



Newsletter

10 DECEMBER 2015

CALENDAR

December

- 11th Year 6 Community Sports Day
- 14th School Council 7pm
- 15th Year 6 Graduation
- 16th Reports sent home
- 18th School assembly 9.15am
- 18th School Ends 2.30pm

The office will close at 3pm.

2016

January

- 11th-27th Vacation Care
- 25th Uniform Shop open 9am-10.30am
- 26th Australia Day. No Vacation Care on this day.**
- 27th Uniform Shop open 9am—10.30am
- 28th School starts for Years 1-6
- 28th Uniform Shop open 3.15pm-3.45pm
- 29th School starts for Prep children.

February

- 3rd Prep children do not attend on this day
- 10th Prep children do not attend on this day
- 17th Prep children do not attend on this day

Dear Parents,

Prep Orientation

On Tuesday we held our final Prep Orientation session for the year. In addition to meeting their buddy for next year the new students, played games, enjoyed stories and participated in craft activities. Thank you to our fabulous parents, Mick Daly, Lisa Strong, Koula Giannakis, Kelly Ellis and Lucy Adams for cooking and serving a delicious sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the transition session for our new Preps and their buddies. The students loved it!

Thanks to Michelle and Chris O'Neill and Nirosha Herat for working in the uniform shop during the morning...it was extremely busy!

Thank you to all the teachers who have been involved with the Prep Orientation Program this year and special thanks to Mrs Russell for coordinating the program.

Enjoy your Retirement- Ms McLaughlin

I would like to wish a happy retirement to Ms Heather McLaughlin who retires after a long and successful career as a music teacher, with the past 9 years being at our school. You will be sadly missed by the whole Pinewood community.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Last Thursday we held our Parent Helpers morning tea to thank all those parents who have helped with any of our programs this year including school camps and excursions. Without this support from parents we would not have such a great school. Thank you to all those concerned.

Waverley Links Disco

On Tuesday night we held the Waverley Links Disco for graduating Year Six students from all the Waverley Links schools. The students all appeared to have a great time.

A Cheque for the 'Men's Shed'.



On Wednesday, our School Captains, Jordan and Willis presented the Glen Waverley branch of Men's Shed with a cheque for \$930.00 on behalf of our school. Both Captains spoke passionately about Pinewood PS and how important it was to raise money to help other members of our community.

The Men's Shed was thrilled to receive the cheque and wanted to pass on their thanks to all of the students at Pinewood School for raising money for their organisation. Again, we would like to thank the Bendigo Bank, Pinewood



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Principal



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Branch, for donating the hotdogs for the event and the parents who assisted with the cooking of the hotdogs on the day.

Bunnings BBQ -Saturday Dec 5th

Thanks to the wonderful parents who hosted the BBQ at the Bunnings at Notting Hill on Saturday 5th Dec. The parents raised the fantastic amount of \$1,494.00 for our school. We appreciate the time and energy donated by our parents to the event.

Student Walk-Up to Next Year Level... and End of Year Reports

On Wednesday Dec. 16, between 12.30-1.00pm, we will conduct a 'Walk Up' for all students. During this 30 minute period, the students will be informed of their class teacher for next year. The students will then visit their new classroom for 2016 and meet their new teacher (for about 20 minutes) before returning to their current classroom for lunch.

Student reports will also be distributed to families on Wednesday, 16th December. The reports will be accompanied by a complete staffing list for 2016.

Reminder, Last Day of Term – Friday 18 December

Final assembly will be at **1.30 pm**. School finishing time is 2.30pm. Crossing supervisors will be working at this time to support the school and ensure our children are able to cross roads safely.

Final Principal's Corner for 2015

It's a (Christmas) wrap!

It's that time of year again!

The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

"Where did the last twelve months go?" That's the adult viewpoint. Kids think, "What took so long?" Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That's only natural. But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you'll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of

the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next. Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:

Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year's end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. Celebrate improvement and success: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It's important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. Show appreciation: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some children need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. Look forward: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn't like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn't end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. Now relax: It's time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn't one of your child's best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it's a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean.

By Michael Grose (Parenting Ideas)

I hope you enjoyed the article.

**Karen Jenkin
Principal**



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Clovie D.** **Prep M**
For the positive attitude she has towards all school activities. Well done Clovie!
- Ismaeel J.** **6H**
For his persistence and desire to improve in all areas of his learning, no matter how big or small the task.
- Stefan H.** **6H**
For showing a kind and helpful nature all year. Stefan has always been willing to take on tasks to assist others. Well done!
- Erin K.** **Prep R**
For the confidence she displays when completing activities and for being a kind, caring and helpful class member. Well done Erin.
- Catherine P.** **2M**
For working hard on our persuasive writing tasks and developing interesting arguments. Well done!
- Leia H.** **2M**
For bringing a positive attitude to school each day. Well done!
- Annie V.** **Prep H**
For working hard to learn the routines at Pinewood Primary School. Well done!
- Chanuki J.** **1A**
For consistently using excellent listening skills and for being a caring friend to her classmates.
- Alisha G.** **5K**
For the consistent effort you put into your school work. Alisha can always be relied upon to do her best.
- Mila S.** **5C**
For being a responsible and reliable ICT monitor this year. Keep up the hard work in Grade 6, Mila!
- Sobash M.** **Prep L**
For always modelling excellent behaviour and for being a caring friend to others. Well done!
- Lulu S.** **4R**
For being a kind, considerate and helpful student. Lulu always has beautiful manners and willingly assists others. Keep it up!
- Justin Y.** **3B**
For always striving to do his very best. Well done Justin!
- Kayla Y.** **3B**
For her positive attitude to all school activities. Keep up the great effort Kayla!

- Dewi R.** **3K**
For showing determination and reaching the top of the Athletics Leader Board for the year. Well done!
- Stephanie S.** **4M**
For the persistence she demonstrated when writing her discussion text and using her class time effectively.
- Sithuli W.** **2D**
For working hard throughout the year to produce her best work. Sithuli works to complete neat, high quality work.
- Zach N.** **2D**
For the enthusiasm he displays towards all school activities. Zach should be proud of his achievements inside and outside the classroom.
- Methuli W.** **2D**
For working hard to improve her spelling this term. Methuli has demonstrated excellent study habits and achieved fantastic spelling results.
- Rachel E.** **6U**
For being an excellent role model all year. Keep up the fantastic work Rachel!
- Megan B.** **5K**
For being such a helpful student around our classroom. Megan has done so many good things, without being asked, at this time of sorting, tidying and organising. Thanks Meg.
- PE Award—6H**
For their execution and creativity when playing Frisbee golf!

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Bunnings BBQ

Thank you everyone who assisted with the Bunnings BBQ, Notting Hill.

Our Helpers were: Tim Day, Kellie Ellis, Andrew Van Oosterwijck, Janaka Kamara, Chats Fernando, Toby Williams, Jules Berry, Mick Daly, Jo Mitsakas, Vicki Coves, Catronia Starr, Kathryn Nichols, Lucy Adams, Ping Xu, Thilini Alahkson, Steve Mitchell, Steve Ellis, Koula Giannakis, Tran Phan, Greg Jurdukin, Nicki Vaughan and Penny Johnston. Thank you to Adam Davey who organised the onions.

It was great to see so many familiar faces, who came and supported this event.

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Pinewood School Community Survey Results & Prizes



Thank you to all the parents and teachers who participated in the Pinewood School Community Survey.

The aim of the survey was to find out what our school community thinks about our sustainability program.

We got a great response to the survey, with some really positive results. So-Eco will be sharing these results with our school before the end of Term 4.

As you may know, there are 2 prizes to be given away.

The first prize goes to a parent or teacher who has completed the survey. It is a \$50 iTunes voucher together with an energy saving power board.

This prize goes to Vicky Coves – congratulations!

The second prize is an icy pole for all students in the year level which had the most parents respond.

This prize goes to the Preps – congratulations! All preps will get any icy pole on a day that is nominated by the teachers.

Thank you to United Energy for sponsoring the survey and prizes.

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

EAL



In EAL this term we have been learning about “healthy living”. The students have really enjoyed

preparing the veggie patch and planting vegetables. The senior students have also learned to read food packaging to choose healthier products. We have read a variety of picture story books about food, but the clear favourite has been “Jasper McFlea will not eat his tea” by Lee Fox & Mitch Vane.

We made lunch boxes and put healthy food ideas inside. Our favourite activity this term was planting snow peas and beans.



By Sithuli, Methuli, Nethula, Kabir



After weeding the veggie patch and planting new seeds we harvested our first

snow peas and they were delicious!

By Ali, Maria, Mohanad, Fatima, Zainab





SPORT NEWS

Grade 3/4 T20 Blast Gala Day

Last Friday some Grade 3 & 4 students participated in the inaugural SDSSA T20 Blast Day, run in conjunction with Cricket Victoria.

We took along 4 teams, with most students representing Pinewood for the first time, and also a large number playing competitive cricket for the first time. A great day was had by all students, with fantastic weather, music pumping and giveaways throughout the day.



It was very encouraging to see the students' skills and knowledge of the rules improve as

the day progressed. All 4 teams won at least one game, with our Pinewood Pirates winning all of their matches.

Thank you very much to Leanne Schmitt, Tim Day, Nirosha Herat and Miss McGregor for their supervision, coaching and umpiring of the teams. Thanks also to Heidi Ford for providing a marquee that gave us some much needed shade!



Interschool Sport

Our interschool sport year wrapped up recently, with all of our teams performing well. Although none of our teams were crowned as Champions for this term, the skills, tactics and teamwork that has been forged throughout the year will hold the students in good stead as they move into high school.

Congratulations to all students on their efforts when representing Pinewood this year, your sportsmanship

and determination has been outstanding. Thank you to the teachers for working hard to develop the skills and performance of their teams, your work is very much appreciated.

Victorian Primary Schools Golf State Final

Last Wednesday, Lachlan S from 3B competed in the Golf State Final. He had earned his place in the Final with some excellent performances in the Division and Region Finals. Lachlan had the extra challenge of playing 18 holes, instead of the 9 holes at the lower level competitions. He met the challenge head on and played solid golf. Although he didn't win, it is a fantastic achievement to make a State Final as a Grade 3 student. Congratulations Lachlan!

SDSSA Community Links Sport Day

Tomorrow our Grade 6 students are heading to Wesley College for the annual Community Links Sports Day. It is a day that brings together all Grade 6 students in our district, along with 22 local sporting organisations. The day is also part of the students' transition into high school, as they will be spending their day with students from our district. It promises to be a fun filled day!

Keep track of everything sport related happening within our district, including final interschool sport ladders:

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4186-0-0&assoc=4186

OSHC

If your child will be attending the Vacation Care Program, 11th January, 2016 to 27th January, 2016, please return the forms tomorrow, Friday, 11th December.

Forms are available from the office and the Out of Hours Program.

A reminder to the parents of Preps commencing in 2016, that care is not available on the four Wednesday that Preps do not attend.

School Office will close at 3pm on Friday, 18th December, 2015.



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Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2016

The Uniform Shop will be open on
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 9am—10.30am

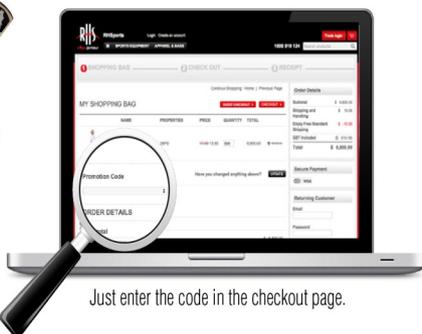
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