Dear Parents,

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the District Cross Country last Friday. The students were not deterred by the chilly weather and gave their very best on the day bringing the winning ‘Cross Country Shield’, back to Pinewood.

Each student’s sportsmanship is to be commended. Thank you to Mr Byron and teaching staff for providing the students with extra training opportunities leading up to the cross country event.

OUR NEW SCHOOL NURSE
It is with great pleasure I announce that Pinewood PS has employed a nurse, Bronwyn Vaughan. Bronwyn is a Registered Division 1 nurse, with 16 years’ experience, the majority of experience being at the Royal Children’s Hospital. Bronwyn will be supervising student medications, student medical/management plans and supporting students with first aid, when required.

Our new nurse will commence on Monday, June 6th, and will be working from the Health Centre in the Administration building. Bronwyn will be in attendance from 10.30 am -3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

DENTAL VAN- Free Dental Check-up—Keeping Kids Smiling Program
Keeping Kids Smiling will be attending Pinewood Primary school from Monday 18th July 2016.

The Keeping Kids Smiling is a program aimed at identifying children in need of dental care and to teach children how to look after their teeth at home. Children will receive a no out of pocket, onsite dental check-up in a dental van by local Oral Health Therapist from Link Health and Community. The sessions will also include a brushing lesson and other fun activities.

Consent forms have been sent home with your child and are due back by 17/6/2016.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend on the day and will receive a report with the results of the dental check-up.

COMPASS- BOOKING PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
The school will be sending out a letter to all families next week informing every one of the new online COMPASS booking system for parent/Teacher Interviews.
**WORKING BEE - SAVE THE DATE**

Our next Working Bee will be on Saturday June 18th from 9.30-12.00. More news soon.

**INTERVIEWS - 3 Way Interviews for Students in Years 3-6**

This semester, we are encouraging students in years 3-6, to attend the parent teacher interviews. We ask parents to include your child in the interview so they too hear their teacher’s summary of their efforts. This is very empowering and lets your child know that home and school are working together to help them with their learning. Our reports are very comprehensive in terms of what your child has achieved over the semester, with areas of specific growth identified. As lifelong learners there will always be new challenges to attempt and new goals to aspire to – please read your child’s report with a view to praising what is positive. Children need specific praise about the things they do well, so let them know what it is you have valued from reading their report – it may encourage them to keep doing it! Receiving reports and discussing the information provides an opportune time to build your child’s self-esteem. We encourage our students to take risks and “have a go” as it is by doing so that we learn and become independent learners.

I have included an interesting YouTube link with Michael Grose (Parent Educator) in relation to reading and responding to your child’s school report. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dQt5aTITpc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dQt5aTITpc)

Karen Jenkin  
Principal

**LOST PROPERTY**

We currently have 2 overflowing tubs of lunch boxes and drink bottles in lost property. The tubs have been full for some time. **Parents are asked to name EVERYTHING their child/children bring to school.** Named items are returned to children via the tub system or sent directly to the classroom. The same applies to uniform. The box of unclaimed uniform is also overflowing.

Next Friday, 3rd June, all unclaimed lunch boxes will be put to good use in the science program.

**SPORT NEWS**

What a busy week it has been! I’ll give you a short summary of all the wonderful achievements of our students.

**District Athletics**

After a 2 month wait, we finally held the annual SDSSA Athletics Carnival. Our students all competed marvelously well, resulting in our 8th consecutive win! Congratulations to the students on their efforts, and thank you to the parents and relatives who came and supported our school. We have a large number of students going on to compete at the Division carnival in Term 4, those names will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

**District and Division Cross Country**

Our second District event within the same week was also a successful day for us. Our team of 48 runners exceeded all our expectations, and for the first time in 12 years, we were crowned Division 1 Champions! The students were elated upon finding out the result, one that was very well deserved. We have a whopping 29 students competing today at the Monash Waverley Division Cross Country. Those results will be published next week.

The results we achieved last week were the culmination of a lot of hard work and preparation of a lot of people. The students trained tirelessly to prepare themselves for their events.

It is impossible for me to run high quality programs without the support of my colleagues, so a huge thank you goes to the staff at Pinewood, for their dedication and commitment to training our students’ day in, day out.

Lastly, the parent involvement and support we have within the Pinewood community is second to none. Thanks to all the parents who have given up their time to act as officials, drive students to events and support their children. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Keep track of everything sport related happening within our district, including fixtures and dates of upcoming events:

Special Group Photos 2016
Special Group Photos are now available for order. If your child is a Captain or Junior School Council Representative, please come and have a look at the photo board at the office. Photos are $17.00 each if ordering online or $14 each if you pay by cash or cheque. Please collect an envelope or online instructions from the office.

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 FRIDAY, 17th JUNE to reserve a place for your child/children.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Billie G Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Today we launched our Term 2 Fundraiser – selling tubs of yummy Cookie Dough. If you would like to take part, please sell to relatives, neighbours, friends and work colleagues so we can continue raising funds for Sun Shades at Pinewood.

Orders are due back Monday 20th June by 9am
Delivery is scheduled for Thursday 14th July and more Order forms are available at the Office.

Wednesday 15th June
Pop Corn Day
Bags of Pop Corn will be on sale at 11am if students which to purchase a bag for $1.50

Saturday 2nd July
Federal Election Sausage Sizzle

We are sending a flyer home tomorrow but in the meantime if you wish to volunteer to help cook or serve sausages to Voters please email Lisa Strong at sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au

Thank you,
Pinewood Parents Committee

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.

RESPECT    SELF CONFIDENCE    INTEGRITY    RESPONSIBILITY    OPTIMISM
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Martin W.  Prep P
For being a friendly and helpful member of our class. Martin always shows respect and kindness to his class mates and teachers. Well done!

Charlie A.  1H
For excellent effort in journal writing this week. His writing was neat, informative and included interesting words.

Georgia W.  Prep R
For her cheerful and enthusiastic attitude towards all school activities and for always trying her best.

Mia D.  Prep H
For being a kind, respectful class member. Well done!

Chanuki J.  2R
For being a kind, caring and helpful classmate. Well done Chanuki!

Sherinn P.  Prep L
For the consistent effort she has made to learn her Wizard Words. Well done and keep it up!

Vidhushan K.  6H
For strong contributions to class discussions. Your comments are always relevant and well thought out.

Reilly K.  1JK
For using commas correctly in his sentences last week. Reilly demonstrated the ‘You Can Do It’ skill of self confidence.

T.J. T.  2M
For always being motivated and continuously putting in effort to complete his work.

Sid K.  6U
For his positive attitude towards learning and for helping the Preps during their Music lesson. Well done!

Maddy L.  6D
For the excellent effort she puts into her homework each week and for her consistent organisation skills. Well done, Maddy!

Moumal A.  5D
For the excellent effort he is making with his writing. Keep up the wonderful effort Moumal.

Georgia S.  4M
For the wonderful effort she put into her explanation writing. Well done on staying focused and trying your best.

Issy K.  1A
For the excellent effort she has put into improving her writing skills and for trying her best to write detailed journal entries. Well done!

Dharshana M.  1T
For consistently completing her work to a high standard. Keep up the wonderful effort Dharshana.

Dylan W.  3K
For showing increased resilience in class and improving in your writing tasks. Well done.

Yovindu F.  4H
For consistently being a positive and active contributor to class discussions. Your frequent participation shows an enthusiasm and desire to learn.

Ruben M.  2G
Ruben has worked hard these past couple of weeks. He has been a great role model by waiting his turn and putting his hand up to answer questions during class discussions.

Benny K.  Prep D
For the positive attitude he brings to school every day. Benny comes to school with a smile and always completes his best work.

Daniel S.  3B
For making an outstanding effort with his writing. Well done Daniel.

June/July Basketball Camps

Respect  Self Confidence  Integrity  Responsibility  Optimism