Dear Parents,

**NAPLAN- Congratulations to Pinewood PS**
The NAPLAN results for our School have now been released with Pinewood PS being rated in all NAPLAN testing areas as a school scoring consistently well above the National average and above the State average too. Congratulations to our students for trying their very best at each of the NAPLAN tests and for valuing learning so highly. Congratulations also to our dedicated staff for providing students with solid learning experiences and demonstrating a committed approach to quality teaching and learning. NAPLAN student reports are now available at the office for parent collection.

**Literacy Week**
Next week, we will be celebrating Literacy Week at Pinewood PS. Teachers have many exciting activities planned for the students to participate in during Literacy week, including a fancy dress 'book character' parade on Thursday 27th August, at 9.15, in the hall.

**Musical Soiree Evening- 7 p.m. Wednesday 26th August**
Next Wednesday evening, some of our older students will be performing for our new musical venture, a Pinewood 'Soiree' or musical evening. Groups involved are:
- Oxfam year 3/4 group
- Orchestra
- Year 5/6 Recorder group
- Glee Club
- Year 5/6 Marimba group combined with 5/6 Oxfam group.
The concert will go from 7 p.m. till around 8 p.m. in the school hall. All welcome - no charge.

**Principal’s Corner**
I often observe students participating in school life and I’m amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too!
The following article explores some simple ways a parent/carer could further develop a child’s level of independence at home. I hope you enjoy reading the article.

Do you let your kids amaze you?

By Michael Grose - Australia’s No 1 parenting educator

I’ve long believed that adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence.

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop self-help skills (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with real responsibility (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them autonomy to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we do too much for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); rescue them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and neglect to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It’s a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children’s abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children’s independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves redundant from the earliest possible age of a child’s life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet physically (Don’t we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), emotionally (with support, of course) and to navigate their world without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they’ve mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It’s those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won’t happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

Karen Jenkin
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Adi P. 4R
For the consistent effort he puts into all classroom activities. Adi’s willingness to learn is a wonderful example to his peers. Keep it up Adi!

Lana S. 3K
For being a responsible and respectful participant on our Melbourne Museum Excursion. You listened carefully and asked appropriate questions. Well done Lana.

Piper F-T. 3M
For her persistent efforts to complete her homework and being an excellent guide for another student at Melbourne Museum.

Moutamn A-S. 1T
For always having a positive attitude and trying his best in all class activities. Well done Moutamn.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

COOKIE DOUGH WILL BE DELIVERED THURS 27TH AUGUST.
Thank you to those families that have supported this initiative raising $772.10 for the school.
Please collect your dough and prizes from 2pm on Thurs 27th August.
(Individual notices will go home separately with collection point)

OSHC

Pinewood Fitness Centre is now offering parents/guardians 10% off memberships for August & September.

Holiday forms are available from the library. If you are interested, please return the forms by Friday 4th September.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

School Sport Australia National Hockey Championships
Last week Oliver competed for Victoria in the SSA National Hockey Championships in Perth. His team had a fantastic week, winning 5 matches and drawing 1, making them the gold medal winners! Congratulations Oliver on an outstanding result for you and your team!

SSV Eastern Metropolitan Region Hockey Quarter Finals
Last Friday I took an eager team to Waverley Hockey Centre to participate in the EMR Region Hockey Quarter Finals. The team, consisting of Oliver, Kyle, Ryan, Blake, Mitchell, Matthew Kermond, Mackenzie, Luke and Aadarsh, acquitted themselves exceptionally well across their 4 matches. We came away with 2 wins and 2 draws, which left us tied on top of the pool with another school. Unfortunately the other school were successful in making it through to the next phase due to their superior goal difference. Thanks to everyone in the team for their hard work and commitment to training at recess and lunch, and also to Mr Hartigan, who assisted with training.

SDSSA Winter Sport Round Robin
Last Friday also saw our annual Winter Sport Round Robin held. The weather was lovely and the competition was fierce, as it always is. All of our teams tried their best, with mixed results. The efforts of our students earned them a 3rd place finish overall, a result they should all be proud of. Thank you to the teachers and parents for your continued coaching and support.

Swimming program
Children would have brought home a permission form and information regarding Pinewood’s swimming program, which takes place in Term 4. This is an important part of the PE program and something we expect students to participate in. Please return the permission form and deposit by the due date.

Don’t forget to keep up to date with everything happening in the Syndal District by checking out our website: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4186-0-0-0&assoc=4186

Rick Byron
Sports Coordinator

20 AUGUST 2015

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

We are aiming to double our target from 2014, with a view to collecting 50,000 tokens in 2015. We will update our page with our count as often as possible.

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