Dear Parents,

**Trivia Night—Saturday 22nd October**

I hope you have all been studying in preparation for the Trivia Night. Tickets will be available at the door for $15. We have had some great prizes donated by local traders and parents. Mr. Hartigan will be hosting the event. The evening will provide an opportunity for our parent community to enjoy a relaxing environment with laughs and games. I look forward to seeing you there!

**YEAR 3&4 CAMP**

Our Year 3&4 students returned very happy but exhausted yesterday from their three day, fun filled camp at Forest Edge. A wonderful time was had by all...with one child telling me that, “It was the best time they had ever had!”

Thank you to the dedicated team of parents (Tim Day, Sue Bleeker, Toby Williams, Nick Snart, Andrew Sonnenberg, Michael Fraser, Steve Ellis and Nigel Davis) and staff, (Ryan Bolger, Greg Tate, Alyssa McGill, Kathryn Bleechmore, Helen Crocket, Yalenka Clement, Simon Grant, Anna Pervan and Emily Childs) who attended the camp and for supporting the children so capably on what was the first camp experience for some of the students.

**YR 5&6 CAMP NEXT WEEK**

Next week, our Years 5 and 6 students head off for a five day camp at Glenaladale. The students have been looking forward to this event all year and as you may imagine are very excited about it. Again, thank you to the parents and staff who have generously volunteered their time next week to attend the Coonawarra Camp.

**DISCO**

Thank you to our parents for hosting the fabulous disco last Friday evening. The students really enjoyed dancing to the upbeat disco music –the DJ made the disco lots of extra fun!

**CHANGE TO BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE- 2017**

Our current Before and After school Care program coordinator, Mrs. Jenny Walker, will be retiring at the end of this year, after providing 27 years of dedicated child care service at Pinewood PS. With this in mind, School Council has made a decision to outsource the Before and After School Child Care program/s to a reputable, high quality, external child care service provider.

From 16thJanuary, 2017, the ‘Before and After School Care’ program at Pinewood PS will be provided by OSHClub, one of Australia’s leading providers of Before and After School Care programs and Holiday programs. Please see the attached
information sheets regarding how to make bookings and general program information. More information in the weeks to come.

2017 STAFF and CLASS PLANNING
Over the next few weeks we will be working on the 2017 class structure and student placement. The process is a complex one. Firstly we identify our estimated enrolment and then look at the numbers in each year level to develop a class structure; thus the importance of timely information from parents.

We are planning for 5 Prep classes, 6 Year 1s, 4 Year 2s, 3 Year 3s, 3 Year 4s, 3 Year 5s and 2 Year 6s in 2017. This means that we will have a total of 26 classes which is three more than we have this year.

We are enforcing our school neighbourhood restriction zone to manage our enrolment numbers, level of staffing and our quality curriculum programs.

Teachers work in their teams to develop preliminary class lists. Teachers consider a number of factors when developing these lists; including academic ability, special skills and talents, social competencies, gender, students who work well together and those who may not work well together. Skills needed for ‘building new relationships’ is an important part of our educative process, so please note that friendship groupings are considered only for unique needs.

Parent input, based on student learning needs, is also considered. Parents who have specific concerns about their child’s unique learning needs for 2017 are invited to provide written information to me (not the class teacher) by 4.00pm Friday 28 October.

Please note that we are not able to consider information received after this date as once class lists are made up it is really difficult, if not impossible, to change.

Parents often place requests for teachers. Please be aware that this facility is not available for a number of reasons. For instance, teachers may leave the school or they may be deployed to other roles in the school.

The ultimate responsibility for student and teacher allocations rests with the Principal. I can assure you of my commitment to a most comprehensive and professional process with decisions made in the best interest of our students.

As is our usual practice, you will receive, as part of the end-of-year student report, information in relation to your student’s class, room and hopefully, your child’s teacher. Sometimes it is difficult to provide that confirmed information as teacher movement can occur right up until the end of the year and even into the beginning of the next year.

LEAVING OUR SCHOOL
With the exception of year 6 students, please notify the school office if you are planning on moving away from our school at the end of this year and your children will be attending another primary school. This will help us in our planning for classrooms and teachers for 2017.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

The Out of Hours Program will not open on Curriculum Day, Monday, 31st October.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Andreas R.  Prep D
For the fantastic effort he has put in to all school activities this term. Keep up the excellent work Andreas!

Richard T.  Prep H
For settling in so well to Pinewood Primary School. Richard always does his best work and uses his ‘I Can Do It’ attitude.

Amelie B.  Prep L
For her fantastic behaviour and organisation at swimming. Well done and keep it up.

Hanna K.  Prep M
For the wonderful effort she has made to learn the Wizard Words. Well done!

Peheesarani D.  Prep P
For being a kind and helpful member of Prep P. Peheesarani always shows kindness and respect to her class mates and teachers. Well done Peheesarani!

Lindsay F.  Prep R
For the fantastic effort he is making to include interesting detail when undertaking writing activities. Well done Lindsay!

Neha R.  1A
For her excellent attitude towards learning and for always completing work to the best of her ability.

Joy K.  1JK
For approaching ‘Scientific Coding’ work with confidence and creativity. Well done Joy!

Triya S.  1JK
For the planning and effort she puts into her ‘Show & Tell’ presentations. Well done Triya.

Joey Z.  2M
For always taking on feedback to improve his work. Keep it up!

Aryan S.  5D
For his positive attitude towards all curriculum areas. Well done on showing our YCDI focus; Confidence.

Corey J.  5K
For his brilliant attitude in class and for settling in so well at Pinewood Primary School. Welcome Corey.

Aksithi D.  6D
For the great effort she has put in to all class activities. Aksithi always produces work of an exceptional standard. Well done!

Jake S.  6H
For your increased participation in class discussions and your continuous positive and helpful nature. Well done!

Joshua C.  6U
For settling in so well in to Pinewood. Well done and keep up the great work!

TERM DATES 2016

Term 4
Monday, 3rd October – Tuesday, 20th December 2016

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1
Years 1-6  Tuesday, 31st January—Friday, 31st March 2017
Preps  Thursday, 2nd February—Friday, 31st March 2017

Term 2
Tuesday, 18th April – Friday, 30th June 2017
(Monday,17th April is Easter Monday)

Term 3
Monday, 17th July – Friday, 22nd September 2017

Term 4
Monday, 9th October – Friday, 22nd December 2017

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Jill & Brendan Kay