Dear Parents,

**Yr 2 SLEEP OVER**
Our Year 2 students had an opportunity to participate in a ‘Sleep Over’ last Friday evening and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and excitement. One student reported to me that it had been the most exciting night of his life so far!

Thank you to the Pinewood staff, (Karen Moloney, Simon Grant, Jen Robinson, Sandra James, Helen Dent, Natalie Jones, Pip Lewis, and Yalenka Clement), for attending the sleep over and ensuring that the evening was a fabulous one for the students.

**HOT DOG DAY**
Thank you to our Parents Club for organising an end of term ‘hot dog’ lunch to coincide with our Footy Day theme.

**CONGRATULATIONS GEMMA W. 5D...**
Winner of the Pinewood Shopping Centre ‘Father’s Day’ Writing Competition. I hope you enjoy reading the award winning piece below!

**MY DAD DESERVES A TREAT**
So, here I am, writing why my dad deserves a treat. Well, like all dads, my dad makes silly dad jokes. Even though they aren’t always funny, I still laugh. My dad is not only humorous but, he is helpful too.

He picks me up from places I go. I know he’ll always be there for me, even if I can’t see him. He helps me see the glass half full. He helps me learn.

I would cry my way through life if I lost him. We have travelled multiple places together. I wish to travel the world with him!

When I’m scared or sad, we’ll cuddle and get through it together. He spoils me with sushi but, all I want from him is his love. We’ll share our love for each other. We’ll laugh and have so much fun!

I believe my dad deserves a treat. I love him to death! To the moon and back one billion times! I love him and always will! He is my dad and I may get mad at him. But, that just shows I care. My dad really deserves a treat! I love him!
By Gemma W - 5D

**REMINDEERS:**
Final Assembly for Term 3, Friday at 9.30 am.
Students will be dismissed at 2.30 pm.
CHILD SAFE—Child Safe Standards and School Policies
School Council has ratified our new policies on Child Safety and Child Safety Code of Conduct. These can be accessed via our website under ‘Parent Information’. There is also information on ‘What Parents and Carers can do to Protect Children from Abuse’ at this site: http://www.pinewood.ps.vic.edu.au/parent-information
Our Principal Leadership team is responsible for Child Safety, in particular Mr Robbie Mallett, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator. Our school has a range of strategies to manage information we receive regarding child abuse and child safety.

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

As part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by new Child Safe Standards. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Our Child Safe Commitment Statement, which is also on our website is as follows:

Statement of Our Commitment to Child Safety
Pinewood Primary School and our School Council are committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child’s safety, which we follow rigorously.

We are committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks. Our robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff are within Department of Education guidelines and adhere to current relevant legislation.

We are committed to regularly training and educating our staff on child abuse risks. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the cultural safety of all children, including Aboriginal and children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team and staff to achieve these commitments.

All volunteers are required to hold a Working with Children check and are supervised by a qualified staff member.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

TRAFFIC
Pinewood Drive and to a lesser degree, Toombah Street, are both heavy with traffic at drop off and pickup times, in particular. There have been several examples lately of parents exhibiting poor driving choices by making U turns or 3 point turns in front of the school and in Toombah St at peak traffic times or parking in an inappropriate place that makes it difficult, if not dangerous, for other motorists to pass safely.

Please consider the safety of other drivers and pedestrians, and be mindful that young children are often unpredictable and don’t always cross the road where they should.

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.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone.
Karen Jenkin
Principal
Keeley S.

Keeley is a kind hearted girl, she shows qualities that are well beyond her age such as always being compassionate, fair and honest. She is respectful of everyone and always willing to help others and puts in her best effort to make sure everyone feels included.

Keeley is a bright student who is well-liked and her peers value her friendship and leadership within the classroom as she was recently elected to be our new Junior School Councillor.

She enjoys all classroom activities, she has a strong work ethic and is always striving to improve her already outstanding quality of work.

Keeley is a fantastic role model and has great self-confidence in herself to achieve her goals that she sets.

Keeley is a much deserving winner of the ‘Aussie of the Month’ Award.

Congratulations Keeley

Kean P.

Kean is a quiet and reliable class member who is able to act responsibly at all times. He brings a welcoming smile and positive attitude to school each day. Kean aims to achieve his personal best and is a strong role model for his classmates. He respects the views of those around him and has a strong sense of fair play. As a result he is highly sought after to participate in group activities. He displays independent work habits and organisational skills.

Kean is willing to take on all challenges and make improvements to produce work of a higher standard. He has a calm, courteous and helpful nature, takes responsibility for his actions and encourages others to do the same.

Kean displays many wonderful qualities making him a worthy recipient of our ‘Aussie of the Month’ award. Congratulations Kean.

Chanuki J.

Chanuki is a thoughtful and conscientious member of 2R. She has a friendly and kind personality and a wonderful sense of humour.

Chanuki approaches all aspects of her schooling with enthusiasm and works hard to complete set tasks to the best of her ability. She is highly regarded for her co-operative skills and communicates respectfully with her peers.

Chanuki’s outgoing and positive attitude makes her extremely approachable.

She is a reliable and trustworthy member of the class who proactively assists in undertaking classroom duties. Chanuki always takes responsibility for her actions and exemplifies beautiful manners, encouraging others to do the same.

Chanuki displays many wonderful qualities that make her a worthy recipient of our ‘Aussie of the Month Award.’ Congratulations and keep up the brilliant work!
**TERM DATES 2016**

**Term 4**
Monday, 3rd October – Friday, 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**
Monday, 18th April – Friday, 30th June 2017  
**Term 3**
Monday, 17th July – Friday, 22nd September 2017  
**Term 4**
Monday, 9th October – Friday, 22nd December 2017

**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.

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**LOST**

Have you seen Walter?  
Grade 2R’s beloved monkey friend Walter accidently went missing on Friday, 9th September. He was last seen in Mrs Hobson’s classroom on the night of the Grade 2 Sleepover. It would be greatly appreciated if you could check your child’s bags to see if he has accidently snuck in – he is renowned for getting up to mischief! 2R would be grateful to have him back in their care. They have loved writing about their adventures with Walter, and would like to continue to do so.

Warm regards,  
Ms Robinson and 2R

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**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2016**

Congratulations to the 557 students who completed the challenge this year. You read a total of 22,372 books which is an amazing effort.

We would like to thank the students, parents and teachers for reading so many books and we hope you enjoyed the experience.

You might be interested to know the top three books read at each year level. We have a list of the top 100 books read at each level. Mrs Dent will display them on the notice board near her room shortly.

Happy reading!

Helen Dent and Linda Hayden

**PREP**
The Very Hungry Caterpillar/Who Sank the Boat? / Possum Magic

**Year One**
Possum Magic/The Very Hungry Caterpillar/Pig the Pug

**Year Two**
Possum Magic/Pig the Pug/ The Cat in the Hat

**Year Three**
The 13-Storey Treehouse/ The 26-Storey Treehouse/The 52-Storey Treehouse

**Year Four**
Dog Days/Rodrick Rules/The 13-Storey Treehouse

**Year Five**
Dog Days/Rodrick Rules/Old School

**Year Six**
Dog Days/Rodrick Rules/Old School

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**URGENLY WANTED**

Waverley Wildcats Basketball club is looking for 2 or more girls to make up an under 14yo team. Games are on Saturdays. Prior playing experience not necessary. Training is on Tuesday at Holy family Church Hall, Stephensons Road Mt. Waverley.

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**RESPECT   SELF CONFIDENCE   INTEGRITY   RESPONSIBILITY   OPTIMISM**