Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS- Mr Mallett

Congratulations to Mr Robbie Mallett for successfully gaining the provisional Principal appointment at Clarinda Primary School- commencing at the start of the school year in 2017.

Mr Mallett began his teaching career at Pinewood Primary School as a part time PE teacher in 1999.

In 2000, he became a full time classroom teacher at Pinewood, working in the Year 5 and 6 area until he became Assistant Principal in 2010.

As Assistant Principal, Mr Mallett has been actively involved with the Parents Club, School Council and the Syndal District School Sports Association (SDSSA), receiving the SDSSA Service Award for 10 years’ service to School Sport. Again, congratulations Mr Mallett on gaining the provisional Principal appointment at Clarinda PS... You will be missed at Pinewood Primary School.

WELCOME TO MR THOMAS

I would like to welcome Mr Andrew Thomas to Pinewood. Mr Thomas will be the acting assistant principal from the start of 2017.

LEAVE

I will be taking 7 days of Long Service Leave, commencing next Monday, to attend an International Education Conference in Mexico. During my absence from the school Mr Mallett will be Acting Principal and Miss McGregor will be Acting Assistant Principal.

YEAR 1... What a fun Friday evening!

Thanks to the Pinewood staff, Sandra James, Maria Kovas, Tania Hamamen, Jenny Thomas, Amy Morris, Simon Grant, Tracy Hobson, Helen Dent, Yalenka Clement, Jen Robinson, and Joe Dowsett for attending / supporting the Year 1 fun event on Friday evening. The students just loved the activities including the jelly and ice cream! The night ran very smoothly- a wonderful team effort.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday evening, we conducted a very successful information session for our Prep families enrolled at Pinewood PS for 2017. I would like to thank our School Council President, Mr. Tim Day,
and our Parents Club President, Mr. Mick Daly, for joining us on the evening to welcome new families to the school and provide information about the important role of both the School Council and the Parents Club.

Thanks to Mrs. Jan Beecroft, Mrs. Pip Lewis and Mrs. Jenny Walker for assisting with school fee payments and/or questions relating to our new, ‘before and after school care’ program.

It really was a great introduction to our wonderful school community for our new families for 2017.

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 31st January, 2017. Prep students will commence on Thursday, 2nd February.

BUNNINGS BBQ - Saturday 3rd December - 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.

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

SCHOOL BANKING
The last day for school banking will be Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Sophie F.** Art Award  
Thank you for bringing in detailed research on our current World artist; Piet Mondrian.

**Benny Z.** Prep P  
For being a kind and caring member of Prep P. Benny always shows respect to his classmates and helps to keep our classroom tidy. Well done Benny!

**Lucas A.** 4C  
For being an exemplary role model in all that he does. You are an asset to 4C.

**Anna G.** 4C  
For persisting with her discussion text: most importantly, using constructive feedback to enhance her writing. Well done!

**Eric T.** Prep H  
For making a fabulous effort to use his manners every day. Congratulations Eric!

**Camila R.** 2M  
For having a positive ‘You Can Do It’ attitude and using ‘Green Light ways of thinking to help her be resilient. Well done, Camila!

**Alisha W.** Prep M  
For confidently demonstrating fire safety procedures during Fire Education.

**Arjun A.** Prep D  
For the positive attitude he brings to school every day and applying himself in all school activities. Keep it up Arjun!

**Daichi S.** 6U  
For the enthusiasm he consistently demonstrates during Maths groups. Well done on your achievement, Daichi!

**Cara N.** Prep L  
For being a kind and helpful friend to others and for looking after our classroom by keeping it clean. Well done at showing our ‘You Can Do It’ skills.

**Israt S.** 5K  
For your beautiful manners and wonderful listening skills. You consistently work well during class time to complete your learning tasks.

**Tommy D.** 5K  
For the excellent behaviour you display in class discussions and focusing on work tasks. Keep up the fabulous attitude.

**Pinkcess M.** 1JK  
For the enthusiasm and responsibility she demonstrated during our ‘After Hours Activities’ last week.

**Reilly K.** 1JK  
For his positive attitude and the wonderful team work he demonstrated last week.

**Cameron F.** 1H  
For participating enthusiastically in all activities during our ‘After Hours’ sessions last Friday. Well done Cameron!

**Harry G.** 1H  
For being a positive and helpful class member. Harry comes to school each day ready to learn and is a valuable member of 1H.

**Abby J.** 1T  
For being a friendly, cheerful and enthusiastic class member. Well done Abby!

**Skyla N.** 1T  
For the wonderful effort she has made to improve her reading and writing skills. Well done Skyla.

**Nawar A.** 3K  
For the resilience and persistence you have shown in your Times Table Challenge.

**Shiya T.** 3K  
For always presenting your work to the highest standard. Well done!

**Nate O.** 3B  
For always trying his best and for encouraging his classmates to do the same. Well done Nate!

**Albert T.** 2G  
For demonstrating a great work ethic in everything you do. Keep up the fantastic work!

**David S.** 4M  
For the improved effort he is putting in to his school and homework. Well done.

**Shivani A.** 5D  
For working hard during Reading groups. Well done on reading with excitement and expression.

**Siddharth S.** 5D  
For demonstrating a positive attitude towards all classroom activities. Keep up the great effort.

**Sebastian Y.** 4H  
For demonstrating responsibility towards your learning, through your continued effort and application towards your homework and completing additional tasks at home. Well done!

**Justin Y.** 4H  
For your consistent and committed application to your reading comprehension, which is reflected by your improved assessment results. Fantastic effort!

**Marni C.** 1M  
For displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards learning and for being a willing helper in the classroom. Well done!

**James S.** Prep R  
For his positive attitude towards all school activities and for being a kind, caring and helpful class member. Well done James!

**Bowie S.** 2R  
For working diligently during Writing. Bowie has produced detailed arguments and used rhetorical questions within his expositions. Keep up the great work!

**Mohanad A.** 6H  
For your increased contributions to class discussions. Your comments are always relevant and help other students with their understanding of topics.

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**UNIFORM**

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

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END OF YEAR STOCKTAKE
HELP NEEDED

Friday December 2nd will be the last time the children are able to borrow a book and bring home their Reader Cover. From Monday December 5th, the teachers will collect the reader covers and pass them to their new teacher. If you wish to recover them, you can do it at the start of next year.

Please return EVERY BOOK your child has borrowed throughout the year. Have a tidy up and return any book that belongs to the school so that they can be organised for next year. Older students who have been using the LEXILE collection, will also need to check their tubs at school and maybe the car!

The stocktake is a very time consuming task and I would appreciate some help. There are a variety of jobs to do; stamping and labelling new books, checking and sorting take home tubs, checking and sorting guided reading books, checking and labelling Big Books and repairing books. If you are able to help, please come to my room and speak to me anytime from Wednesday December 7th onwards. Even an hour of your time would be wonderful.

“Many hands make light work!”

Helen Dent

Parents Club News

We are still seeking donations for our Christmas Hamper raffle from all Pinewood families (if you so wish).

Please kindly bring donations of ‘luxury’ hamper items into class by Friday 2nd December - Thank You!

Please note only BRAND NEW items should be donated. Donations can include: luxury toiletries; scented candles; homewares (Christmas themed or otherwise); Christmas cakes/biscuits; gift vouchers; sparkling wine etc.

(N.B. No Homemade Food, only purchased and sealed goods)

See you all at the End of Year Concert next Wednesday 7th December. Parents Club will be holding a barbeque from 6pm onwards and the Raffle will take place during the evening.

Raffle Ticket stubs and money are due back next Monday

This is our last fundraiser of the year and we would really like to go ahead with the first stage of our Shade Sail Project so thank you for your continued support.

Parents Club News

OSHC

Parent reminder

Have you re-enrolled in the new OSHClub program for next year?

Please enrol online and book your place now for 2017. OSHClub will be running the program from Monday, 16th January, 2017.

Last accounts will go out to parents on Friday, 16th December, 2016. We would like final accounts to be paid at the office by Tuesday, 20th December, 2016. The school office will close at 3pm. As this is the last day of the program, payments can be made via cash/credit card/EFTpos at the program after this time.

Pinewood Shopping Village invites you to our
Twilight Street Festival
Sunday December 4th
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Pinewood Drive, Mt Waverley
Featuring: Fabulous Street Food, Family Fun, Kids Entertainment, Giveaways, Maker’s Market & heaps more...
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