Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed some lovely sunny weather over the long weekend. We are coming to the end of Term 2 and you may find that your children are getting tired and in need of a relaxing break to refresh themselves for next term. Please keep children at home if they are feeling unwell as there are quite a few influenza and sore throat infections around at this time of the year.

POPcorn MORNING
Thank you to our fabulous parents club for providing the students with an opportunity to purchase a bag of delicious Popcorn for morning tea on Wednesday. The students really enjoyed the treat!

STUDENT REPORTS
Mid year reports will be sent home to families on Friday June 17th prior to parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June.

COMPASS ONLINE BOOKINGS
The COMPASS online booking process for parent/teacher mid year interviews has been a great success. Thank you to all parents for trying the new electronic booking system. Please refer to the blurb later in the newsletter, regarding updated information for COMPASS online bookings. Please contact the office if you are experiencing any difficulties with the process.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
I encourage parents of students in years 3-6 to bring your child to the interview as it is a very powerful exchange between yourselves, the teacher and your child regarding their learning aspirations. Please be punctual and mindful that only 10 minutes has been allocated to each family.

WORKING BEE
There will be a Working Bee at the school on Saturday 18 June at 9.30-12.00pm. We appreciate any time parents can volunteer. A BBQ sausage sizzle will commence from 12.00pm for Working Bee helpers.

SCHOOL TERM ENDS
The school term ends at 2.30pm on Friday June 24th. There will be no school assembly on Monday June 20, however, there will be a final term assembly for the whole school at 9.15 am on Friday June 24th to celebrate the term achievements. Our school re-opens for Term 3 on Monday 11th July.
PREP ENROLEMENTS for 2017
We are currently enrolling prep students for 2017 and we are filling up! If you are a parent at our school and have a younger sibling to enrol for next year, please see Mrs Pip Lewis at our school office and complete an enrolment form as soon as you can. Our transition into Prep starts in the second half of the year with a parent information session and then visits to the school in Term 4 for the next year’s prep children.

Principal’s Corner...
Student mid-year reports will be distributed tomorrow. The students have worked hard this semester and are keen to share their learning journey with their parents. I have included a useful article parents may wish to read before opening your child’s report.

Reading your child’s report....
by Michael Grose Parenting Ideas
Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . . Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped. Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

OSHC

The booking forms are now available for the Out of School Hours Care June/July holiday care. Children will not be automatically booked in for the holiday program. Forms can be collected from the office or OSHC. Please return forms by tomorrow, FRIDAY, 17th JUNE to reserve a place for your child/children.

A REMINDER THAT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORMS, INCLUDING THOSE WITHOUT CHANGES, ARE DUE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

There are a number of forms that have not been returned. Please be aware that if contact numbers have changed and the school has not been notified, we cannot be held responsible for not contacting you in an emergency.
POP CORN DAY!

Here are some of the Preps enjoying their Pop Corn at recess and after school yesterday! Thank you to the following Parent Helpers and Committee Members for helping us sell over 500 bags of Pop Corn: Angelina, Arlette, Diana, Jules, Leanne, Lisa, Lynne, Koula, Mishani and Robyn.

COOKIE DOUGH – Orders due back NEXT MONDAY

This is your FINAL SELLING WEEK as all order forms and money are due back by 9am on Monday 20th June.

ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Saturday 2nd July

We STILL NEED HELPERS for the sizzle – please please please fill in your name on the Roster on the Parents Club Noticeboard (next to Uniform Shop) or EMAIL Lisa Strong at sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au if you can help – thank you!

BOOK STALL
Tuesday 23rd August / Wednesday 24th August

The Parents Club are holding a Book Stall as part of Book Week in Term 3. We will start collecting donations at the Start of TERM 3.

Thank you,
Pinewood Parents Club Committee

Compass Program for Parent/Teacher Interviews

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED INFORMATION GUIDE ON HOW TO BOOK PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS ONLINE VIA THE COMPASS PROGRAM. PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BOOK AN INTERVIEW VIA THE PORTAL BETWEEN TUESDAY, 14th JUNE AND SUNDAY, 19th JUNE, 2016. AFTER THIS DATE PLEASE CONTACT THE CLASSROOM TEACHER TO BOOK A TIME.

PARENTS HAVE BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTY BOOKING CERTAIN TIMES FOR THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN. PLEASE REFER TO THE UPDATED GUIDE ON PAGE 4. THE RED TEXT IS UPDATED INFORMATION. CLICKING ON THIS LINK WILL SHOW YOU THE AVAILABLE TIMES FOR THE SELECTED TEACHER.

WE URGE PARENTS TO READ THE NEWS FEED REGULARLY, TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL.

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If using a desktop computer, go to the Compass website https://pinewood-ps.vic.jdlf.com.au and log into Compass using your User Name and Password.

Make sure you are on the home page by clicking on this symbol.

If you are using the iPhone app, please click on this symbol at the top of the page, then click on ‘Open in Browser’ or swipe right to bring you to the home page and news feed.

On the left-hand side under your child’s name, you will see the Conference Booking link. Click on this link to open the bookings page.

Click on Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Your child’s teacher’s name should appear at the bottom of the page. Click on the date and available time slot you would like (available time slots will be green). Click on the arrow on the drop down box. Select the teacher’s name and click on update. Please be aware that there are two available dates—21/06/16 and 22/06/16. Please choose carefully.

BY CLICKING ON THE TEACHER’S NAME AT THE BOTTOM, YOU CAN SEE THE TIMES THAT ARE STILL AVAILABLE. YOU WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO THIS PAGE TO BOOK THE TIME YOU WANT.

The above notification will appear at the top of the page.

To cancel the selected time, click on the original time, select NO BOOKING from the drop down box and update. The following will appear at the top of the page.

Repeat these steps for each child requiring an interview.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please come to the office between the above dates, to book a time using an iPad at the desk. You will still require your user name and password to use Compass.