Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy Term 2. We trust that everyone has had a happy and safe Easter holiday break and that the children have returned well rested and prepared for a term full of activity and learning.

Term 2 is always full of a variety of important activities and events. Please keep a close eye on the list of upcoming events and note them in your diaries.

HARMONY DAY
Pinewood Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday April 19th. Students will be working in multi-age groups and will participate in various multicultural activities to help celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. We would like all children to wear orange, their national costume or colours from their country of origin.

Harmony Day is all about inclusiveness, respect and building a sense of belonging.

Parents are invited to attend a special Harmony Day assembly from 9.30-10.15am on Tuesday.

ROBOTICS AND CODING
Students in Years 5 and 6 have commenced their ‘robotics program’ this term using coding skills introduced to them in Term 1. Year 5 students were very excited to build and program the new EV3 Lego robots this week. (Photos below)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – Inaugural Pinewood Art Show
THE ART OF ANIMALIA
In Term 3 on Tuesday, 30th August, we will be conducting a whole school Art Show based on the art from the picture story book, Animalia. Graeme Base, author of Animalia, will be opening the Art Show on the evening. More news soon!
LOCK in DRILL
As part of our Emergency Management Plan we will be conducting a ‘Lock in Procedure’ on Wednesday 20th April from 11.45-12.15. Please note that during this time adults will not be able to access the school administration or classroom areas.

ANZAC Day Assembly
On Friday, April 22nd we will be conducting an ANZAC Day service at the school. A notice will be sent home early next week regarding the service. Reminder - Monday April 25th is a public holiday and as such the school will be closed.

ORGANISATION- OUR ‘YOU CAN DO IT’, WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS FOR TERM 2.
‘The ability to organise space, time and possessions is an important, but often underestimated, personal success and leadership skill. Personal organisation has been identified as an essential achievement skill for children and young people.’ (Michael Grose, Parenting Program)

Students at each year level will be focusing on developing the skills and the habits of the mind that enhance the development of Organisation. Organisation, at school, means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your school supplies ready at a neat table, recording your projects and their due dates and planning when you are going to do your homework so that you have enough time to complete the task.

Two ‘Positive Habits of the Mind’ that help develop a young person’s organisation include:
Setting Goals- means thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
Planning My Time - means thinking about how long it will take me to do my school work and planning enough time to get it done.

CROSSOVER LANEWAY -Entrance Improvement
The Monash Council is currently making improvements to the Pinewood mall/ walkway entering onto the laneway and the single gate crossover entrance into the school. The Council anticipates the work around the lane way school entrance gate to take place over the coming week. During this time, we ask that parents drop off their children at the front of the school and that students entering the school on foot or by bike use a gate that does not involve entering the school from the laneway.

STRANGER DANGER Reminder
Parents please remind your child/children if walking to and/or from school, of the need to be walking in a group with others for their own safety and to inform adults immediately if they have been approached by a stranger along the way on arriving at school or at home. I have included a website of information to assist parents re talking to children about staying safe. Stranger Danger Tips - Safety 4 Kids www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone

ICAS TESTS & NAPLAN
Those parents, who have registered for their children to sit the ICAS tests, please be aware that there is no provision for a ‘make up’ test should your child be absent on the scheduled day.

NAPLAN is also scheduled for Year 3 and 5 students this term. All children are expected to participate in the NAPLAN program unless parents have specific reasons for their child NOT to take part. Exception forms must be completed and signed by parents prior to the NAPLAN dates if parents have decided to withdraw their child. If you have any concerns or questions, please discuss these with your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 40kph SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

Change of Uniform Opening Times for Term 2, 2016
From this week, the uniform shop will be opening on THURSDAY morning & afternoon
Thursday, 9.00am—9.30am
Thursday, 3.15pm—3.45pm
**Parents**

Are there any parents interested in learning more about Pinewood’s involvement in the ResourceSmart Schools program?

We already have a small number of parents who have expressed interest in how they can help the school (and their families) become more sustainable. United Energy is currently providing Pinewood with information and sponsorship. Monash Council is also very keen to help families reduce their waste and energy consumption.

Next **Thursday 21st April at 4pm** there will be a brief information session for any interested parents.

Come along to the Science area (outside the Grade 1 rooms) and find out what your children are currently doing. Ask a question, make a suggestion. See you then.

Greg Tate

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**OSHC**

Dear Parents,

As of Friday, 22nd April, the Out of Hours Program will be emailing accounts to parents. If you do not receive your account, please let us know as soon as possible. Accounts will be emailed each fortnight.

Please be aware that if you have updated your email address at the school office, it is not automatically updated at the Out of School Hours Program.

Parents are asked to add the following address to your email contact list to avoid accounts going to your spam folder.

oshc@pinewood-ps.vic.edu.au

Jenny Walker
OSHC Coordinator

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**HARMONY DAY COOKING DEMONSTRATION FOR PARENTS**

On Tuesday, 19th April, we are celebrating Harmony Day.

This event enables us to learn about different Cultures.

Throughout the morning we are going to be having cooking demonstrations.

If you are interested in giving a demonstration or would like to make a dish, please contact Lisa or Mick for further details.

If you are interested in attending the cooking demonstration, please let Lisa or Mick know.

Lisa: 0413 015 143
Email: Sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au
Mick: 0431 130 131
Email: mickd0868@yahoo.com.au

Thank you
Parents Committee

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**CLASSROOM REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2016**

Thank you to the following parents that have volunteered for this position.

- Prep D -
- Prep H - Amanda Fairbairn & Sonalee Ghelani
- Prep L - Joanna Morison
- Prep M - Charmaine Wickremasinghe
- Prep P -
- Prep R - Jackie Chan
- 1A - Danielle Dallinger
- 1H - Namita Pandey
- 1JK - Sarah Speakman
- 1T -
- 2G - Roshini Kirubaharan
- 2M -
- 2R - Georgia Sinclair
- 3B -
- 3K - Sue Bleeker
- 4C - Lisa Strong
- 4H - Charmaine Wickremasinghe
- 4M -
- 4R -
- 5D - Sue Bleeker
- 5K -
- 6D - Cindy Lowe
- 6H - Louise Berry
- 6U - Arlete Jurdukian
PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Design Competition
How would you like to win a golden ticket for a year?

The Parents Club are holding a colouring completion to design the ‘Parents Club News’ sign to be displayed above the Parents Club Notice Board.

Entries close at 4pm on Monday 18th April. Entries will be judged by the Parents Club at the first meeting on Monday 18th April at 7:30pm. The winner will be announced at assembly on Monday 2nd May.

The winner will receive a ‘Golden Ticket’ which will entitle them to lots of freebies at the many Parents Club events throughout the year.

The Golden Ticket includes:

- A sausage and drink at each BBQ event
- A hotdog at Hotdog Day
- Entry to one School Disco
- Zooper Dooper at Zooper Dooper Day
- Bag of popcorn on Popcorn Day and,
- Vouchers to be spent at the Mothers and Father’s Day stalls.

So kids, get your pencils, paints and textas out during the school holidays and start designing.

Entries need to be on A4 sized paper (landscape layout).

Good luck.
2016 Parents Club Committee.