## CALENDAR

**December**
- 15th: Year 6 Graduation Night
- 16th: Buddies Movie Excursion
- 20th: Term 4 ends. FINAL ASSEMBLY WILL COMMENCE AT 1.30pm. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

**School Office closes at 3pm**

**January**
- 31st: Years 1—6 to commence Term 1.

**February**
- 2nd: Prep children to commence on this day.
- 8th: Prep children do not attend on this day.
- 15th: Prep children do not attend on this day.
- 22nd: Prep children do not attend on this day.

**March**
- 13th: Labour Day Public Holiday. No students to attend on this day.
- 23rd: School Photos
- 31st: Term 1 ends. School finishes at 2.30pm on this day.

**April**
- 14th: Good Friday
- 17th: Easter Monday
- 18th: Term 2 begins, 9am.

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of our staff I wish everyone a Happy Christmas holiday and a safe relaxing summer break. This is the final newsletter for 2016.

Thank you to our parent helpers, School Council and families for all your hard work, commitment to our school and support this year. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and professional expertise of all our staff and thank them for another wonderful year at Pinewood.

To all our students for their fine work and learning this year. Have a great summer break.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

Farewell to our year 6 students. Congratulations to our 2016 Year 6 students for being such wonderful senior school leaders and role models. We are all very proud of you.

Well done and best wishes for your secondary school education and a successful, proud future life.

This evening, we are conducting our Year 6 graduation ceremony in the hall... the students are very excited!

Thank you to our Year 6 teachers and all the staff who supported the students ensuring such a successful send off for our students.

**REMINDER, Last Day of Term finishing time – please note**

**Final Assembly** - 1.30 pm Tuesday

School finishing time is 2.30pm on Tuesday December 20. Crossing supervisors will be working at this time to support the school and ensure our children are able to cross roads safely. Students start the 2017 school year at 9.00am on Tuesday 31st January. Prep students begin at staggered times on Thursday 2nd February.

**STAFFING POSITIONS 2017**

Our staffing structure for 2017 is completed and is shown below. Children will receive their reports and take part in our ‘Walk Up’ session tomorrow, Friday, where they will spend some time in their new classroom for 2017 with their new teacher and classmates. Please note that we are not accepting parents requests related to grades and staff at this late stage, now that our class organisation is complete.
FAREWELL TO STAFF
I would like to say farewell and thank you to Amelia Delaney, Amy Morris and Karen Moloney for the contributions they have made to Pinewood PS. Next year, Amelia will be teaching Prep at Oakleigh South PS, Amy will be teaching Prep at Mt Waverley Heights PS and Karen will be teaching Yr1/2 in a brand new school, Tulliallan PS in Cranbourne North. We wish you well at your new schools. Keep in touch!

STAFF LIST 2017
PREP A – Olivia Adcock
PREP H – Tracy Hobson
PREP L – Cze-Chiao Lee
PREP M – Sophie Miteff
PREP P – Faye Park
PREP R – Robyn Russell
1H – Tania Hamamen
1J/K – Sandra James/ Maria Kovas
1K – Jill Kay
1M – Sophie Macdonald
1S – Jessica Sexton
1T – Jenny Thomas
2G – Simon Grant
2J – Rebecca Jach
2M – Wendy Mann
2R – Jen Robinson
3B – Ryan Bolger/Jess Murphy
3C – Delani Cruse
3K – Kathryn Bleechmore
4C – Yalenka Clement
4M – Alyssia McGill
4W – Bernie Wong
5C – Helen Crockett
5D – Paul Dobney
5R – Rochelle D’Cruze
6H – Troy Hartigan
6U – Moui Ung
ART – Francine Combes
LIBRARY – CO-ORDINATOR– Linda Hayden
LOTE- INDONESIAN – Natalie Jones
MUSIC – Nicole Blowfield
PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Rick Byron & Nathan Walsh
SCIENCE and ROBOTICS SPECIALIST– Greg Tate
ICT SUPPORT– Joe Dowsett/John Kovas
EAL (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE) – Mel Pryce, Linda Hayden

READING RECOVERY/MATHS INTERVENTION – Helen Dent
LITERACY SUPPORT—Nadia DeGregorio
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Andrew Thomas
LEADING TEACHER-CURRICULUM & ENGAGEMENT—Sandra McGregor
OFFICE MANAGER – Jan Beecroft
ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT – Pip Lewis
EDUCATION SUPPORT – Anna Pervan, Estelle Bowman and Emily Childs
SCHOOL NURSE—Bronwyn Vaughan
I wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday.
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
An Open Letter of Thanks to the Whole Pinewood Community

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with the P.O.O.H program over the last 27 years.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Thank you to all past and present School Council members for your support of the program over the years. Without your contributions our program would not even be running today, good luck to all future members.

SCHOOL STAFF: Thank you to all past and present staff, you have been wonderful friends and have made our job so much easier by being available to talk to if we have concerns, and have included us in all activities over the years.

To those staff who had to put up with us taking over their SPACE with our many moves over the years a very big thankyou and we hope we didn’t disrupt you TOO much.

Good luck to you all in the coming years. I hope to catch up in the future.

A special thank you to Karen Jenkin for her 2 years of support and we wish her luck in the future and the continuing success of Pinewood Primary School.

To Robbie Mallett a very big thank you for being my GO TO with any problems, and being a great friend. I know he will make a wonderful Principal. Good luck Robbie at Clarinda, Pinewood will miss you.

To Sandra McGregor, thank you for your continued support and friendship and being a great listener to my complaints.

To the office staff who do a wonderful job every day solving school problems as well as dealing with some of ours. THANKYOU.

To Jan Beecroft I can’t thank enough for being such a wonderful friend and listener to my many whines and whinges over the years, I look forward to coming back on Thursdays to proof read the newsletter or just doing the coffee run and having a good chat.

To the children and parents over the years without your support of our program we would not have been the success we have been, we wish you all good luck in the future.

To the many P.O.O.H staff who have worked in the program over the years you have all left a little bit of yourselves and have made a wonderful contribution to the children you have cared for. I wish you success and good luck in your future.

Our program has left some wonderful memories in Pinewood’s history and in mine, over 30 plus staff are now working in the Education system. We have second generation families using our program and best of all children we cared for in the past are now working with us. What a great legacy.

I wish you all continued good health and happiness in the future and look forward to visiting Pinewood on special occasions.

Jenny Walker
OSHC Coordinator

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.

TERM DATES 2017

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SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has finished for 2016 and will recommence in February, 2017.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Ryder R.  Prep R
For being a friendly and caring member of our class. Ryder always has a positive attitude to school. Keep smiling Ryder!

Theodore W.  Prep R
For the increasing confidence he displays when completing activities and for being a helpful class member. Well done Theodore!

Jamie S.  Prep H
For trying hard to focus during instruction time. Keep up the excellent effort Jamie!

Marcus C.  Prep H
For working hard to proof read his work and correct errors when necessary. Well done Marcus!

Aryan A.  2M
For always taking on advice to improve his work. Well done!!

Leah C.  2G
For demonstrating a fantastic ‘Can Do’ attitude. You always put in your best effort with a big smile! Well done Leah.

Damon T.  Prep M
For the effort and enthusiasm he showed during Christmas craft activities.

Mikayla S.  4M
For her fabulous oral presentation on Christopher Columbus and for having a go at all tasks even when they are challenging. Well done!

Martin D.  5D
For working hard to improve the quality of his book work and handwriting. Well done.

Abhi K.  5D
For consistently demonstrating a ‘You Can Do It’ attitude and being a role model to others.

Stefan A.  6D
For the fantastic work he puts into assembly each week. Stefan has been an excellent ICT Captain and uses his skills to run a successful assembly. Well done!

Anna V.  1H
For being a helpful and friendly member of 1H this year. Anna is always ready to learn new things and is happy to share her opinions in class discussions. Well done!

Catherine R.  1H
Catherine has consistently produced work to a high standard in her weekly journal writing. She always tries her best to include interesting words and accurate punctuation. Well done!

Shin Yi P.  4H
For always approaching new work with enthusiasm and the desire to learn.

Xander V.  1JK
For being such a kind and considerate friend to others. Well done Xander and keep up the wonderful effort.

Alissa C.  1T
For working hard at all activities and never giving up on challenging tasks. Well done and keep up the great effort Alissa.

Ryan K.  1T
For being a positive and happy member of our class and for always trying his best. Keep up the wonderful effort Ryan.

Rehan N.  Prep D
For always displaying focus and producing high quality work. Rehan has achieved great results by using his YCDI attitude.

Melody X.  Prep D
For the excellent start she has made at Pinewood Primary school. Keep it up Melody!

Vihar I.  Prep D
For the confidence he showed during Prep D’s performance at the Christmas Carols. Well done Vihar!

Aryan A.  Prep D
For the 5-star writing he has completed recently. Aryan writes neatly and includes details in his recounts! Well done!

Waheguru S.  Prep D
For always sing his best manners when talking to students, parents and teachers. Keep it up Waheguru!

Zack N.  3K
For your focus and ‘hard working’ attitude. Well done.

Anoushka V.  3B
For taking great care with your handwriting. Your book work is sensational Anoushka, I hope you are very proud.

Ev B.  1M
For the excellent improvement he has made in his reading and writing this year. Well done!

Summer B.  2R
For the outstanding effort she has put in to improve her Writing. Keep up the wonderful work Summer!

Marissa C.  4H
For being a delightful member of 4H and a cooperative and caring class mate towards all who come into contact with you.

Jasmine J.  4H
For always approaching new work with enthusiasm and the desire to learn.

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For being a positive and happy member of our class and for always trying his best. Keep up the wonderful effort Ryan.

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BOOK CLUB

This year, the school has received the magnificent sum of $2250 in free books as a result of parents buying books through Scholastic. This is much appreciated and has provided take-home books/readers and books for the library.
Parents Club News

We would just like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Pinewood families that have supported our events, donated gifts for various raffles and helped out at many of our fundraising activities this past year which has helped us to raise in excess of $15,000! Our target of $83,000 for Sun Shades for both the junior and senior playgrounds is even more achievable thanks to the fantastic support you have shown towards Pinewood Parents Club events this year.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and hope you and your child/children enjoy the school holidays. Good luck to all the Grade Six students heading off to High School and to any students moving to different schools next year.

See you in 2017!

Pinewood Parents Club Committee

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

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!

Any queries please contact Louise Berry
0400-568-636

HEALTHY, AFFORDBALE LUNCHES DELIVERED FRESH TO PINWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY
(Unavailable Tuesday)
Our Menu offers either a 2 or 3 Course Lunch
with 15 choices available for each course each day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.classroomcuisine.com.au

Orders are received by our customer friendly website until 8.30am the day the lunch is required.

Email:
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OSHClub School Holiday Program

Our School Holiday Programs are jam packed with exciting activities and awesome excursions in a safe and friendly environment for primary school children aged 5 – 12 years of age. (Some programs cater for 3-4 years olds)

All our Team are fun and friendly and have relevant qualifications and background checks (WWC). Bookings are now open. Log on to www.oshclub.com.au and complete the online enrolment form, but be quick as places are limited!

For more information please contact
OSHClub on 03 8564 9000 or 1800 460 870

Children with additional needs
OSHClub supports all children including children with additional needs. Please contact the Holiday Program Manager on 03 8564 9000 at least 4 weeks before the program is due to commence. Each case will be looked at individually and in some cases we will need to apply for funding for extra staff to support your child’s participation in the program.

Behaviour
If a child’s behaviour seriously affects the safety and/or enjoyment of others, parents will be contacted and asked to make alternative arrangements for their child/ren.

What does my child bring?
Please bring morning and afternoon tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle. Make sure you don’t bring any food that needs to be heated or cooked, and remember not to bring anything containing nuts.

Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen and comfortable clothing and shoes. Sorry but no Crocs or Thongs!

Remember: no hat means no outdoor play!

We’d hate you to lose something valuable, so please take your money and electronic toys, including iPods, iPads, iPhones, smartphones and DS.

Cancellations and changes
If you wish to cancel or make any changes to your bookings without being charged, please ensure they are made online 2 weeks prior to the dates you require your child to attend. Cancellations will not be accepted after this date.

Payments
Payment for holiday programs will be debited from your nominated bank account or credit card weekly.

What choices are there everyday:
- Special theme (see specific days)
- Fully stocked art and craft supplies
- Sports games and equipment
- Toys and games

CCV/CCR:
If you wish to claim Childcare Benefits (CCB) and the 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR) you must be registered with the Family Assistance Office. Ph: 13 61 50

Late Bookings
To avoid a late booking fee of $10, please book online at least 5 calendar days before your child’s attendance.

Activity Cancellations
In the event that an Excursion or an Incursion is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.

Important information before making your bookings:
Incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee. Incursions are provided and charged for each child that attends that session whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at oshclub.com.au