Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK
Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to those returning to Pinewood. I’m sure you will enjoy your time at our school. Our new Preps were thrilled to have the extra support of their Year 6 buddies today and have made a great start to their time at Pinewood.

NEW STAFF
We welcome eleven new teachers to our school for 2017. Mr Andrew Thomas our Acting Assistant Principal, Ms Olivia Adcock and Ms Sophie Miteff teaching Prep, Ms Sophie MacDonald and Ms Jessica Sexton teaching Year 1, Ms Rebecca Jach teaching Year 2, Ms Delany Cruse teaching Year 3, Mr Bernie Wong teaching Year 4, Mr Nathan Walsh teaching PE, (as Mr Byron will be on leave from end Term 1) and Ms Sally Kohne who will be working as a part time teacher aide. Welcome back also to Mrs Nadia DeGregorio, (returning from Family Leave), who will be working as part time Literacy support teacher.

STUDENT LEADERS for 2017
Our student leaders were announced at our final assembly at the end of last year. The students will be presented with their leadership badges at a special presentation assembly on Monday, 20th February at 2.45pm. Congratulations to the following Year 6 students for gaining leadership positions for 2017.

School Captains: Abhi K and Lachlan S
House Captains
Dampier: Ashlea T and Patrick S
Cook: Lucia I and Yathvin Y
Flinders: Zoe M and Harvey C
Sturt: Adi P and Gemma W
Sports Captains: Dylan S and Aarana M
Arts Captains: Olivia E and Jonathan T
Music Captains: Lithasha P and Isabella K
Environmental/Science Leaders: Elly Mc and Amanda F
ICT Captains: Ali A, Kelvin F and Moumal A
Library Captains: Dania A and Hiba A
PRINCIPAL VISITS- from Seoul, Korea
Our School Captains, Abhi and Lachlan, assisted me in welcoming visitor, Mrs Park, from Sin Jeong Primary School in Seoul, Korea, to our school yesterday. Mrs Park was recently the principal of Sin Jeong PS, one of the largest elementary schools in the world, with a student population of 2,100 students. Makes Pinewood PS look small in comparison!

NEW PORTABLE – DELAYED COMPLETION
One of our new portables arrived last week to house two Year 3 classes. Unfortunately, the portable will not be refurbished for another week. Until the portable is complete the students will be located in the library/computer and Science areas.

CREATING OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAM
Pinewood students have been participating in our ‘Creating Our Learning Community’, program. Our inclusive program is designed to build on the new Victorian Curriculum domains of Personal and Social learning, Civics and Citizenship and Australian History. The program also assists students with settling into their new classes, making new friends and the building of a great teaching and learning environment for the children. Teachers have planned various class activities designed to promote student engagement and enhance each child’s sense of belonging to their new group. A great way to commence the year!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Pinewood Primary School has a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The purpose of the Emergency Management Plan (EMP) is to provide a detailed plan of how Pinewood Primary School will prepare and respond to emergency situations. The EMP applies to all staff, students, visitors, contractors and volunteers at Pinewood. As part of our COMPASS technology we also have the capacity to send bulk SMS and/or email messages to parents in an emergency. A ‘test’ bulk SMS message will be sent early next week to all new and existing families at Pinewood PS, as part of our EMP communication process.

PARENTS CLUB MEETING
Our first Parents Club meeting will be held on Monday 13th February at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. All parents welcome!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Getting to Know you meetings.
We will be conducting short Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 15th February. These will be “Getting to Know You” interviews to enable parents to meet their child’s new teacher and inform the teacher of any medical or other issues that may be pertinent to their schooling. Times for interviews are to be booked through the Compass program. All families will receive a notice regarding this process.

‘You Can Do It’ Program – GETTING ALONG
This term our school will be focusing on the ‘You Can Do It’ program area of ‘Getting Along’.
The students will be learning about the following habits of thinking:
1. Playing by the rules
2. Thinking first before you act
3. Being tolerant of others, and
4. Being a socially responsible person

Getting Along could look like the following behaviours:
♦ Working and playing together cooperatively (collaboration and teaming)
♦ Sharing and taking turns (conflict resolution skills)
♦ Behaving well towards each other (being respectful, responsible, caring, honest)
♦ Following important rules of the classroom and the school
♦ Doing things to make your classroom and school cleaner and safer (citizenship)

ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Important Information - Student Accident and Private Property Insurance
The Department of Education and Training (DET), and government schools do not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

The Department of Education and Training also
does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. Students are advised not to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school and are not allowed to bring any electronic toys and games to school.

EARLY DROP OFF / LATE PICK UP BY PARENTS
Please do not drop children at the school before 8.45am in the morning as there are no staff on duty before this time. If parents are going to be late arriving to pick up their child we would appreciate a phone call to notify the office. If a parent does not arrive to pick up a student the classroom teacher will look after them in the classroom until 3.45pm. After this time the student will be taken to OSHC (Aftercare) and again the parents will be invoiced for this session.

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 of 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

Tennis Open Day
MCC Glen Iris Valley and Vida Tennis would like to invite you to try tennis with us at our FREE Tennis Open Day.
Sunday 5th Feb 11am - 2pm
Kids Hot Shots Lessons Membership Specials
Intro Lesson for all Jumping Castle for kids
Juniors from 3 years old & Adults Sausage Sizzle
If you can not make it on the day, contact us to organise another time.
Angelo 0407 477 798 or info@vidatennis.com.au

RESPECT SELF CONFIDENCE INTEGRITY RESPONSIBILITY OPTIMISM
**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

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**KARATE Classes**

Free Uniform—Book in Early!!  
Bookings available for term 1, 2017

**LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY**

**THURSDAYS:**  
ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ESSEX ROAD, MOUNT WAVERLEY  
JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS; 6:30PM TO 7:45PM  
TEENAGERS & ADULTS: 6:30PM TO 8:15PM

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First Class is Free - Phone 9887 4098

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**CLAYTON STREET FESTIVAL & Hawkers Night Market**

Sunday 12 February
12noon - 5pm
Clayton Road, Clayton

Hawker’s Night Market
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