Dear Parents,

WALKATHON
Last Friday, we conducted a very successful Walkathon at the school. The event was well supported by many parents and staff who joined in the fun and strolled along with the students. The funds raised by the students will go towards our shade sail project. Thanks to all families and friends for supporting the event.

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the many parents, students and staff who attended the Working Bee last Saturday. We achieved many tasks, including, the planting of hundreds of small tubed plants around the school grounds, fixing the laneway gate, sweeping playground areas and pathways, pruning roses, weeding various garden beds, and clearing out the science shed. The Working Bee concluded with a delicious BBQ and the opportunity to sample some homemade lemonade made by several of our Year 5 students. It was a great morning! Thank you to the following families: Barbuto Family, Clegg Family, Woolley Family, Jill Kay, Thillainadarajah Family, Greg Tate, Karen Jenkin, Dallinger Family, Pearce Family, Bibby Family, Barbaro Family, Cooper Family, Valenton Family, Sandra James, Al-Saady Family, Yalenka Clement, Fairbairn Family, Williams Family (Zoe), Amelia Delaney, Kathryn Bleechmore, Bolger Family, Jenny Walker, Al-Shammari Family, Adam Davey, Sorin Ardeleanu, Coco Family, Wenyi Yan, Gray Family, Helen Dent, Rick Byron, Han Family (Matt & Pat) & Troy Hartigan.

CURRICULUM DAY
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.

HALLOWEEN DISCO
On Friday evening our wonderful parents group are hosting a Halloween disco at the school. Many students are looking forward to attending the event and dressing up in costume too. Looking forward to seeing you there!

COMPASS
Last week we launched the COMPASS Parent Portal with an electronic copy of the newsletter being sent to all families. We have received very positive feedback from many parents about the improved communication system between school and home. Early
next year, we will open the 2016 aspect of the program - as was outlined in the ‘Welcome to COMPASS’ letter received by families last week.

2016 STAFF & 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.

SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY
As you may be aware, Pinewood Primary School has signed up to Sustainability Victoria's ResourceSmart Schools, which aims to embed sustainability across the school. As part of this program, we’d really like to know what you think about sustainability at our school and any sustainable initiatives you might already do at home. Please click on the following link to complete a short survey.

Please note:
- Finish date for the survey is Wed 11/11/15
- The survey is for parents and teachers to complete
- One response per family
- Prizes on offer (iTunes voucher + Energy Remote Control Socket)

Icy poles for the student year level with the highest number of parents who respond
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ PinewoodPS

Thank you.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

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
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Himmath M.  Prep R
For the confidence he displays during swimming lessons and for being organised with his belongings.
Well done Himmath!

Rajver S.  Prep M
For settling in well to his new school and confidently approaching all tasks.

MuiMui W.  Prep H
For showing fabulous progress learning English. Miu Miu has learnt many of the Wizard Words and uses them in her writing. Well done!

Ashreet K.  Prep L
For her enthusiastic attitude towards swimming and for being confident when swimming in the deep end of the pool.

TJ T.  1A
For the positive attitude he has towards his learning and for the self confidence he displays. Well done!

Hemjitha F.  5C
For using his initiative and demonstrating confidence when answering questions during our economic incursion.

Kasey W.  5K
For the excellent effort she put into her oral presentation on social media. She engaged her peers with an informative PowerPoint. Well done!

Pat H.  6U
For his consistent work habits and for seeking assistance with new spelling. Keep it up, Pat!

James M.  6H
For his presentation on the nervous system which was well structured and thoroughly researched.

Wilkie S.  1T
For his good behaviour and enthusiasm during all swimming classes. Well done Wilkie.

Kabir N.  2D
For his excellent attitude and behaviour on the excursion to the Gould League. You were an excellent representative of Pinewood.

Kyah G.  4M
For the super effort she has been putting into her Maths work. Well done and keep it up!

Daniel P.  3K
For being polite and cooperative at all times. Well done Daniel!

Tania B.  4R
For settling in well during her first term at Pinewood and for being a confident and positive member of the class. Keep it up!

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Halloween Disco
We are seeking assistance for the Halloween Disco.

Junior: 6-7pm (helpers arrive at 5.30pm)
Senior: 7.30-9 pm (helpers arrive at 7pm)
Please contact Lisa ASAP for more info: 0413 015 143

Thank you
Parents Committee

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.

Guys—Awesome Sunday Sessions
Sunday sessions 8am—Pinewood Gym- $20
Amazing circuit targeting the whole body.
Circuits are fun, engaging and provide a positive experience to fitness.
Bookings are essential.
Please call Kirsty on 0458 544 888 to secure your spot.
HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE LUNCHES DELIVERED FRESH TO PINewood PRIMARY SCHOOL

AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Unavailable Tuesday)
Our Menu offers either a 2 or 3 Course Lunch with 15 choices available for each course each day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.classroomcuisine.com.au
Orders are received by our customer friendly website until 8.30am the day the lunch is required.
Email: contact@classroomcuisine.com.au

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