape, off white in colour and are cemented to the hair. Children with long hair are advised to wear their hair tied back.

Parents must notify the school office if their children become infected. Children who are infected are **EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL** until they have been treated with a pharmacy approved treatment. Please remember to treat your child's hair again in 7 days to ensure that any remaining eggs are killed. The lice infestation can be eradicated if we are **ALL** vigilant.

Further information is included within the newsletter.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

With reports and parent teacher interviews just around the corner I thought it might be timely to discuss the importance of the quality

of 'persistence'. The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn't allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by **GIVING EFFORT** they will more than likely experience more success. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Michael Gross, author of 'Parenting Ideas', suggests four practical strategies you can use to promote a sense of persistence in your children:

1 Develop a vocabulary for persistence.

Words like "Hang tough", "Work Hard" and "Hang in there" can become part of their everyday vocabulary.

2 Point out to children when they stick at a task.

Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent.

The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3 Help children to remember times when they experienced success by **HANGING IN THERE** when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4 Talk about HARD WORK with your children.

They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are **NOT** fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

I hope you find these strategies helpful in promoting a sense of persistence in your child/children.

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Principal



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Issy K.

Prep R

For her positive attitude towards all learning activities and for being a kind, caring and helpful class member. Well done Issy!

Cameron F.

Prep M

Cameron has produced pleasing results in Art sessions and Maths groups. Well done Cameron!

Diljeet G.

3M

For being a wonderful computer technician and helping out classmates who couldn't print from their computer. Well done and thank you.

Olivia S.

Prep H

For listening carefully to instructions and taking care to produce neat, legible work. Well done!

Shimmer K.

Prep L

For the consistent effort she has made to learn the Wizard Words and for always trying her best. Well done and keep it up!

Sophie M.

1JK

For being such a positive role-model for others. Sophie always tries her best. She is a kind and considerate student.

Taya T.

4M

For her superb handwriting and always presenting her work so neatly. Well done!

Yutong F.

6U

For always submitting his homework early each week. Keep up the fantastic work, Yutong!

Elijah Q-M

5T

For his help during our iPad sessions. Elijah assisted the grade to make stop motions movies. Great work!

Charlie J.

3K

For showing leadership and responsibility. Thank you for helping our new classmate to settle into the class.

Naira N.

3A

For being a kind and considerate class member. You are a good friend to others!

James F.

5C

For having an optimistic attitude towards all tasks and for demonstrating excellent team work skills during his inquiry project.

Ishan S.

2D

For the positive start he has made to his schooling at Pinewood. It is great to see you making so many friends.

Shakira B.

5K

For working extremely well in your group, you have strong leadership skills. Your presentation on Bush Rangers was well received by the class.

Jayden S.

2M

For working hard to complete all classroom activities and for his great listening skills.

Ali A-Z.

4R

For displaying a positive attitude towards all classroom activities and for always trying his best. Well done Ali!

Madeline J.

1A

For always trying her best and being a good friend to others. Well done!

Natasha O'Neill

6H

For her great contribution to her group during her work on Australian immigration. Well done Natasha.

Isabella D.

1T

For the fantastic effort she is putting into classroom activities. Keep it up Isabella.

LITERACY NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next term I will be presenting some parent information sessions at school starting at 9.15a.m. on dates yet to be confirmed.

The first session will be on reading. I will talk about how children learn to read and how you can support your child as they do this. I will also talk about how to help children with their reading if you come and hear children read at school. If you have any particular questions you would like me to answer during these sessions, please let me know.

I would also be interested to know of any other topics you would like covered during a parent information session.

My room is near where we keep the Big Books, readers and other literacy resources. Just ask for directions if you can't find me.

I am currently the English Coordinator and the Early Years Coordinator as well as the Reading Recovery teacher. If you have a question or need to discuss something with me, please come and arrange a time to see me.

Kind regards,
Helen Dent

**PIZZA DAY is on
THURSDAY 25th JUNE.
Forms are due back by 9am, Monday,
22nd June. Unfortunately late returns
cannot be accepted.**



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OSHC PROGRAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

A reminder that the program is now at capacity. We cannot accept any new enrolments, casual users or 'drop-ins' this year.

If your children are enrolled in the program and you have not used the program at all this year, your name will be added to the waiting list to enable another family to use this place.

We are now using the FLS for Grades 2-6 and the library for Preps-1.

Vacation Care forms are now available from the office or outside the Library. Please fill them out asap and return them no later than Friday, 19th June, so you can secure your place.

Jenny Walker
OSHC Coordinator



Keep the family 'entertained' these school holidays with an Entertainment™ Membership

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK COLOURING IN COMPETITION!

There are Movenpick Swiss Ice cream vouchers for the best 10 entries (spread over all year levels).



Entry forms were sent home with each child on Tuesday (there are a few spare forms in the office if required)

Please place your entry into the box at the office. Entries close 3.30pm on Tuesday 23 June. (you do not need to purchase an Entertainment book to enter)

Winners will be announced at the final assembly

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As featured: **3AW 693 NEWS TALK Award Winner**, **Herald Sun kidspot educationshow**

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- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Great teachers
- ✓ Loads of fun!

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 ★ quick thinking
 ★ expression
 ★ teamwork
 ★ friendships
 ★ confidence
 ★ leadership
 ★ persuasion
 ★ vocal variety
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TERM DATES 2015

Term 1

Thursday, 29th January—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

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