



# Newsletter

15 OCTOBER 2015

## CALENDAR

### October

- 16th Year 2 Sleepover
- 16th Year 4 Excursion—Moonlit Sanctuary
- 19th Prep-2 Swimming
- 20th Prep-2 Swimming
- 20th Whole School Music Incursion—Ogham Soup
- 20th School Council 7pm
- 21st BOOK CLUB DUE**
- 22nd Year 2 Excursion - Moorabbin Sustainable Centre
- 23rd Summer Sport for Yrs 5&6
- 23rd Prep-2 Swimming
- 24th WORKING BEE**
- 26th Prep-2 Swimming
- 27th Prep-2 Swimming
- 28th Year 6 Sex Ed
- 29th Big Song 12.30pm
- 30th Summer Sport for Yrs 5&6
- 30th Prep-2 Swimming
- 30th Halloween Disco

### November

- 2nd Curriculum Day. No children to attend on this day.
- 3rd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday, No children to attend on this day.
- 6th Summer Sport for Yrs 5&6

Dear Parents,

### NEW PORTABLES

Our 2 new portables are to be delivered to the school by Friday. It is great to have the portables on site earlier than anticipated as it provides the school with the opportunity to fit out the new rooms over the next few months in readiness for the commencement of the 2016 school year. The portables are brand new and are larger in size than the previous portable design.

### WORKING BEE, SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

We are holding a working bee at the school on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct from 9.30-12.30. Some of the jobs that need to be attended to are weeding, preparing our vegetable garden for planting, clearing out of storm water drains, pruning, putting shelving from the Science cubby into a skip, weeding the habitat haven area, sweeping paths, wheelbarrow mulch from the mulch pit to the garden beds outside the BER building etc. A sausage sizzle will be available at 12.00 for working bee attendee families. If you are able to donate some time and energy to help out on the morning it would be greatly appreciated.

### WALKATHON

We are conducting a Walkathon at the school on Friday, 23rd October. The funds raised will be put towards the purchase and installation of playground shade sails. We are currently obtaining quotes from several companies as to the costing of shade sails.

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.

The class raising the most money will have access to a tub of special sports equipment for their grade to use and also have a pizza party- at a time that suits the winning class. All students who participate will have the opportunity to enjoy an icy pole on the day. Parents are most welcome to come along and join in the walk too!

### PINEWOOD SUNSMART POLICY—HATS ARE REQUIRED IN TERM 4

Term 4 is a SunSmart term and the wearing of Pinewood SunSmart hats is now required.



Karen Jenkin  
Principal



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As is stipulated in our School SunSmart Policy, all students must wear either a school legionnaire's cap, with the flap down, or a slouch type hat during all outdoor activities in Term 1 or 4 (including camps, excursions, sporting events etc). Any child without a hat is required to sit in the rotunda or pavilion during recesses and in a suitable shady place during P.E. lessons. Both of these types of SunSmart hats are available for purchase from our uniform shop.

### **COMPASS PARENT PORTAL STAGE 1**

Pinewood PS will be opening the Compass Parent Portal shortly. Early next week you will receive a Welcome to Compass Letter in the mail with login information specific to your family. To log in you will require your unique family username and password. Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year. The Compass letter will explain what information is available to parents at this stage.

### **WORLD TEACHERS DAY**

Next Wednesday is 'World Teachers Day' at Pinewood. We are lucky to have such a high calibre of teaching staff at Pinewood and appreciate the wonderful work our teachers do. Happy Teachers Day to all staff for next Wednesday!

### **PREP TRANSITION**

On Tuesday morning our Prep students for 2016 and their parents visited Pinewood PS as part of our Prep Transition Program. The visiting students participated in Art, PE, Music and Library sessions with great enthusiasm, while their parents met with me and Robbie Mallett in the staffroom. Our School Captains, Jordan and Willis, prepared excellent presentations about their time at the school and shared their experiences with our new parents. Both Jordan and Willis were great ambassadors for Pinewood PS. I have included a copy of our School Captains Prep Orientation speeches in this week's newsletter for our community to enjoy.

### **Prep Orientation Day Speech by Willis**

Good morning! I am honoured and proud to be a representative of Pinewood Primary and to be given the opportunity to talk about our school. My name is Willis and I am a School Captain.

Pinewood Primary has assisted me in becoming the person I am today and strengthened my values of honesty, persistence, integrity and responsibility in addition to allowing me to help others become the best they can be. Over the last seven years I have had so much fun, been challenged, laughed, been on great camps, participated in school concerts and much, more. I remember my first day of Prep and my buddy helped me through the journey of a new world and now in ten weeks, I will farewell my own prep buddies, friends and teachers and close a major chapter of my life.

Over the coming years your child will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of different classes which include P.E, Art, Library, Indonesian and Music.

In P.E all students participate in fitness games, learn new skills and play a variety of sports.

In Library, they develop their reading skills and borrow books to read at home.

In Indonesian, Ms Jones teaches the children how to read and write Indonesian and she teaches everyone about the Indonesian culture.

In Music, students learn how to play instruments like the xylophone, marimba and recorder. At a later age they will also learn about different composers like Mozart and Beethoven.

In Art, one of my favourite subjects, your children will have access to many different materials and will learn skills like painting, sketching and 3D design.

As your children get older they will participate in activities such as inter-school sports, athletics and cross country. In some of the sports, if you come first overall you will move on to Division. Our school has had many teams go to Division such as our softball team this year.

At the end of Grade 5, students are given an opportunity to apply for the leadership roles for



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the following year. During this time they will prepare and deliver speeches for captaincy roles of their choice and they may be asked to write a letter. There are many roles like School Captain, House Captain and Arts Captain. As a House or School Captain you represent the school on many occasions, lead by example, organise the flags, present in assembly and deliver many speeches.

Over my years at Pinewood there has been lots of laughter and friendships since I was in Prep with my buddy to Year 6. We are lucky to have the best teachers in the district and I have shared a lot of great moments with them. At Pinewood, I have enjoyed the music program and the extension music programs, Art and all the fun things we have done in Art like clay modelling and the graduation cases.

Thank you for listening and I hope you and your child have a great time at this magnificent school.

### Prep Orientation Day Speech by Jordan

Hi I am Jordan and I am one of the school captains at Pinewood Primary. Today I'm going to tell you everything I love about Pinewood.

We have a Buddy Program for our new Prep students. This is where a Year 6 student will be partnered with one or two Preps. They are there to help transition Preps into our school by welcoming them and showing them around the school grounds as well as teach the Preps our school rules. The Year 6 students sometimes hang out with the Preps at lunch and snack time and help them make friends. They also do fun activities with the Preps which are planned by teachers. Your child will get to know their buddy well and become great friends over the year.

Another program we run is KOP. This is where Year 6 leaders are given responsibility to help around the younger children's play area by solving issues. The leaders wear a florescent vest and help during recess and lunch time. This program has been running since the start of 2013 and I believe this program has made a big difference in our school.

Another cool thing about Pinewood are the special days and events we have. Our school concert is a

special event that happens every year. Students look forward to being part of the play or musical and the whole community comes together. There are fundraising activities to raise money for a variety of charities. Our most recent was a Footy Colours Day where we raised money for 'Monash Men's Shed'. There are so many more fun activities we look forward to every year like Book Week where we get to dress up as our favourite character for a day; Science Day where we are part of a group with all different aged children and rotate through fun science activities and experiments; and performances by different musical groups. In summer, every child participates in our school swimming program where we learn to swim.

Pinewood Primary is such a great school and I hope your child has a fun time just like I have.

By Jordan

**Karen Jenkin**  
Principal



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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Hunter D. Prep L**

For showing excellent persistence when completing a reading or writing task and for being a helpful classmate. Well done and keep it up!

**Vishal V. Prep R**

For his cheerful and enthusiastic attitude towards all school activities and for always having lovely manners. Well done Vishal!

**Ashley C. Prep H**

For always striving to do her very best work. Ashley always produces work that is completed to a high standard. Well done!

**Laetitia S. 6H**

For your growth in confidence and desire to take on extra challenges to extend your learning. Great work.

**Jasmine S. 1A**

For the excellent effort she is putting into her reading and for the great improvement she is making. Well done and keep it up!

**Thomas L. 1JK**

For settling back into Pinewood so well. Keep up the great work Thomas.

**Victor S. 5C**

For having the confidence to participate in class discussion and group activities during his first week at Pinewood.

**Connie B. 5K**

For the confident way she participates in school and sporting activities. These are strong leadership skills to possess. Well done Connie!

**Sage T. 6U**

For her fantastic effort during Writer's Workshop and her consistent work habits. Well done Sage!

**Grace K. 2D**

For her positive attitude towards school and improved standard of work this term. Keep it up Grace!

**Eilidh T. 4R**

For displaying excellent work habits and for always being organised. Keep up the positive learning attitude Eilidh!

**Nora B. 5T**

Nora has worked extremely well during our reading groups sessions. She contributed a great deal to discussion and Reader's Theatre.

**Joyce O. 3K**

For being an active and valuable member of our writing team.

**Sammy K. Prep M**

For confidently learning the letter names and sounds. Well done!

**Megan L. 4M**

Welcome to Pinewood Primary, you have made a wonderful start. It has been great to see you attempt all tasks.

**Skye C. 3M**

For being a kind and caring class member and attempting all tasks to the best of her ability.

**Ruby M. 1T**

For starting at Pinewood Primary School with a positive attitude. Well done Ruby.

**Joyce O. 3K**

For being an active and valuable member of our writing team.

## PARENTS CLUB NEWS

**!Calling all Chefs!**  
**World Teacher's Day Lunch**  
**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Each year the Parents Club prepare lunch as a special thank you for all the staff at Pinewood School as part of celebrating World Teacher's Day. This is an opportunity for families to show their appreciation for everything the dedicated teachers and staff at Pinewood do for our children. If you would like to prepare a dish, whether it is savoury or sweet, to bring to school next Wednesday, please can you contact Lisa Strong at [sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au) who will be happy to give you further details. No dish is too small so we look forward to hearing from you!

**HALLOWEEN Fancy Dress Disco**  
**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October**

The Notice for Disco tickets will be going out next week and ticket requests and money will be due back by 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Tickets are \$5 or \$8 on the door so please make sure you get your form and money back in by the 26<sup>th</sup> if possible. Late orders will be returned and you will need to pay on the night of the disco. We are looking forward to a fun night with everyone dressed in their Halloween costumes!

### DIARY OF EVENTS FOR TERM 4

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – World Teachers Day Lunch

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Halloween Disco

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Zooper Dooper Day

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Bunnings Barbeque

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of Year Concert Barbeque



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## MUSIC NEWS

Next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October all students will attend a concert performed by Ogham Soup: A Journey to Ireland's Shore, to be Shore. This group will perform Irish tunes on instruments such as the tin whistle, fiddle and guitar. Students have been listening to some of their songs in class in preparation for the concert. Music such as Raggle-Taggle Gypsy O, Star of the County Down and The Dunmore Lassies are some of the music students have been singing and dancing to in class. We look forward to tapping our feet to Irish music next week.

The Big Song is once again upon us. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 Pinewood students will join with 2000 schools around Australia to sing *GOLD*. More than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, on the same day, right across Australia. If students would like to listen at home search *Count Us In: Gold* and they should find the song and words.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December is the day for the End of Year Music Concert. Students will sing a variety of Christmas songs at this concert. Save the date and look forward to seeing you at our End of Year Musical Event.

Nicole Blowfield  
Heather McLaughlin  
Music Teachers.

## 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.

*Parents should note that advertisements that appear in the newsletter are not necessarily the views of the school council or staff. These services are in no way connected to the Department of Education and are included according to relevance and interest to the school community.*

## LITERACY NEWS

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

### WRITING AND SPELLING IN THE EARLY YEARS OF SCHOOL

On Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

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### REPLY SLIP—EARLY YEARS READING & SPELLING AT HOME

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 available.*

# What chance Has Your Child Got of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child can perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	 <p>Equal to finishing in grade 11</p>
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	 <p>Equal to finishing in grade 10</p>
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	 <p>Equal to finishing in grade 7</p>
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	 <p>Equal to finishing at grade 4</p>

## Everyday Counts!!



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