Dear Parents,

**YR 5&6 CAMP**
Our Years 5 and 6 students are having a wonderful time on camp at Glenaladale. The weather has been sensational! The tired campers return tomorrow.

**NEW WEBSITE**
Pinewood Primary School has a new website. We will be expanding the information available on the site over the coming weeks. Please take the time to have a look.

**SCHOOL CLOSED**
Please remember that the school is closed on Monday 31 October for Curriculum Day and also closed on Tuesday 1 November for the Cup Day public holiday.

**TRIVIA EVENING**
The School Trivia evening held on Saturday night was a lot of fun. Thanks to Mr Hartigan for hosting the night, thanks to the staff of Pinewood, the Parents Club for organising the event, the items for auction and for setting up the hall prior to the commencement of the event. Thanks to parents and local businesses, for kindly donated prizes and auction items for the evening.

**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

**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
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Brendon J. 4M
For the consistently strong effort he puts into all his school work. You set a wonderful example to others. Keep it up!

Jenny L. 4M
For her wonderful work during maths groups, identifying and measuring angles. A super effort.

Audrey T. 3B
For demonstrating self-confidence by always using outstanding manners. A wonderful attribute Audrey!

May P. 3K
For showing great confidence and independence when writing about your holidays. Well done May.

Dewi R.M. 4C
For displaying the confidence to speak up more regularly during class discussions. Well done.

Ashwin R. 4H
For constantly applying yourself to reading and writing tasks in Literacy Groups. Keep up the great work!

Helen Y. 4H
For demonstrating a more mature and focussed approach in your learning and completing tasks within set timelines.

Adrianna O’B. Prep R
For the confidence she displays when completing activities and for being a kind, caring and helpful class member. Well done Adrianna!

Kairav S. Prep P
For being a superstar reader! Kairav always has a go at sounding out unknown words. Well done Kairav!

Sophia M. Prep M
For the confidence she has displayed at the swimming pool.

Holly M-W. Prep L
For the fantastic effort and persistence she has shown at writing her words neatly on the lines. Well done and keep it up!

Glen Z. Prep H
For working very hard to learn English. Glen is making fantastic progress. Well done!

Shantel C. 4C
Your determination and resilience when completing the crate climb at camp was inspiring. Well done!

Abigail N. 1A
For her excellent attitude towards learning and for always being willing to help others. Well done!

Meena B. 3K
For being a great team player in camp. Thank you for doing clean-up duty on your birthday.

Lana S. 4M
For her positive and resilient attitude at camp. You were a wonderful role model to your peers.

Timothy C. Prep D
For keeping all of his belongings organised during swimming. Keep up your ‘You Can Do It’ skills.

Zoe T. 4H
For the enormous effort you put into the presentation of your workbooks. Keep up the great work!

Zavier R. 2M
For staying focused and on task when completing his work. Keep it up Zavier!

Anish T. 4H
For displaying the school values through your actions and behaviour whilst on the Year 3/4 camp. Well done!

Mani V. 4H
For displaying the school values through your actions and behaviour whilst on the Year 3/4 camp. Well done!

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER BE PUBLISHED IN PAPER FORM, COMMENCING NEXT WEEK. NEWSLETTERS WILL ONLY BE SENT HOME TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE RETURNED THE ‘REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER’ SLIP THIS MONTH.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 40kph SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

School Banking day is TUESDAY
We would just like to say a big THANK YOU to the following Parents who helped out at the Fancy Dress Disco a couple of week’s ago. The Disco was a huge success raising nearly $1500 towards our Shade Sail Project and all the children seemed to have a fantastic time. It was great to see some new parents helping out on the night as well so thank you!
Thanks to : Ava (Grade 1, Grade 4), Catriona (Grade 2), Charmaine (Prep/Grade 4), Chris (Grade 6), Desi (Grades 1/4), Diana (Grades 3/6), Georgia (Grade 2), Heidi (Prep), Helen (Grade 4), Anene (Prep/2), Jennifer (Grade 1), Jenny (Grade 2), Jules (PC), Kate (Prep/Grade 2), Kathryn (PC), Kellie (PC), Koula (PC), Lih (Grade 2), Lisa (PC), Lucy (PC), Lucy W (Grade 3), Mel (Prep/Grade 2), Michelle W (Grade 2/4), Mick (PC), Nirosha (Prep/5), Robyn (Grade 1), Sandra (Grade 3), Sandy (Grade 1), Scott (PC), Simon (Prep/4), Sonalee (Prep/2), Tran (Prep/2) and Vicki (Grade 4/6)

Next Thursday we celebrate World Teacher’s Day! Pinewood Parents Club are organising a special lunch for the Staff and Teachers at Pinewood to show our appreciation of the hard work and amazing job they do throughout the year.
Parents, Guardians and Carers are invited to cook a special dish be it savoury, sweet or a main course which will be served buffet-style for the staff on Thursday 3rd November in the Staffroom.

If you would like to make a dish, please contact Lisa Strong at sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au with details of what you are planning to make and if you are able to assist on the day. Dishes should be brought to the Staffroom next Thursday morning with your name/grade and the name of your dish and ingredients on the container. If your dish needs re-heating please leave instructions. Any questions please contact Lisa or one of the Parents Club Committee or leave a message at the Office. Thank you.

Finally, our annual Bunnings Sizzle is on Saturday 3 December from 8am - 4pm. If you can help cook or serve sausages for a couple of hours please email Lisa Strong at sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au This is a fantastic opportunity for us to raise money for the school so your help is much appreciated.

Thank you and enjoy the Cup Weekend!
State Fencing Championships
One of our talented Grade 6 students, Chloe, has recently won the Fencing Victoria Primary School Foil Championships. She beat out every other primary school aged fencer, both male and female, to win the title. Chloe has competed in a number of state level events this year, forging herself a reputation as one of the best fencers in her age group in the country. She was presented with a perpetual shield when she won the Foil Championships, which will be mounted in the school in the coming weeks. Congratulations on your achievements to date!

Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics
Last Thursday we had a group of students who competed at the EMR athletics, having qualified at the Division competition a week earlier. Their results were:
Aarana – 3rd in Hurdles final
Gemma – 4th in 100m final
Ali – 6th in Triple Jump
10yo Girls relay – 6th in final
Brad – 14th in Hurdles
The results that these students have achieved is nothing short of outstanding. Only the top 2 students from each event qualify for the State final, and you can see just how close the students were to achieving that. The standard of competition in our region is incredibly high, so for the students to have performed as well as they have is a reflection on how hard they have worked to reach this point of the athletics competition. Congratulations on your wonderful efforts, hopefully you can produce a repeat performance next year!

Division Volleyball and Softball Finals
The Division Volleyball and Softball Finals were held last week. In the Volleyball, the girls won 3 matches and lost one, with the loss coming against the eventual winners. This resulted in a second place finish. In the Softball, the results were almost identical. They won 2 games, drew 1 and lost 1. With the loss coming against the eventual winner. This resulted in another second place finish!
The super coach, Mr Hartigan, has worked tirelessly with both teams to prepare the girls for their competitions. There are 6 girls who are members of both teams, and their dedication to training for both sports has been particularly admirable. Thanks to the parents and older siblings who have assisted in helping transport the girls to their matches. Congratulations on your fantastic performances!

HIGH STREET ROAD UNITING CHURCH, MOUNT WAVERLEY will once again hold their popular HILLTOP MARKET from 9am to 2pm on Saturday 12th November. The market features a huge array of stalls, hot and cold food, a number of competitions, entertainment and a Special Kidzone.

OHSClub
How to enrol and book sessions with OHSClub?
Enrolments and bookings are made online through our secure system available from our website. Last minute bookings and cancellations can be made simply by calling our Accounts Team at Head Office. We don’t charge an initial or annual registration fee. Why not enrol anyway and then if you need care in an emergency, we already have your details and your children can join in the fun without any problems. We will always welcome children to the program, but if they are enrolled with us beforehand the process becomes much smoother.  For parents with no access to the internet, all bookings can be made through either the Coordinator or our Accounts Team at our Head office - Georgia Ginis  georgia@oshclub.com.au  03 8564 9025
Families currently using the program will have exclusive access to enrolments and bookings from 14th October until 30th October. After this date bookings will be open to those currently on the waitlist and to new families joining the school in 2017 – so please complete your enrolment within this timeframe to secure your place.
Trivia Night Supporters – Thank You!

G.M Williams Construction
Pet Story Mt. Waverley
Pinewood Café and Sandwich Bar
Curator Twenty Three Café
Perfitly Dunn Bootcamp
Jill & Brendan Kay

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