Dear Parents,

**YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP**

Last week our students in Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a fantastic week away at Camp Coonawarra. Many students reported that the camp was loads of fun and that they had a fantastic time.

Thank-you to our Pinewood staff, Moui Ung, Troy Hartigan, Rochelle D’Cruze, Jill Kay, Paul Dobney, Natalie Jones, Rick Byron and parents, Sam Indovino, Nirosha Herat, Cindy Lowe, Louise Berry and Geoff Williams for giving up your own family time to attend the camp and provide the students with such a wonderful, fun-filled experience. I am sure the camp will be the highlight of the year for many students.

**THE BIG SONG**

At 12.30pm today, in the hall, the students of Pinewood PS joined in the singing of the song, “Let it Play” as part of the Big Song event. Half a million school children, in over 2000 schools around Australia, were singing the same song, at the same time, on the same day. Thanks to Mrs Blowfield for organising the Big Song event on our behalf.

**WORLD TEACHER’S DAY**

Celebrated at Pinewood PS today! Due to many of our staff attending the Year 5&6 camp last week, we decided to celebrate ‘World Teachers’ Day’ at Pinewood on Thursday, 3rd November today!

The UNESCO declared World Teachers’ Day provides the opportunity for all of us, students, teachers and parents, to reflect on the important role that the teacher plays within our community. The theme for this year’s World Teachers’ Day is: “Valuing Teachers, Improving their Status.”

World Teachers’ Day recognises teachers as wonderful learners in the school, acknowledging the complex and growing demands of a career in education. Teachers have so much to learn, new curriculum initiatives and direction, knowing each child’s learning style, as well as understanding and implementing educational theory that supports the best teaching and learning practice.
Teachers never stop learning. In and out of the classroom they look for new ways to engage their children and create positive learning environments.

Teachers are optimists. They always think they can do better, they think they can work harder; they think that with one more lesson they will bring the understanding and insight to a few more students. It is a career that only the passionate can enjoy; the endless nights of preparation and reports and the seemingly endless expectations of society are only sustainable if you love your work and if you have a love for working with children.

We are indeed fortunate to have a wonderful group of educators at Pinewood PS. Through their passion our teachers and support staff members develop a special bond with the children.

Please take the time over the next few days to thank the teacher who teaches your child and acknowledge their dedication and commitment to creating an environment where every child will achieve their personal best.

Today, “Teachers’ Day”, at Pinewood PS, has been a lovely day where we were able to celebrate teachers and the significant role they play in our lives.

THANKS TO PARENTS
On behalf of the teachers and support staff at Pinewood, I would like to pass on a huge ‘thank-you’ to the members of our wonderful Parents Club and parent helpers for providing the school staff with a most delicious, celebratory ‘World Teachers’, Day’ lunch today. The teachers all feel very spoilt and really appreciated your generosity and the fabulous cooking of course!

OFF-SITE – EVACUATION PROCEDURE
On Friday, Nov 4th at 12.15, we will be conducting a whole school rehearsal of an emergency evacuation drill, off site. A siren will alert everyone that the rehearsal emergency response procedure has commenced. The children will be walking with staff to Pinewood Reserve in Pinewood Drive. Once there, the students will have their names marked off and we will then return to the school.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

THANK YOU
I’d like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the wonderful parents and teachers who went along to the Year 5/6 camp at Coonawarra Camp Resort last week - Nirosha Herat, Sam Indovino, Cindy Lowe, Louise Berry, Geoff Williams, Natalie Jones, Rick Byron, Paul Dobney, Jill Kay, Rochelle D’Cruze and Troy Hartigan. Your help and support was so much appreciated - without you, we would not be able to run the program. Thanks again for another successful camp!

Also thank you to all of the Year 5/6 students who stayed at school and took on extra monitor duties while we were away.

I still have some lost property items from camp. Please see Miss Ung to claim any item that belongs to you!

Thank you,
Miss Ung

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER BE PUBLISHED IN PAPER FORM. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE A PAPER COPY.

HIGH STREET ROAD UNITING CHURCH, MOUNT WAVERLEY will once gain hold their popular HILLTOP MARKET from 9am to 2pm on Saturday 12th November. The market features a huge array of stalls, hot and cold food, a number of competitions, entertainment and a Special Kidzone.

UNIFORM SHOP REMINDER
A reminder that uniform can no longer be purchased from the school. Pinewood Primary School uniforms are now available from:

PSW
288-290 Stephensons Rd
Mount Waverley
Phone: 9768 0335

School Banking day is TUESDAY

RESPECT SELF CONFIDENCE INTEGRITY RESPONSIBILITY OPTIMISM
HOW DO YOU ENROL AND BOOK SESSIONS WITH OSHClub?
Enrolments and bookings are made online through our secure system available from our website. Last minute bookings and cancellations can be made simply by calling our Accounts Team at Head Office. We don’t charge an initial or annual registration fee. Why not enrol anyway and then if you need care in an emergency, we already have your details and your children can join in the fun without any problems. We will always welcome children to the program, but if they are enrolled with us beforehand the process becomes much smoother. For parents with no access to the internet, all bookings can be made through either the Coordinator or our Accounts Team at our Head office - Georgia Ginis georgia@oshclub.com.au 03 8564 9025

PARENTS CLUB

ZOOPER DOOPER DAY—Wednesday 9 November
50¢ Icy poles will be on sale at recess (if students wish to purchase)

BUNNINGS SIZZLE - Saturday 3 December
If you can help cook or serve sausages for a couple of hours please email Lisa Strong at sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au

END OF YEAR CONCERT BARBEQUE & HAMPER RAFFLE
Early December
Parents Club will be holding a raffle with Christmas Hampers for each Grade to be won at the End of Year Concert. Details to follow.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef