



Newsletter

22 OCTOBER 2015

CALENDAR

October

- 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
- 6th Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo
- 9th-16th Life Ed
- 9th Year 3-6 Swimming
- 10th Prep Orientation 9am-10.45am
- 10th Year 3-6 Swimming
- 10th Popcorn Day
- 10th School Council 7pm

Dear Parents,

TEACHER'S DAY LUNCH



On behalf of the staff of Pinewood, I would like to sincerely thank the many parents who contributed in some way to providing a magnificent sit down lunch for the teachers to enjoy on Teachers Day. It was amazing to see the wonderful array

of food that had been prepared by parents and then capably served to the teachers by our waiters for the event, the year 6 students. The tables were arranged and decorated beautifully, contributing to the ambiance of the meal. I know the teachers felt appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious lunch. Thank you parents!



Karen Jenkin
Principal

WALKERTHON

On Friday, the students are participating in a Walkathon. The money raised will go towards shade sails for our playgrounds and specific areas of the school ground. All students are reminded to wear a hat and bring a water bottle to the walkathon event.

WORKING BEE, SATURDAY 24th, 9.30AM-12.30PM

On Saturday we will be conducting our last working bee for the year.

There are many jobs that need attention including weeding, sweeping, mulching gardens, clearing storm water drains at the front of the school, putting rubbish from the science cubby into skip, planting of 700 plants in tubes in various areas of the grounds etc. If you are able to bring your own gardening gloves and/or spade it would be appreciated. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for helping families. Any time donated will be appreciated!



CURRICULUM DAY

Please note that Monday 2 November is a staff reporting and assessment Curriculum Day. Tuesday 3rd 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.



2016 Staff and Class Planning

Over the next few weeks we will be working on the 2016 class structure and student placement.

The process is a complex one. Firstly we identify our estimated enrolment and then look at the numbers in each year level to develop a class structure; thus the importance of timely information from parents.

We are planning for 5 Prep classes, 4 year 1s, 3 year 2s, 2 years 3s, 3 year 4s, 2 year 5s and 3 year 6s in 2016. This means that we will have a total of 22 classes, which is an increase from this year.

Teachers work in their teams to develop preliminary class lists. Teachers consider a number of factors when developing these lists; including academic ability, special skills and talents, social competencies, gender, students who work well together and those who may not work well together. Parent input, based on student learning needs, is also considered. Parents who have specific concerns about their child's unique learning needs for 2016 are invited to provide written information to me (not the class teacher) by 4.00pm Friday 6 November.

Please note that we are not able to consider information received after this date as once class lists are made up it is really difficult, sometimes not possible, to change.

Parents often place requests for teachers. Please be aware that this facility is not available for a number of reasons. For instance, teachers may leave the school or they may be deployed to other roles or year levels in the school. We are currently

interviewing applicants for 4 new teaching positions at the school for 2016. The ultimate responsibility for student and teacher allocations rests with the principal. I can assure you of my commitment to a most comprehensive and professional process with decisions made in the best interest of our students.

Parents will receive, as part of the end-of-year student report, information in relation to your student's class, room and hopefully, your child's teacher. Sometimes it is difficult to provide that confirmed information as teacher movement can occur right up until the end of the year and even into the beginning of the next year.

Reminder: Student Accident Insurance – Ambulance Cover Arrangements



This is a reminder that the Department of Education Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance policies/ambulance covers are available from some commercial insurers.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

CHANGE OF CONTACT NUMBER
The school phone number has changed. Please phone 8847 3200 to contact the school.

Recipe Books

Recipe books from the fete are still available for each year level. If you missed out on the fete day, please purchase one from the office.

The cost is \$5.

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

When asking your child about his/her day at school, how many parents out there are left with a "fine," "okay" or a simple nod, grunt or shrug of the shoulders? Turns out, it could be because we are not asking the right question.

So here are 40 other questions to swap "How was your day?" with that, that are sure to engage some conversation with your child.

1. Who was your favourite friend today?
2. Who was the first person you talked to today? What about the last?
3. What was your favourite thing about school today? How about your least favourite?
4. Did anyone leave school early today?
5. What did you eat first for lunch?
6. What did you eat last for lunch today?
7. Who did you sit beside at lunch today?
Who had the [best lunch](#) today? What was it?
1. What game did you play at lunch?
2. What was your favourite inside activity today?
3. Did anyone have a birthday today?
4. How would you rate your day, on a scale of one to ten?
5. Describe your day in three words.
6. If you could bring one item from home to school with you, what would you bring?
7. If you had to have one of your teachers over for dinner tonight, who would you choose?
8. Which superhero or Disney Princess would your teacher be?
9. Did anyone do show-and-tell today? What was it?
10. If you had to choose two students and two teachers to live on a deserted island with, who would you choose?
11. Who would be the best person in your class to go camping with?

12. Who made you laugh today?
13. What was the silliest thing you heard today?
14. Did anyone make you smile today?
15. Who made you angry or upset today?
16. Did anyone make you sad today?
17. Which area in your school is the most fun?
18. What new fact did you learn today?
19. Did you help anyone today?
20. What book do you want to bring home from the library this week?
21. If you were the teacher, what would you teach?
22. What are you most looking forward to tomorrow?
23. If you had to only learn one subject tomorrow, what would you choose?
24. What would you like me to teach your class if I was your teacher tomorrow?
25. What sport did you do in PE today?
26. What book did you read at quiet time today?
27. Did anyone lose a tooth over the weekend?
28. Did anyone get a hair cut over the weekend?
29. What is something that one of your friends did this weekend that you would like to do?
30. How many times did the teacher say your name today?
31. What are you most looking forward to tomorrow?
What subject was your favourite today?
Hopefully some of these questions will get a response from your little one. Give them a try and let us know which ones worked the best for you.
What other questions would you include on the list of ways to ask, "How was school today?" without actually asking?

Robbie Mallett
Assistant Principal



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Marni C. Prep H
For showing enthusiasm towards all school activities. Marni uses her "I Can Do It" attitude to try her best. Well done Marni.

Sayeesh J. Prep L
For being persistent at correctly forming the letters of the alphabet and writing them on the right lines. Well done!

San L. Prep R
For displaying initiative and independence when completing his work and always trying his best. Keep up the great effort San!

Daichi S. 5T
For his excellent work during our writing sessions. Daichi has planned his work well and concentrated hard.

Occa B. 6H
For showing fantastic creativity and a high quality of work in all tasks. Keep it up!

Mutaa Y. Prep M
For displaying confidence when swimming. Well done Mutaa!

Arshia A. 5K
For the confident effort put into completing EMM. Your results reflect your "You Can Do It" attitude. Keep it up Arshia.

Nethan D. 5C
For the respect and kindness you show towards others and for your exceptional manners. Well done!

Emily D. 3K
For showing leadership and confidence during the Coach Approach activities. Well done.

Claire A. 4M
For behaving maturely during the Grade 4 excursion and for answering and asking some interesting questions. You were a great example to others.

Beau M. 1A
For the hard work and effort he is putting into his reading. Well done and keep on trying your best.

Amileah S. 1JK
For displaying a wonderful "You Can Do It" attitude during all swimming sessions.

Thomas H. 2D
For working hard to produce high quality work and utilising the spelling patterns he has learnt in his writing.

Gemma W. 4R
For the consistent effort she puts into all class activities. Gemma begins all tasks with great enthusiasm. Keep up the great work!

Sandesh K. 3M
For improving his approach to classroom concentrating, and completing work to a higher standard.

Helya S. 3B
For being a happy and responsible class member and for always using wonderful manners.

Roksana S. 3B
For her enthusiastic attitude towards all school activities and for always producing high quality work. Well done Roksana!

Nitya V. 1T
For her excellent behaviour during swimming and for trying her best. Well done and keep it up.

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1
Years 1—6 Thursday, 28th January - Thursday, 24th March
Preps Friday, 29th January—Thursday, 24th March
Good Friday, 25th March
Easter Monday, 28th March

Term 2
Monday, 11th April - Friday, 24th June

Term 3
Monday, 11th July - Friday, 16th September

Term 4
Monday, 3rd October - Friday, 20th December



SPORTS NEWS

Division and Regional Athletics

Over the past couple of weeks we have had a number of talented students compete at the Division and Regional athletics competitions. All students performed to the best of their abilities against some very good opposition. Vonara, Luke, Mackenzie, Amelia B, Nick D and Jarrah all finished 1st or 2nd in their events, meaning they qualified for the Regional competition. Their results were:

- Vonara – 7th in 200m
- Luke – 4th in Discus
- Mackenzie – 4th in Discus
- Amelia B – 14th in 1500m
- Nick D – 3rd in Triple Jump
- Jarrah – 6th in 80m Hurdles

Congratulations to all students who competed at the division competition, with extra congratulations going to the 6 students who made it to the Regional level!

Division Basketball

Our Girls Basketball team competed in the Division finals last week, winning one out of their 3 games. The competition was a step up from District level, and the girls found themselves playing against a large number of representative players. Mrs. Kay continued to spend many lunchtimes preparing the girls for the tournament. Well done girls on a fantastic effort!

Division Softball

On Tuesday our Girls Softball team competed in the Division finals. They played consistently throughout their 3 games, coming out victorious on each occasion. They were crowned the Monash Waverley Division Champions! The girls now go on to compete at the Regional finals. Once again 'Super coach' Mrs. Kay needs to be recognized for her efforts in training and coaching the team. Congratulations girls!

Summer Interschool Sport

Last Friday saw the commencement of our weekly summer sport matches. Playing Parkhill, our teams produced mixed results, with 2 wins and 3 losses from the sports of cricket, softball, tee ball, rounder's and Danish rounder's. The

sportsmanship displayed by our students was outstanding!

Keep track of everything sport related happening within our district, including up to date interschool sport ladders:

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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](tel:0413 015 143)
Limited spots available.



OSHC

Parents, please remember you **MUST** book your child/children into before care and not just arrive on the day.

CURRICULUM DAY

We will NOT be open due to insufficient numbers.

School Banking day is TUESDAY

School Office Hours 8.30am—4pm

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

The Parents Committee put on a special lunch for World Teachers Day. We would like to thank the Grade 6 students who assisted with the serving of lunch. Well done to the Parent Community for making a variety of dishes and working well together to make this day such a success. Parent helpers included: Cindy Fraser, Sonalee Ghelani, Catronia Starr, Debby Lim, Anna Kokolios, Lindy Fergus, Diana Macpherson, Reham Abdallah, Georgia Sinclair, Linh Cooper, Dirk Cooper, Lucy Adams, Liz Anthonsiz, Lucy Walker, Tran Pham, Fiona Davey, Kate Stykes, Sarah Speakman, Aswan, Mohammed Al Saddy, Thilini Alahakosn, Kellie Ellis, Robyn Foley, Helen Vickery and Elham Abouzia.

Uniform Opening Times

Monday, 3.15pm—3.45pm
Thursday, 3.15pm—3.45pm



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