Dear Parents,

**EDUCATION WEEK-OPEN MORNING**
On Tuesday, we held our school ‘Open Morning’. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and special visitors here helping the children with their work and taking an interest in what is happening at Pinewood. Many grandparents were able to stay for a celebratory morning tea of scones, jam and cream before they headed off.

**OPEN NIGHT**
The whole school was buzzing with excitement later that evening as we celebrated the wonderful things we are doing at Pinewood with our ‘Open Night’. It was great to see so many of our families visiting classrooms and participating in classroom activities with their children.

I am sure you will all agree that the students performed their concert items magnificently. The music program we have at Pinewood is exceptional. In fact, I am very proud of all the programs and teachers we have at our school. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and accomplished staff.

**PINEWOOD DRIVE- SCHOOL CROSSING**
It is imperative that students use the manned Pinewood Drive School crossing when crossing over Pinewood Drive.

**HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**
Our School ‘House cross country’ event will be conducted at the school, on Friday (tomorrow), from 2.05-3.20. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours for the event. Parents are most welcome to come along to watch and encourage the students as they participate in the activity.

**DISCO**
On Friday evening our fantastic Parents Club will be hosting a whole school disco. The Prep to YR 2 disco will be from 6.00-7.00. The senior disco, Years 3-6, will be conducted from 7.30-9.00. Our registered Parent Helpers will be wearing green fluoro vests.

**MONDAY, 23rd MAY -NO ASSEMBLY**
Due to the majority of our senior students attending the Athletics Sports next Monday, May 23rd, we will be cancelling our usual Monday assembly.

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**CALENDAR**

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PRINCIPAL’S CORNER - ORGANISATION

The ability to organise space, time and possessions is an important but often underestimated success skill.

Some children are naturally well-organised. ‘A place for everything and everything in its place’ is their mantra even from a young age. These ‘neatnicks’ can be a little compulsive but order and personal organization lead to greater personal effectiveness and efficiency.

Many children need assistance with organisation, as it just doesn’t come naturally to them.

Give them a complex project and they flounder as they can’t naturally break it into neat chunks and manageable pieces. Give them a number of tasks to do and they will leave one out. Ask them to arrange a series of files and they will struggle unless you create a system to follow.

Organisational skills can be learned. Processes and procedures once practised can be part of a set of personal skills that stay for life.

There are four categories of personal organization skills. By understanding each category you can work out your own ways of developing children’s organisational skills:

1. **Chunking**: Breaking complex tasks into small, manageable steps. For instance, week-long school projects can be broken down into a series of smaller tasks that can be completed daily.

2. **Goal-setting**: Helping children set small and large goals is one tangible way of increasing their effectiveness. Eg. “I want to learn to spell 20 new words from my list by Friday.” “I want to save $15 this month from my pocket-money.”

3. **Making plans**: Working out steps required to help achieve goals and objectives requires children to look ahead. “I will learn five words a night. I’ll get mum to hear me each night.” “I’ll put $4 aside each week. I’ve got to buy my brother a birthday present. Now that will be difficult but if I…”

4. **Managing time**: Time planning tools such as lists and diaries can help children keep schedules, hand work in on time and help prevent children overestimating what they can achieve.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

A REMINDER THAT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORMS, INCLUDING THOSE WITHOUT CHANGES, WERE DUE BACK ON FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, 2016.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 40kph SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

School Banking day is
**TUESDAY**

TERM DATES 2016

**Term 2**
Monday, 11th April – Friday, 24th June

**Term 3**
Monday, 11th July – Friday, 16th September

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

Change of Uniform Opening Times for Term 2, 2016

From this week, the uniform shop will be opening on **THURSDAY morning & afternoon**
Thursdays: 9.00am—9.30am
Thursdays: 3.15pm—3.45pm
MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Zoe P. & Jenny O. for both achieving Pass with Merit (B+) in their preliminary grade violin exams

HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE LUNCHES DELIVERED FRESH TO PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Unavailable Tuesday)

Our Menu offers either a 2 or 3 Course Lunch with 15 choices available for each course each day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.classroomcuisine.com.au

Orders are received by our customer friendly website until 8.30am the day the lunch is required.

Email: contact@classroomcuisine.com.au

Compass Program for Parents

We are changing the way we do things at Pinewood Primary School by using the Compass program!

The school is being pro-active in using the program to keep parents up to date with what is happening with their children.

PARENTS WHO HAVE NEVER LOGGED IN SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEIR USER NAME AND PASSWORD THIS WEEK. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

CHANGES WE ARE MAKING :

Term 2

◆ When you receive an SMS message from the school the identifying name will be PPSAlert. Please read as it may contain important information about the school

◆ The Parent Portal has been enabled which will allow parents to provide explanations for student absences. If parents are currently logged in, they will need to log out and log in again to see this new feature. From next Monday, parents will receive an SMS message at 10am when a child is reported absent from school. Parents will be reminded to log in to Compass and approve the absence or late arrival of each child. Pending leave approvals will be waiting in your News Feed.

◆ The paper newsletter will be slowly phased out. Parents will still have the option of receiving a paper copy. A request form will be sent home during the next few weeks.

◆ Parent/Teacher Interviews will be booked online through the Compass program. For parents that do not have a computer or the internet, an iPad will be available at the front office for parent use.

◆ Parents will be given a hard copy of the student report this year and reports will also be available from Compass.

Term 3

◆ Parents will be encouraged to make payments for excursions & incursions through Compass. By using the program, parents can give consent, pay and receive a receipt which will cut out the need to have cash on hand and also help parents who are unable to come to the school. Parents may pay by Visa, Mastercard, Visa Debit etc. AMEX is not accepted.

◆ For parents who do not have access to a computer or the internet, paper forms will still be available.
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Noah L. Prep M
For always displaying a positive attitude to school activities. Noah always tries his best.

Azmeen H. Prep P
For her positive attitude toward her learning in all areas. Azmeen always tries her best and always produces well presented work. Well done.

Lindsay F. Prep R
For the wonderful progress he is making with his reading and writing. Keep up the great effort Lindsay!

Minugi F. Prep D
For working hard to learn her Wizard Words and always trying her best in all school activities. Keep it up Minugi!

Jason Z. Prep H
For working very hard to listen to instructions in order to work independently. Well done!

Charla H. Prep L
For the fantastic effort she has made in writing and reading. Charla has a positive attitude towards learning and always tries her best.

Hendrix M. 1JK
For his positive “You Can Do It” attitude. Hendrix always tries his best and applies himself to complete challenge within our classroom. Well done Hendrix!

Jackson F. 4C
For being an excellent role model to your peers with your organisational skills, listening skills and positive attitude to learning. Well done.

Medha S. 2G
You are an excellent role model to the class, your contribution to class discussion and the effort you have put into your work has been fantastic. Keep up the great work.

Alisha G. 6D
For being an excellent helper on our excursion. Alisha always has such a positive attitude and is a great role model to her peers. Well done!

Jasmin B. 5D
For the excellent effort you are putting into all school tasks. Keep up the brilliant effort and attitude.

Georgia E. 3K
For persisting with tasks that are challenging. Well done Georgia.

Alexandria A. 4M
For the exemplary effort she puts into all her school and homework. Keep up the fantastic work and enthusiasm towards your learning.

Nikesh W. 1H
For the effort he has put into his presentation about ‘Past and Present’ life. Your poster was wonderful Nikesh. Well done!

Josie L. 1A
For always completing her work to the best of her ability and for being kind to others. Well done!

Thenu D. 1T
For being a kind and considerate class member who demonstrates responsible behaviour and always tries her best.

Jarrod S. 3B
For making an outstanding effort to improve his manners.

Ali A. 5K
For your wonderful ‘You Can Do It’ attitude. You always strive to do your best whether you are writing a narrative or doing homework. You are a fantastic role model!

Graciella Y. 6U
For her excellent organisational skills and for always having a positive attitude to learning.

Caitlin T. 2M
For writing creative “Show, Don’t Tell” pieces. Keep the ideas flowing. Well done!

Rachel H. 4H
For consistently applying yourself to your learning and producing work of the highest standard. Your workbooks are well organised, demonstrating that you are an effective learner. Keep up the great work.

Madeline J. 2R
For showing the school values of respect and responsibility by staying focused and being prepared for all activities. Well done.

Bethany N. 6H
For always looking to extend her knowledge and take on more challenging tasks. Keep up the fantastic work.

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