Dear Parents,
Welcome back to school for Term 4. Time seems to be flying by very fast. Our prep students look more grown up every term and are really making huge progress in their learning. It is hard to imagine they will soon be in year 1 and our wonderful year 6 students will be off to secondary school in a few months.

This eleven week term is sure to be very busy with our leadership team and staff being involved in planning for the 2016 school year as well as delivering a high quality curriculum and additional curriculum opportunities for our students this term.

Please note that Monday 2 November is a staff reporting and assessment Curriculum Day and Tuesday 3 November is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup and so our school will be closed on these two days.

Leaving our school
With the exception of year 6 students, please notify the school office if you are planning on moving away from our school at the end of this year and your children will be attending another primary school. This will help us in our planning for classrooms and teachers for 2016.

Working Bee- 24th Oct
We are holding a working bee at the school on Saturday 24th Oct from 9.30-12.30. If you are able to donate some time and energy to help out on the morning it would be greatly appreciated.

New Bell rings at 3.45 pm- Keeping our students safe!
As from next Monday, we will be ringing a bell at 3.45pm daily. This bell is to signify to children outside in the yard that if they have not been collected by parent/carer, they are to come immediately into the office area at the front of the school where they will be supervised by staff until
4.00pm. If by 4.00pm the child has not been collected they will be placed into our ‘afterschool’ program from 4.00pm and charged at casual rate/s.

**Walkathon- Friday 23rd Oct**
We are conducting a Walkathon at the school on Friday Oct 23. The students will be walking for different periods of time: Preps – 2 students walk for a maximum of half an hour, with each lap being approximately 500metres long. Grades 3-6 will walk for a maximum of 45 minutes. Information will be sent home shortly.

**2016 Prep Transition Program**
Next Tuesday, Oct 13th is the first of three Prep Transition programs we are conducting at Pinewood this term. We are looking forward to meeting our new Prep students for 2016 and extend a warm welcome to their families.

**Swimming Program Dates**
The 2015 swimming program will take place at Swim World. Our swimming program commences for Prep-Yr2 students from Oct 12th-Oct 30th and Yr 3-6 students from Nov 9th-Nov 27th.

**Year 2 Sleepover**
Next Friday night the students in year 2 have an opportunity to participate in a sleepover at the school. The students are very excited about the event and are looking forward to a fun filled evening. Our year 1 students have been invited to come along for a few hours and join in the fun too! The school has employed the services of a security guard for the evening as an additional safety precaution. Thank you to the staff who will be attending the sleepover.

**Developing Confidence**
Our term 4, ‘You Can Do It’ focus is **Confidence**. At all year levels students will be learning about four ways of thinking that help to develop personal confidence. These are:

- **Accepting Myself**-even when you make a mistake.
- **Taking Responsible Risks**-knowing that it is good to try new activities even when you might not be able to do them.
- **Being Independent**- thinking that it is important to try new activities and to speak up even if others think you are silly or stupid.
- **Developing an ‘I Can Do It’ attitude**- thinking that when you are having difficulty with your work, it is more likely you will be successful than not.

Students will also be learning about three components of ‘confidence’ that help develop a positive approach to learning and enhance the ability to work successfully in a team. These are:

- **Non-verbal confidence**- What do children with confidence look and sound like?
- **Work confidence**- How do children with confidence approach learning tasks and situations?
- **Social confidence**- How do children with confidence approach social situations including making friends with classmates?

**Speed Cubing– National Competition**
Congratulations to Ben C in 6U who excelled in the ‘Australian Nationals’-Pyraminx Competition, Open section, for 2015, gaining a 3rd place on the day with an average time of 5.52 seconds to complete the task. Ben is currently
ranked number 19 in Australia in the Open division of Rubik’s Cube-Speed cubing. Well done Ben!

Karen Jenkin
Principal

Introduction of a newly appointed Student Wellbeing Worker at Pinewood Primary School.

As an extension of our Student Wellbeing Program, we are very fortunate to offer the services of our newly appointed Student wellbeing worker, Mrs Eve Mills. This is a Victorian Government initiative which is funded by the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP). Any student having social or general wellbeing concerns can meet with Mrs Mills as her work supports our Wellbeing Programs and she will work closely with our school Principal Ms Jenkin and Assistant Principal Mr Mallett. Her work will seek to assist: issues with friendships, anxiety, engagement, resilience and social skills etc. Unlike psychological services, referrals (from G.P) are not required.

Examples of Mrs Mills’ work may include:

- Drop Ins, (these may be one off or casually on a needs basis) where a child decides to speak to her about a difficulty they may be having.
- Small group sessions, where students with similar issues or even a friendship group require guidance and strategies to move forward.
- Year Level meetings, where students and teachers meet together to discuss issues and resolution possibilities.

Attendance at some PSG (Program Support Group) meetings where social development is of concern.

Consent Form
Towards the end of Term 3, every student received a Consent Form to access the welfare program being offered by Eve Mills. As we require consent before a child can begin the program, I ask that you return the form to school as soon as possible or contact me for a new form.

Mr Mallett
Assistant Principal

School Photos
If you would like to order the Whole School Photo, Sports Group photos (Year 5 & 6 only), Captains photos (now on display at the office for Year 5 & 6) or Junior School Councillor photos, please have your envelopes in by Friday, 16th October. After this date orders will be through Advanced Life Photography only.

Wanted
Uniform Shop Coordinator
We are looking for a volunteer to run the uniform shop in 2016 and beyond. Our coordinators, Michelle and Chris O’Neill will be ‘retiring’ from this position as their daughter will be moving on to secondary college next year. The hours can be changed to suit your schedule. Please leave your name at the office if you are interested in this position.
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read
Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

TERM 4 EVENTS
WORLD TEACHERS DAY

On Wednesday the 21st of October, we are Celebrating World Teachers Day. The Parents Committee are organising a Special Lunch for the staff. If you would like more information about this event please contact Lisa. Mobile no: 0413 015 143 Email: Sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au

HALLOWEEN DISCO
Fri 30th October
SAVE THE DATE

Grade 1 & Grade 2: End Of Year Gathering

Date: Saturday November 28th
Time: 5.30 - 8.30 pm
Address: 1924 Princes Hwy, Clayton, VIC 3168
Bookings Essential: Lisa 0413 015 143
Limited spots.

Parents Club Committee 2015

President: Mick Daly (5K) mick-d0868@yahoo.com.au
Vice President: Lisa Strong (3B) sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au
Treasurer: Kathryn Nichols
Committee:
Koula Giannakis (Prep R),
Lucy Adams (1A),
Kellie Ellis, Scott Williams (2D),
Jules Berry (2M), Sue Bleeker (4R)

Thank you Parents Committee
LITERACY NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

WRITING AND SPELLING IN THE EARLY YEARS OF SCHOOL

On Wednesday October 28th, I will be holding a parent information session in the staffroom. The session will be about writing and spelling in the early years of school. I will talk about how children learn to write and how you can help your child at home. The presentation will run from 9.00 – 10.00 and there will be the opportunity to ask questions at the end. Please see me beforehand if you need any further information.

If you wish to attend, please return the form below to your class teacher. This will help us to cater for the correct number of people.

Kind regards,
Helen Dent
English Coordinator / Early Years Coordinator

I would like to attend the parent information session (WRITING AND SPELLING IN THE EARLY YEARS OF SCHOOL) on Wednesday October 28th from 9.00-10.00.

Name:
Child’s name:
Child’s class:

School Banking day is TUESDAY

Uniform Opening Times
Monday, 3.15pm—3.45pm
Thursday, 3.15pm—3.45pm

School Office Hours
8.30am—4pm

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- Setting boundaries & limits
- Consequences
- Strategies to deal with adolescent behaviours
- Respectful communication
- Problem solving
- Anger
- Self care

In addition to these topic areas, the program will give parents the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other.

When:
5, 12, 19, 26 November & 3 December 2015
Time:
Thursdays 7pm - 9:30pm

Where:
Monash Youth and Family Services
14 Bogong Avenue,
Glen Waverley.

There is no fee but bookings are essential as places are limited. To book call Libby or Emily at MYFS on 9518 3900

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