Dear Parents,

**HARMONY DAY**
Pinewood PS celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday. The morning assembly was a sea of colour reflected in the many national costumes worn by children, including, of course, the colour orange!
During the assembly, we learnt about the history and purpose of reggae music, as Charmaine and Ranjeewa Wickremasinghe (Keshara and Sarani’s parents) performed three fantastic reggae songs for us— one song especially written by them to celebrate ‘Harmony Day’ at Pinewood.
The students then participated in multi aged rotational activities for the remainder of the morning.
Meanwhile, amazing aromas drifted from the staffroom as many parents representing different nationalities prepared and shared their favourite cultural dishes and recipes with each other and the staff.
Thank you to our wonderful parents club for initiating and organising the multicultural food tasting extravaganza and the golden ticket competition.
Thank you also to Natalie Jones, our LOTE teacher, and her dedicated team of staff for their efforts in making Harmony Day such a great success.

**COMPASS-SMS Bulk Message Service and Parent Portal SMS Messaging**
While the ability for the school to contact parents via the COMPASS bulk SMS message facility is great, we are limited to a maximum of 160 characters per message. This
means the text messages are understandably brief. If required, a subsequent text message will be sent to families.

**Parental Portal - Student Absence Notes**

As from April 26th, parents will be able to inform the school of reasons for their child’s absence directly online via the COMPASS Parent Portal - rather than bringing a hand written note of absence to the school.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

On Friday 22 April, at 10.45,(tomorrow) the School Captains will be conducting an Anzac Day Ceremony over the PA system.

Students may like to bring along a flower/s from their garden to place beneath the flag at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**REMINDER- ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY MONDAY APRIL 25th- THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED EDUCATION WEEK- OPEN DAY and EVENING-**

This year ‘Education Week’ will be conducted from May 16th to May 20th. ‘Open Day’ at Pinewood PS will be on Tuesday May 17. This is a great opportunity for parents/carers and grandparents to visit their children’s/grandchildren’s classrooms and to celebrate the many wonderful programs operating at Pinewood.

Our ‘Open’ morning will be from 9.00-11.00am culminating with a Grandparents morning tea at 11.00.

The school will be open again in the evening from 6.00-7.30pm. During this time parents are encouraged to visit their child’s classroom and attend a short musical concert in the hall performed by each year level.

Concert performance times will be:
- Prep-Yr 2 @ 6.00 pm
- Yrs 3 and 4 @ 6.30 pm
- Yrs 5 and 6 @ 7.00 pm

There will be more information communicated to families closer to the date.

**STATEMENT OF VALUES- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- PINEWOOD PS**

At Pinewood, we value the efforts of our teachers and parents in promoting a healthy, safe and respectful school community. The Department of Education provides a very clear ‘Statement of Values’ by which government school communities are encouraged to operate.

This ‘Statement of Values’ sets out behavioural expectations of all members in the school community, including the principal, all school staff, parents, students and visitors.

By agreeing to meet specified standards of positive behaviour, everyone in our school community can be assured that they will be treated with fairness and respect. In turn, this will help to create a school that is safe and orderly, where everyone is empowered to participate and learn.

Our Statement of Values recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and parents and addresses the shared responsibilities of all members in building a safe and respectful school community.

I have attached a copy of our Statement of Values to the newsletter for your perusal.

Karen Jenkin
Principal
Eelen Y. Prep M  
For the wonderful writing she has produced. Eelen is learning to use capital letters correctly.

Daniel S. Prep H  
For consistently following all the school and classroom rules. Keep up the great work!

Kylah K-K. Prep R  
For her enthusiastic attitude towards all learning activities and for being a kind, caring and helpful class member. Well done Kylah!

Amy T. Prep P  
For always presenting her work so beautifully and working hard this term to complete all of her work on time. Well done Amy!

Spiros V. Prep L  
For the fantastic effort he has made to be organised with his belongings. Well done and keep it up!

Jenny O. 5D  
For consistently staying up to date with all class work and showing enthusiasm towards he learning. Well done Jenny!

Kasey W. 6H  
For taking the initiative to seek feedback to improve the quality of her work, especially the Anzac day writing piece.

Christian M. 4C  
For putting in consistent effort and for staying on task during all writing lessons. Keep it up!

Jack M. 2M  
For always putting on his best effort and making changes to improve his work.

Sally M. 4M  
For always taking pride in the work she produces and setting a wonderful example to her peers.

Nicholas B. 1JK  
For the positive attitude and kindness he continues to demonstrate each day. Well done Nicholas!

Akidat J. 1T  
For the effort he is putting into his classroom activities and for contributing to class discussions.

Gillian K. 1A  
For always completing work to the best of her ability and for the kindness she shows to her classmates. Keep up the good work.

Theo C. 3B  
For the consistent effort you have put into your work this term. Well done & keep up the great work.

Sarah H. 6D  
For the fantastic effort she has been putting into her writing. You are doing a fabulous job and have improved so much. Well Done Sarah.

Ashlea T. 5K  
For the way you conducted yourself throughout our excursion to Sovereign Hill, and your insights about the Eureka Stockade that you posted on our blog. Well done Ashlea.

Sophie F. 3K  
For the outstanding effort you show in all of your work. Well done!

Miranda K. Prep D  
For always doing her best work and being organised by bringing her little green bag to school every day. Keep it up Miranda!

Ashlee S. 2G  
For continually working hard at your reading and writing. The hard work is paying off, keep up the great work.

Maya W. 2R  
For the positive start to the term. Maya involves herself in class discussions and is quick to begin set tasks. Keep up the great work!

Milla C. 4H  
For taking your learning seriously, adopting a positive attitude and always being respectful towards those around you. You are a pleasure to have in 4H.

Bailey M-S. 1H  
For making an excellent attempt at retelling events of the weekend in journal writing. Bailey made an effort to expand his word use. Well done.

Unfortunately we do not have any space in After Care on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We can place you on our waiting list.

Jenny Walker
Harmony Day 2016 was a great success. The day started at morning assembly where all the kids paraded their costumes. Charmaine and Ranjee (Kehara and Sarani’s parents) provided a fantastic Caribbean music demonstration which everyone really enjoyed.

After assembly, the parents got together in the staff room where everyone enjoyed cooking demonstrations and feasting on a great variety of international dishes. Thanks to everyone who provided these wonderful dishes.

- Thai Chicken Curry  **Lisa Strong**
- Vegetarian Hyderabadi Biryani  **Rama Iranganti**
- Poori and Black Chickpeas  **Jasmine Makin**
- Samosa  **Kimani Sobti**
- Vietnamese Spring Rolls  **Linh Cooper**
- Kokis Savoury Snack  **Thilini Alahakoon**
- Fish Cutlets  **Nirosha Herat**
- Spanakopita Tiropita  **Desi Bablis**
- Syrniky Cottage Cheese Pikelets  **Anya Mitchell**
- Chai Indian Tea  **Sonalee Ghelani**
- Scottish Shortbread (and Sandra)  **Catriona Starr**
- French Crepes  **Casey Newton**
- Fried Dumplings  **Cathy Han**

Sorry if I missed anyone. There was so much food and so many people there it was hard to catch up with all of you.

If anyone would like a copy of the recipe book, please email and I will send it to you.

Thanks to Lisa Strong and Lucy Adams for their hard work with organising and clean up.

It was a great day, which highlights how lucky we are to have such a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming school community at Pinewood.

Golden Ticket Competition
The Parents Club received some fantastic entries for the Golden Ticket Competition. They were all so very colourful and creative it was hard to pick just one winner. Congratulations to our winner Shara Samarakoon (2M). Her prize winning design will be displayed above the Parents Club notice board. She also receives a Golden Ticket which entitles her to freebies at each Parents Club event for the rest of the year. Well done Shara!

See you all at the next Parents Club event.

Regards,
Mick Daly
President -Parents Club
mickd0868@yahoo.com.au
The Green Team Corner

We thank all the parents and children who contributed to cleaning the pond in last term’s Working Bee. It has made a huge difference to Pinewood’s environment, and our local frog’s life.

The Green Team will look after the pond from now on. We are hoping to clean the rest of the pond this term.

Once again, thank you for all your help and effort.

From: The Green Team
By: Arshia A, Wilson W and Nora B.

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Green Team Corner

Now we’re heading into Autumn & Winter, it’s important to be prepared for those bad weather days. Here are some suggestions from United Energy on what you do if you lose power during extreme events

- Check your neighbour’s house to see if they also have lost power.
- If you know any neighbours who are elderly or sick, check to see if they need help.
- Keep clear of fallen powerlines. Fallen powerlines should always be treated as live and dangerous so contact us as soon as possible on 132 099.
- If you smell gas, ensure all appliances are turned off and if the odour continues or becomes more prominent, immediately call 132 691.
- In a life-threatening situation, always call 000.
WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE INAUGURAL PINEWOOD ART SHOW
THE ART OF ANIMALIA

Please save the date:

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST
GRAND OPENING 6PM

What’s happening?:

- Exhibition Opening by author Graeme Base
- Student artwork exhibited - all students from P-6 represented
- Performances by Music Ensembles and Glee Club
- Art Competitions
- Art Auctions
- And more...........
- Watch this space for further information as we draw closer to the Art Show Opening.

Francine Combes and Jess Murphy
Art Teachers

ART SHOW LOGO COMPETITION

We invite all students to create a logo for the Pinewood 2016 Art Show

All entries should:

- Be bright and eye catching
- Not exceed an 8cm square
- Contain the text: The Art of Animalia
- Pinewood 2016
- Be generated either by hand or technology
- Be submitted to the Art Room by Thursday 12 May

Prize: The winning Logo will receive a shopping voucher for our preferred Art and Craft wholesaler, Cam Art and will be used to advertise and promote the art show.

We look forward to your creative and talented input!

With many thanks
Francine Combes and Jess Murphy

School Banking day is
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**Waverley Benevolent Society - School Fund Assistance**

For over 45 years, the Waverley Benevolent Society (WBS) has been giving a helping hand to the local community. In continuing with their proud tradition, they now have funds available to help low-income parents with school expenses.

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Payments for high school students will be made direct to providers – uniform, books etc, or to a nominated school account to cover excursions, VCAL charges etc. **School fees not included.**

To be eligible, parents need to provide a Centrelink card or proof of residence in the Monash municipality and evidence of low income. They also need a hard copy from the provider of what they would like the cheque to cover.

If you want to find out more information about this fund assistance, please make an appointment with WBS by calling 1300 552 509 (preferred option) or email waverleybenevolent@bigpond.com (recommended for schools and counsellors who have questions).
RESPECT     SELF CONFIDENCE     INTEGRITY     RESPONSIBILITY    OPTIMISM

CLASSROOM REPRESENTATIVES
FOR 2016

Representatives are required for the following grades. If you are interested, please see the classroom teacher. Thank you to the following parents who have already volunteered for this position.

Prep D - Prep P -

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