Dear Parents,

**New School Website**
Our new school website is one step closer to completion as this week a photographer has been at Pinewood taking photos of our fabulous school grounds, facilities, staff and students. We are hoping the new site will be operational by the end of August.

**Installation of CC TV at Pinewood PS**
The Department of Education has supported our application for CC TV at the school and generously funded the purchase and installation of all the required equipment. The installation will commence next week. The installation of CC TV will further enhance security measures at our school.

**Pinewood Primary School Review**
Next Monday, our school commences the first day of the Pinewood School Review process. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many things our school does well and to also reflect on areas for further growth and improvement. The people involved in the first day of the School Review are; the Principal, the School Leadership Team, DET (Department of Education and Training) Senior Education and Improvement Officer, DET. approved Reviewer, 2 Principal class challenge partners and our School Council President.

**Day 1 program will include:**
- Reviewer to conduct VRQA registration requirements check
- Panel members to:
  1. Discuss roles and responsibilities and determine meeting processes
  2. Discuss school self-evaluation leading to development of 2–3 Terms of Reference (ToR) one of which is the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes ToR, and
  3. Develop the program for Day 2, including opportunities for consultation.

**NO Assembly next Monday– August 15th.**
There will be no assembly next Monday, rather the students will participate in an active fun filled session with our ‘Just Get Active’, coach, Judd.
Students enjoy hands on science activities during science week.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Shanil P.  Prep P
For being a super star reader! Shanil always brings his take home reader to school and reads every night. Well done.

Rosabel R.  Prep R
For being a kind, caring and co-operative class member who displays lovely manners. Well done Rosabel!

Olivia E.  5D
For always showing care and consideration towards others. Olivia always demonstrates a ‘You Can Do It” attitude.

Sue S.  6H
For her increased level of confidence in the class, and her willingness to volunteer opinions and thoughts during class discussions.

Dora Y.  Prep H
For always producing work to the best of your ability and being a happy and friendly member of the class.

Nisha M.  2M
For working hard on her Tawny Frogmouth information report and poster. Well done!

Ajayan S.  Prep M
For being kind and helpful to his class mates. Aj has persisted with developing his reading skills.

Harvey S.  Prep L
For being an enthusiastic participant during our science lessons and for working co-operatively with his partner during class yard duty. Well done!

Jacob P.  3K
For displaying excellent manners by always saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’.

Renee B.  4M
For always demonstrating the Pinewood values and being a wonderful role model to her peers. Keep up the great work and positive attitude.

James F.  6U
For always having a positive attitude towards learning. Keep up the fantastic work, James!

Kenisha W.  1A
For being a willing helper in the classroom and for trying her best. Well done and keep up the great work.

Yao Z.  1H
For always presenting written work neatly. Yao attempts to develop her writing further each week including interesting words and varied punctuation.

Mila S.  6D
For being such an excellent helper in the classroom. Mila regularly goes out of her way to support her peers and lend a helping hand. Well done Mila!

Samreen H.  Prep D
For making a great start to her schooling and working hard to complete all tasks. Keep it up Samreen!

Sophie M.  2R
For putting her best effort into all tasks and for demonstrating initiative by assisting her teacher and peers, without being asked. Well done!

Yuen T.  5K
For consistently posting your well structured writing tasks on our class blog. Your exemplary information report on Quokkas was very interesting. Well done!

Carolyn Z.  1T
For the confidence she displays when speaking in front of the class and for her positive attitude to learning.

Malhar V.  1JK
For the wonderful effort he has made to spell some very difficult words. Keep up the great work Malhar.

Kecheng W.  3B
For making an outstanding effort when he had the role of illustrator during Book Club.

Thomas L.  2G
For your outstanding effort in your information report writing. Your work on Tawny Frogmouth was very detailed. Keep up the great work.

Eden W.  4H
For your commitment to practising your times tables each week which is reflected in your amazing progress. Keep up the great work.

Georgina B.  4H
For consistently being helpful with classroom tasks so that lessons can run smoothly and efficiently. I really appreciate it.

We have lots of things happening this term so please read the newsletter each week.

LITERACY NEWS

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WRITING COMPETITION

Students from all over Australia have been invited to enter a poem or short story in this writing competition. Entry is free. You can choose ANY TOPIC, ANY STYLE and be from ANY GRADE. If you would like to enter fill in the entry form online (www.write4fun.net) or email (enter@write4fun.net). Entries must be in by Wednesday August 31st, 2016.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who have already completed the Reading Challenge and have entered their books online. All books need to be entered by Friday August 26th. Remember that students P-2 need to have entered 30 books and 20 need to be from the Reading Challenge booklist. Students 3-6 need to have 15 books entered and 10 need to be from the Reading Challenge booklist. No more than 100 books can be listed. Teachers will add some books to your child’s list that they have
read to the class. Books that you read or share with your child can be entered. I have put some Reading Challenge books outside my room for borrowing. Please return them to the stand as soon as you have read them so that others get to read them as well.

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**
On Tuesday August 23rd at 9.00, we will be holding our annual Book Character Parade. Multi-age Literacy Rotations will also be held on this day. A separate notice will be sent out with more details about this day. You may like to start thinking of a book character you can dress up as on this day.

**LIBRARY INCURSION**
An incursion will be held on Thursday September 1st to celebrate Book Week. More information will follow shortly.

Thank you for helping us to celebrate books and literacy at Pinewood!

**Helen Dent and Linda Hayden**

Thank you for your wonderful support on Friday 5th August ‘Jeans for Genes day’. The school has raised $610.80 to this wonderful cause.

Just a reminder that our next Curriculum day is 26th August 2016. Please make sure you book your child in for this day if you require assistance.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Just a reminder that every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime the library is open, so you can borrow books, read books, draw and use the technology. On Tuesday lunchtime there is Story Time, where the library captains read a book to the Preps to Year 2. The captains read the book and give the kids an activity to do, something related to the book. This term the library captains are reading books by Australian authors in Story Time because this year the Book Week theme is Australia Story Country.

Book Week is from the 20 - 26th of August. On the 23rd of August there will be our special literacy rotation day and dress up day. You come dressed up as your favorite book character from the following list of categories.

- Australian book character
- Once upon a time stories
- Adventure stories
- Sport books
- Fairy books
- Books made into a movie
- Books based on a movie
- Non-fiction books
- Books in our school library
- Your favourite book character
- Favourite book series
- Nursery rhymes

The children will go around to different classrooms to do some activities. Everyone will be mixed up from prep to year six.

Here are some library dates you might need to know, library incursion on September the 1st. Also the Reading Challenge ends Friday the 23rd of August.

From Rosie Tu on behalf of Mrs. Hayden
Parents Club News

Book Week Book Stall

Change of Stall Opening Times:
Tuesday 23rd August – 3:45pm – 5:30pm
Weds 24th August – 3:45pm – 5:30pm
Location:
Prep FLS Area (Administration Building)

We have had an amazing response from Parents and have some fantastic books for you to buy at the stall – thank you for your generosity so far! Please note the last day for handing in donations is Friday 19th August. Thank you

Pinewood Parents Club Committee

Upcoming Events...

Father’s Day Stall
Friday 2nd September
Each grade gets to visit the Stall and purchase gifts if they so wish.
A catalogue will be sent home at the end of August with gifts ranging from 50¢ to $10 and all proceeds going to the school.

Footy Hot Dog Day
Thursday 15th September
Every year we run a Hot Dog day to coincide with the AFL Grand Final. Children get to wear their favourite team’s footy colours and purchase a hot dog or two at $2.50 each.

Whole School FANCY DRESS Disco
Friday 14th October
Join us for the Term 4 Fancy Dress Disco with DJ Dolly. Tickets will go on sale at the start of Term 4

Compass Program for Parents

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

PARENTS WHO HAVE NEVER LOGGED IN SHOULD CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO GET THEIR USER NAME AND PASSWORD.

This term -

♦ Parents are 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.

♦ This module is now open and will be available to all parents who would like to pay this way. If you are using the CSEF payment and still have a credit from the beginning of the year, please write this on the computer generated permission slip and return it to the office.

♦ A BIG THANK YOU TO PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY USED COMPASS TO PAY FOR THE YEAR 2 EXCURSION. THERE ARE INCURSIONS & EXCURSIONS HAPPENING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND WE HOPE PARENTS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EASY PAY SYSTEM.

♦ For parents who do not have access to a computer or the internet, paper forms will still be available.

The permission forms for the first excursion using this system went out on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who have already taken advantage of being able to pay online.

WE URGE PARENTS TO LOG IN REGULARLY TO READ THE NEWS FEED, TO REMAIN UP TO DATE WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL.
Rationale:
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
♦ To promote equality amongst all students.
♦ To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
♦ To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
♦ To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
♦ After consultation with the uniform shop, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
♦ The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
♦ Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
♦ Stud earrings, sleepers worn in the ears and watches are acceptable jewellery as are items with religious or cultural significance. Therefore, any other item will be deemed unacceptable in accordance with Uniform Policy rationale.
♦ Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are unacceptable.
♦ Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
♦ The only sun protection headwear that is acceptable is a school Sunsmart hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Cords on all school hats must be removed to prevent a choking hazard. Cords will be removed at the discretion of the school.
♦ School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
♦ Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
♦ A list of all items of designated school uniform will be published in the Information Booklet and distributed to all new families.
♦ Children will wear appropriate and safe footwear for the various activities they undertake daily at school.
♦ Parents will be advised of the school uniform policy if a student consistently attends school out of uniform.
♦ Uniform that is not clearly labelled will be placed into lost property. Any unclaimed lost property will be redistributed within the school at the conclusion of each term.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.
GIRLS:

Green and white check frock (summer) or Tartan tunic (winter)
or
Green shorts/track pants, Pinewood polo shirt
Green Pinewood windcheater or jacket
White, green or black socks, black school shoes or runners
Hat (Term 1 and 4).
*Leggings are not permitted to be worn with the school uniform.

BOYS:

Green shorts/track pants, Pinewood polo shirt
Green Pinewood windcheater or jacket
White, green or black socks, black school shoes or runners
Hat (Term 1 and 4).

HAIR ACCESSORIES:

Should be kept to a minimum and must be in the approved colours of
White, green, yellow and black.

SPORTS UNIFORMS:

Students must attend school in their school uniform. An appropriate opportunity will be provided to change into their Sporting uniform at a convenient time.

Please label ALL pieces of uniform.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... June 2012