Dear Parents,

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER
On Friday night, the students in Year 2 have an opportunity to participate in a sleepover at the school. The children are very excited about the event and are looking forward to a fun filled evening. Thank you to the Pinewood PS staff who will be attending the sleepover. The year one students, who usually attend part of the sleep over evening, will be having their own special event in term 4.

ASSEMBLY - NEXT WEEK - There will be no assembly on Monday, 12th September – rather, the final assembly for Term 3 will be held on Friday, 16th September at 9.30am.

LEAVING THE 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.

NAPLAN 2016 Update
This year’s NAPLAN results are once again extremely pleasing and indicative of a high performing school. The individual student learning growth between Years 3 and 5 in all areas is outstanding and a real credit to the joint effort undertaken between home and school and the wonderful programs on offer at our school.

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the NAPLAN assessment tasks.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER
How and Why Tolerance Encourages Success

“Intercultural interactions have become a part of everyday life in our increasingly multicultural and globalised world. Developing intercultural knowledge, skills and understandings is an essential part of living with others in the diverse world of the twenty-first century.”


The above quote comes from the New Victorian Curriculum which comes into effect from the beginning of 2017 and supports both the values and vision of our school.

If we want our children to be successful global citizens who meaningfully contribute as adults, then as parents we need to be promoting acceptance of individual differences and modelling how to
collaborate effectively with those who may look or act differently to ourselves. Practically, this can simply mean being aware of conversations and opinions we share with our friends and relatives within earshot of our children. After all, children are like ‘sponges’ and they are constantly taking in everything we do and say, regardless of whether we are aware of it or not!

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general. In fact, these skills are reflected as some of the top skills needed to succeed in 2020, by the World Economic Forum in their recent paper titled “The 10 Skills You Need to Thrive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution” (source: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/01/the-10-skills-you-need-to-thrive-in-the-fourth-industrial-revolution/)

Schools are diverse places
Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see students with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some children wear their heart on their sleeve, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant children are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Five ways to promote tolerance in your child:

1. Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself or herself, then he/ she is more able to treat others respectfully.

2. Model acceptance. Children learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes.

3. Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes children, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the negative things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

4. Answer questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your children that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

5. Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your children to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Have a happy and safe week.
Karen Jenkin
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Ryder R.  Prep P
For being brave and working hard to sound out his words when writing! Well done Ryder!

Lachlan B.  4C
For being a responsible member of 4C and for using his initiative in the classroom. Well done!

Amelia C.  6U
For consistently producing work of a high standard. Keep up your excellent work habits, Amelia!

Arya W.  Prep R
For the confidence she displays when completing class activities and for always trying her best. Keep up the great effort Arya!

Gemma W.  5D
For her positive attitude towards all classroom activities. Well done on listening to and reflecting on feedback.

Emily L.  4M
For always displaying a ‘You Can Do It’ attitude and for consistently taking pride in the work she produces. Well done Emily!

Senuli P.  4M
For the wonderful effort she puts into her school work and homework. Keep up the sensational effort!

Sophie X.  6H
For continually taking on the challenge of pushing herself outside of her comfort zone. Keep it up.

Ryan M.  Prep D
For showing persistence when learning his Wizard Words. Ryan has been practising his words at home and is learning so quickly!

David I.  Prep M
For the wonderful effort he has made to improve the size and formation of the letters when writing.

Diljeet G.  4H
For your focussed approach and diligent application to Mental Maths. Keep up the great work.

James K.  4H
For your enthusiasm, positive attitude and sharing application during our narrative writing sessions. Keep up the great work.

Adele B.  3K
For always displaying extra effort in your writing. Well done.

Rachel H.  2M
For settling well into Pinewood Primary School and working hard to learn English. Well done.

Dhriti V.  6D
For her positive attitude towards learning and for the fantastic effort she puts into all class activities. Well done Dhriti, keep it up!

Alan M.  5K
For delivering a well researched and confident presentation for your ‘Speak Up’ on wombats. It was enjoyed by everyone. Well done Alan.

Brayden S.  2R
For his enthusiastic attitude towards all school activities and for sharing a wonderful presentation about ATM’S. Keep up the great work.

Nate O.  3B
For his hard work and striving to always present his work neatly at all times.

Giyana G.  2G
For demonstrating an excellent work ethic in your information report. Your writing on ’Sundial to Watches” was fantastic. Great work!

Ayden U.  1T
For the confidence he is displaying when speaking in a group situation. Keep it up Ayden.

Rishi P.  1H
For making an improvement in structuring his sentences in written work. Keep up the great work Rishi.

Tess M.  3K
For showing persistence in improving your handwriting. Great work.

Dahamsa D.  Prep L
For being a co-operative partner by taking turns and for persevering with her class activities. Well done!

Annie V.  1JK
For working hard to complete all activities to a high standard. Keep up the excellent work Annie!

Lennox C.  1A
For the excellent effort he puts into his work and for his persistence in completing challenging tasks. Well done!

CHANGE OF CONTACT NUMBER
The school phone number has changed. As per the newsletters at the beginning of the year, please phone 8847 3200 to contact the school.
SPORT NEWS

Mini Olympics
The 2016 Mini Olympics was a big success! It was great to see all of the students enjoying themselves and participating in their activities with enthusiasm. I need to say a massive thank you to the student leaders that assisted in the setup, pack up and running of the events. You made the day go from good to marvellous!

District Basketball Round Robin
On Friday our Girls and Boys teams will be competing in the annual Basketball Round Robin. Mrs. Kay and Mr. Grant have worked hard to train the teams throughout the term, and we are confident the students will perform to the best of their abilities.

Footy Day
Next Thursday is our annual Footy Day. Remember to dress up in your favorite footy team colours. The teachers are getting very excited for the Staff vs Students footy match, we’re looking forward to seeing lots of parents cheering us and the students on. The match will begin around 2:20pm.

Parents Club News
Last week’s Father’s Day Stall was another great success! Thank you so much to our wonderful parent helpers and committee members who make great things happen time and time again.

Next week we are holding our Footy Colours Day where students get to dress up in their favourite teams colours and purchase Hot Dogs if they so wish. If they purchase Hot Dogs they also have the chance to win a junior footy or their favourite team’s jumper as part of our Footy Colours Day Raffle. Parents Club helpers will serve the Hot Dogs to students just before lunch in the classroom. Good Luck!

Hot Dog Order Forms are due back TOMORROW

Thank you
Pinewood Parents Club Committee

Upcoming Events...

Footy HOT DOG DAY Day
Next Thursday
Order forms DUE BACK
THIS FRIDAY

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

Trivia Night
Saturday 22nd October
Join us for a fun Social Night Tables of 10 – Adults Only – Details to Follow