Welcome back to all of our new families and welcome back to those returning to Pinewood. I’m sure you will enjoy your time at our school. Our new Preps were thrilled to have the extra support of their YR 6 buddies last week and have made a great start to their time at Pinewood.

NEW STAFF
We welcome five new teachers to our school for 2016. Ms Faye Park teaching Prep, Mrs Tania Hamamen, teaching Year 1, Mr Simon Grant teaching YR 2, Mrs Helen Crockett teaching Yr4, Miss Rochelle D’ Cruze teaching Yr 6. Welcome back also to Mr Paul Dobney, teaching Yr 5. Paul is well known to many students and parents as he was a classroom teacher at Pinewood several years ago.

‘Creating Our Learning Community’ Program.
Pinewood students have been participating in our new ‘Creating Our Learning Community’, program for the first 7 days of the school year. Our inclusive program is designed to build on the AusVELS curriculum domains of Personal Learning, Interpersonal Development, Civics and Citizenship and Australian History. The program also assists students with settling into their new classes, making new friends and the building of a great teaching and learning environment for the children. Teachers have planned various class activities designed to promote student engagement and enhance each child’s sense of belonging to their new group.

‘Our Learning Community Garden’- created by students from various year levels.
On Wednesday  students gathered with Murrundindi, elder of the Wurundjeri people. The students enjoyed a wonderful time. They sang a Wurundjeri song together, danced, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and were entertained by Wurundjeri stories of long ago. Students also enjoyed a session of fun filled cooperative games with the coaches from Pro Activity this week.

Tomorrow, students in years 1-6 will also have an opportunity to join in the fun with our, ‘I am Australian” fancy dress parade, or the ‘colour parade’ if a Prep student. A BBQ lunch and icy poles will be provided later in the day for those students participating in the lunch activity. The students are really enjoying participating in the ‘Creating Our Learning Community’ program . What a great way to start the school year!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Pinewood Primary School has a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The purpose of the Emergency Management Plan (EMP) is to provide a detailed plan of how Pinewood Primary School will prepare and respond to emergency situations. The EMP applies to all staff, students, visitors, contractors and volunteers at Pinewood. As part of our new COMPASS technology we also have the capacity to send bulk SMS and/or email messages to parents in an emergency. A ‘test’ bulk SMS message was sent earlier in the week to all families at Pinewood PS, as part of our EMP communication process.

NEW SPECIALIST AREA AT PINEWOOD -SCIENCE (STEM)
This year we have created a Science specialist area- (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths- STEM) Mr Tate, a trained science teacher, will be conducting weekly science lessons for students in our new Science area near the Library building. Each year level will be attending two terms of specialist science lessons and two terms of coding and robotics. Our Science program commences next week for all classes except Preps. Our Prep students will commence their Science program in terms 3&4. Students will be focusing on Physical Science in term 1 and Chemical Science in term 2.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
We will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 17th February. These will be “Getting to Know You” interviews to enable parents to meet their child’s new teacher and inform the teacher of any medical or other issues that may be pertinent to their schooling. All families will receive a notice regarding these interviews soon.

‘You Can Do It’ Program- GETTING ALONG
This term our school will be focusing on the ‘You Can Do It’ program area of ‘Getting Along’. The students will be learning about the following habits of thinking:

1. Playing by the rules
2. Thinking first before you act
3. Being tolerant of others, and
4. Being a socially responsible person

This could look like the following behaviours:
- Working and playing together cooperatively (collaboration and teaming)
- Sharing and taking turns (conflict resolution skills)
- Behaving well towards each other (being respectful, responsible, caring, honest)
- Following important rules of the classroom and the school
- Doing things to make your classroom and school cleaner and safer (citizenship)

STUDENT LEADERS for 2016
Our student leaders were announced at our final assembly at the end of last year. The students will be presented with their leadership badges at a special presentation assembly on March 7th at 9.15 am. Congratulations to the following YR 6 students for gaining leadership positions for 2016.
School Captains:
Kasey W
Siddarth K

Sports Captains:
Connie B
James F

House Captains
Dampier: Carli B & James D
Cook: Zoe W & Vidhushan K
Flinders: Grace J & Jake S
Sturt: Mila S & Elijah Q

Arts Captains:
Eva M & Amelia C

Environmental/Science Leaders:
Nora B & Wilson W

ICT Captains:
Chanudi J, Stefan A & James S

Library Captains:
Rosie T & Dhruv C

EARLY DROP OFF /LATE PICK UP BY PARENTS
Please do not drop children at the school before 8.45 am in the morning as there are no staff on duty before this time.
If parents are going to be late arriving to pick up their child we would appreciate a phone call to notify the office. If a parent does not arrive to pick up a student the classroom teacher will look after them in the classroom until 3.45. After this time the student will be taken to our Out of Hours Program (Aftercare) and again the parents will be invoiced for this session.

Regards
Karen Jenkin
Principal

Uniform Opening Times are changing!
From this week, the uniform shop will be opening on THURSDAY and FRIDAY afternoons
Thursday, 3.15pm–3.45pm
Friday, 3.15pm–3.45pm

CHANGE OF CONTACT NUMBER
The school phone number has changed. Please phone 8847 3200 to contact the school.
**Pinewood and the ResourceSmart Schools Program**

A big thank you to all those people who completed our sustainability survey late last year.

Last year Pinewood received some funding from United Energy and So-Eco to become a ResourceSmart School. ResourceSmart Schools is a state government program that encourages schools to

- reduce the amounts of WATER and ENERGY they use
- reduce the amounts of WASTE they send to landfill
- increase the RECYCLING of paper, plastics, glass and food scraps
- increase HABITAT for native plants and animals in the school grounds.

There are five modules for the school to complete over time

- CORE
- ENERGY
- WASTE
- WATER
- BIODIVERSITY

Further information can be found on the Sustainability website

Pinewood is now seeking interested parents to join teachers and students in our Sustainability Group. You may be unable to come to meetings but be able to contribute in some other way.

We will meet regularly (but not too often!) We will discuss how our school can leave a smaller “environmental footprint”.

We will look for achievable and engaging actions for our children and the wider school community to be involved in.

If you are interested please contact Greg Tate or leave your name with the office.

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Parents, please be advised that if you didn't return the attendance form last year for 2016 you will be on our waiting list. April Vacation forms will be available next week from the office and hall.

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.

**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
The Parents Club plays a vital role in raising much needed funds to support Pinewood Primary and over the past few years we have purchased iPads/Netbooks, cricket nets, and the brand new playground at the front of the school. We are currently raising funds for Sunshade Sails and thanks to our fundraising efforts last year we have raised over $8,000 which is a fantastic start! Once again we would like to say a huge thank you to our school community for your support, our Parent Helpers for assisting at events throughout the year and welcome to our new Pinewood families of 2016.

The Parents Club Parents Committee Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 15th February 2016 at 7pm at Pinewood School. Any Parent and/or Carer with a student currently at Pinewood is welcome to attend and we would like to invite new Parents to come onto the Committee either to hold a position or as a general member and help us continue to raise funds for the school.

If you would like to come along to the AGM please email:-

President – Mick Daly mick-d0868@yahoo.com.au (Grade 6)

Committee Secretary – Jules Berry julesmberry@hotmail.com (Grade 3)

2016 Calendar of Events will be confirmed in the coming weeks so WATCH THIS SPACE!

School Banking day is TUESDAY

The PC AGM and 1st Meeting of 2016 will be held on

MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7pm in the Staffroom.

AGENDA - 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7pm

1. APPOINTMENT & CONFIRMATION OF POSTS FOR 2016 COMMITTEE
2. 2015 ANNUAL & FINANCIAL REPORTS – President (MD) & Treasurer (KN)
3. COMMENTS & ANY OTHER BUSINESS
4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 14th MARCH 2016

To be followed by:-

1st MEETING OF THE 2016 PINewood PARENTS COMMITTEE - 7:45pm

AGENDA TO FOLLOW

Please note the earlier time as we have to set the dates for this year's events which usually takes a while as well as hold the AGM beforehand and confirm final fundraising figures for 2015. Estimated finishing time is around 9.30/9.45pm so please be prepared for a late-ish first meeting in order to get everything covered.

Any agenda points for AOB please let Mick or myself know so I can add them to the Agenda which I will do this weekend and send out next week. A copy of the AGM times and Agenda will go out in next week's newsletter.

Finally, if anyone knows anyone that would like to become involved on the Parents Committee, either in a position or as a general member please let Mick/ Lisa know and let them know the date of the meeting. A note will go out in the Newsletter this week and next week with AGM Agenda.
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 2016

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