Dear Parents,

TEACHER PERFORMANCE REVIEWS
Over the last two weeks, I have been conducting end of
- year Performance Reviews with our staff. It is always
rewarding to do reviews at a high performing school
such as Pinewood as I get to hear of all the great
things that are happening in the programs at the
school and the growth of our students. Our teachers
really are a talented and hard working group.

APPOINTING NEW STAFF
Our leadership team and staff have been involved in appointing new
staff over the past few weeks to replace staff who are moving on or
taking leave for 2017. I will be putting out the class teaching positions
in the final newsletter of the term. Once appointments have been
finalised, children will find out their teacher for 2017 in the last full
week of this term. Reports will be sent home on 16 December. Please
notify the school office if your child will not be at school during the last
week of term and will need to have their school report mailed home.
We are unable to produce student reports before this scheduled time.

WALKATHON
Our very successful annual walkathon was conducted on the Nov 17.
The money raised from this event will be used to install shade sails in
the play grounds. The class with the most money raised has a pizza
party to enjoy!

PARENT HELPERS- Morning Tea
In appreciation of all their work at our school, parent helpers from
2016 are cordially invited to attend our thank
you morning tea.
Date & Time: Monday November 28 @ 11.00am
Place: The Hall
We hope to see you there. From Pinewood Staff

YEAR ONE EVENING ACTIVITIES -
TOMORROW
The Year One students are invited back to school tomorrow for an
evening of ‘Special Fun Activities’ from 6.00pm-8.30 pm. I am sure it
will be lots of fun. See you there!

Bunnings BBQ -Saturday Dec 3rd -Request for assistance
Our wonderful Parents club are hosting a fund raising BBQ at the
Bunnings store at Notting Hill on Saturday 3rd Dec. If you have a
spare hour or so to volunteer to assist at the BBQ on the day it would
be greatly appreciated. The money raised from the BBQ goes towards
the school. Please contact Lisa Strong, Parents Club member, if you
are able to help out.
RETIREMENT - JENNY WALKER
After 30 years of coordinating the before and after school and holiday programs at Pinewood PS, Jenny Walker will be officially retiring on Dec 20. Jenny has been an integral part of the day to day routines of the school and will be greatly missed by the Pinewood staff and school community. We all wish you a wonderful retirement Jenny!

End of year musical evening - Bring along your best singing voices!
Our end of year music night will be held on Wednesday 7th Dec. We hope you can all come and join us on this end of year celebration. The performance will commence at approximately 7.00pm. The Parents Club will be holding a sausage sizzle prior to the event starting at 6.00pm

LAST DAY OF TERM – please note finishing time
School finishing time is 2.30pm on Tuesday 20 December. Crossing supervisors will be working at this time to support the school. Students start the 2017 school year at 9.00 am prompt on Tuesday January 31.

Karen Jenkin
Principal

C.S.E.F.
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

TERM DATES 2016
Term 4
Monday, 3rd October – Tuesday, 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
Tuesday, 18th April – Friday, 30th June 2017
(Monday, 17th April is Easter Monday)
Term 3
Monday, 17th July – Friday, 22nd September 2017
Term 4
Monday, 9th October – Friday, 22nd December 2017
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jonah I. Prep R
For displaying initiative and independence when completing his work and always trying his best. Keep up the great effort Jonah!

Grace L. Prep H
For her excellent work habits. Grace has worked hard all year to do her very best work. Well done!

Anooj T. Prep P
For always presenting her work so beautifully and never giving up when completing challenging tasks. Well done Anooj!

Hannah K. 2M
For settling in well to Pinewood and for working hard to complete all tasks to a high standard. Well done!

James D. 6D
For always being very positive and for the excellent effort he puts into every swimming lesson. Well done, James!

Helen Y. 4H
For consistently making an effort and working to your full potential in Semester 2. All your hard work and efforts have paid off. Keep up the great work ethic!

Elisha S. 4H
For completing an excellent and amusing narrative. You included descriptive language, a sizzling start, dialogue and made very good word choices. Well done!

Razi A. 4H
For trying your best to turn your behaviour around, which has reflected in the timely completion of your comprehension activity. Keep up the great work.

Tia P. 6H
For always working hard to understand topics better and never giving up. Your desire to improve across the curriculum is commendable.

Jiya J. Prep P
For the enthusiasm and interest she displayed during Fire Education. Jiya always tries her best!

Skye C. 4C
For always completing set tasks to the best of her ability and for continually displaying a ‘You Can Do It’ attitude. Well done!

Aiham J. 4C
For putting in the effort to neaten your bookwork and the attention you have given your handwriting this term.

Dania A. 5D
For working very hard on her financial planning Mathematics Investigation. Keep up the wonderful effort.

Azzy I. 5D
For her improved focus and work ethic. Keep showing a ‘You Can Do It’ attitude.

Zoe W. 6U
For being a brilliant role model all year as a leader. Well done for always setting a fantastic example, Zoe!

Chloe T. 3K
For the care and focus you display in completing your work. Your persistence is commendable.

Hwani S. 4M
For asking questions and trying his best to complete all set tasks. You make us smile every day!

Roksana S. 4M
For the positive attitude and wonderful effort she puts into all aspects of her learning. Keep it up!

Esther S. 5K
For the consistent effort you have put into your work throughout the year. Your focus demonstrates a persistent attitude. Keep it up Esther.

Megan L. 5K
For the enthusiasm that you put into your homework tasks and our class blog. You are a strong role model to others. Keep up the excellent attitude.

Nethma H. 2R
For the wonderful effort she has put in towards improving her writing. Nethma has worked hard to produce high quality work this term. Well done!

Hayden T. 1JK
For the wonderful effort he has put into improving his writing. Well done Hayden.

Melody L. 1H
For displaying a positive attitude towards her learning and striving to do her best at all times. Melody is a hardworking and enthusiastic student. Well done Melody.

Fatima S. 1H
For showing improvement in sentence structure and punctuation in her written work. Fatima takes pride in her writing and always tries to make her work more interesting.

Sammy K. 1M
For the excellent effort he has put into improving his reading and writing skills. Well done and keep up the great work!

Aniket K. 1M
For taking pride in his work and always completing tasks to the best of his ability. Well done!

Jonathon S. 3B
For your excellent oral presentation on your health and safety product, the ‘amazing wristband’. Well done Jonathon.

Jasper D. Prep L
For writing a fantastic recount about his experience on Scouts Camp. Well done at persisting with the task and including lots of detail in your writing.

Prem P. 2G
For your fantastic persuasive language you have used in your exposition writing. Keep up the great effort.

Maryam K. 1T
For the wonderful effort she puts into all her school work and for listening well to others. Well done Maryam.

School Banking day is TUESDAY

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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Christmas Hamper Raffle

Last week we sent home a letter requesting donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Thank you to those families that have already kindly donated some fantastic items!

The deadline for donations is Friday 2nd December and don’t forget we are raising money to purchase SHADE SAILS so please continue to give generously, thank you.

Raffle tickets for you to sell will be going home this week

Sausage Sizzle

WE NEED YOU!
Barbeque at Bunnings Notting Hill
Saturday 3 December

This is OUR opportunity to ask the local community to help us raise much needed funds for the school. If you haven’t already volunteered to help out, please let a Parents Club Committee member or your Class Representative know - THANK YOU!

Pinewood Netball Club
2016 AGM and Trophy Presentation

Sunday 18th December 2016
4:30pm to 6:30pm

Early Bird Registrations available on the day for 2017 –
$149 Juniors and $169 Seniors (Inc. VNA).
Those interested in joining for 2017 are most welcome to attend!
A great social game for Pinewood School Mums!
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

**Will S.**
Will is an excellent role model for others. He has a calm and happy demeanour and displays a “You Can Do It” attitude, and behaviour that reflects our school values at all times.

Will always tries his best, is organised and approaches all tasks with quiet determination and self-confidence. He is a student who applies himself to not only complete set tasks but with the aim of improving his outcomes. Will works well independently and as part of a team. He is supportive of others’ views and ideas and encouraging of their efforts.

In the classroom and the school yard, Will always displays his kind and caring nature and ability to mix with peers. He has earned the respect of both students and teachers due to his responsible attitude and calm and considerate manner. Will respects the rights of others and demonstrates a strong sense of fair play.

Will is a deserving recipient of 1JK’s Aussie of the Month Award for 2106. Congratulations.

**Ruhi M.**
Ruhi is a caring and enthusiastic member of our class. She demonstrates the Pinewood values at all times and provides an excellent model for others to follow.

Ruhi is a kind and inclusive friend and regularly looks for opportunities to encourage her classmates. She is a willing helper and is keen to take on extra responsibilities within the classroom. Ruhi is a fair and reliable leader and works cooperatively in a group.

Ruhi has a positive attitude towards learning and completes all set tasks to a very high standard. She approaches challenges with persistence and always tries her best.

Ruhi is a worthy recipient of our Aussie of the Month Award. Congratulations!

**Thenu D**
Thenu is a very cheerful, friendly and considerate member of the class who always displays a positive attitude. Thenu has an impressive work ethic and he approaches all tasks with enthusiasm. He continually makes a conscientious effort to present his work to the highest standard. Thenu has a very calm, courteous and gentle nature. He is a loyal and supportive friend to others and will always take time to assist others both within the classroom and outside in the playground. His kindness and friendship are valued by his peers and other students within the school. Thenu is also a very responsible student who can be relied upon to make sensible decisions. Congratulations Thenu on earning this award. You display many wonderful qualities, making you a worthy recipient of our ‘Aussie of the Month’ award.

**Yugeeth S.**
Yugeeth is a friendly, well mannered and responsible member of 1H. He always strives to achieve his personal best and maintains a positive attitude towards all classroom tasks. Yugeeth is well liked by his peers and works well independently and in group situations.

He is honest, fair and respectful of everyone in the school community. Yugeeth is well organised and sets about classroom tasks quickly and efficiently producing excellent results. He participates actively in class discussions sharing thoughtful responses.

Yugeeth is a wonderful role model and is a worthy recipient of 1H’s Aussie of the Month!!

Well done Yugeeth!
Walkathon
Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Walkathon last Thursday! You all did a great job walking in the heat. Thanks also to the parents and relatives that came and supported or walked with their child. Now it’s time to collect and return your donations. You have until Friday 2nd December to bring your money back to school. We have already had some sizeable donations from students, and we are on track to raise a huge amount of money!

Interschool Sport
Tomorrow will be the final time our Grade 6 students represent Pinewood at interschool sport. They have participated with great enthusiasm this year, and are to be commended for maintaining the high level of sportsmanship that we expect.

Just Get Active
The team from Just Get Active have been working hard to enable you to access and use the program from the comfort of your own home. Please read the attached information to setup your home access subscription, allowing you to consolidate the mind and body training that we are doing at school.
Pinewood Shopping Village invites you to our

Twilight Street Festival

Sunday
December 4th
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Pinewood Drive, Mt Waverley

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