Dear Parents,

Creating Our Learning Community Program—2017
The students have really enjoyed participating in the activities planned for them at the start of the school year. The program assists students with settling into their new classes, making new friends and the building of a great teaching and learning environment. Below are some photos of students in 4C working on our community art project and girls and boys in Year 2 and 5 enjoying one of the many fun events.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- Book on COMPASS
Parent Teacher – getting to know you interviews will be taking place next Wednesday 15th February. Please remember these are “getting to know you” interviews and therefore you should not expect to receive information on how your child is progressing academically. Instead you can expect to hear how your child has settled into class and learn about classroom routines. In exchange, teachers would like to learn about the interests and hobbies students may have and find out about any medical conditions that may be relevant to the child’s learning. Interviews will only be for ten minutes. If you or the teacher feels more time is needed, a further appointment can be arranged.

BADGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY
On Monday 20th February, we will be conducting a badge presentation ceremony for our Year 6 Student Captains and Junior School Council leaders. Julia Banks MP will be our guest at the assembly and will present students with their badges. The assembly will commence at 2.45 pm in the hall.

Parents of students receiving a leadership badge will be notified in the coming weeks. An afternoon tea for school leaders and their parents will be conducted in the staffroom after the ceremony.

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**Calendar**

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HOT WEATHER
Summer has returned this week and the weather has been very warm. Please ensure that your children apply sun screen before coming to school and remember to bring their hats. Also encourage them to drink plenty of water on these days. Whenever the weather is particularly hot (at 34 degrees) we hold a “hot day timetable” where the students stay inside in air-conditioned comfort during lunchtime.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—STUDENT ACCIDENT & 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.

School Council Elections 2017
On behalf of the Pinewood school community, I would like to thank our retiring School Council members for the generous and valued contribution they have made to our school.

In this week’s newsletter I am calling for nominations for School Council. There are six parent vacancies and one Teacher vacancy. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested to apply. I would also ask those who are completing their term of office to consider standing again.

Nomination forms where given out to students today to take home and the forms are also available from the school office. This year we have six Parent vacancies and one DET Employee vacancy. Council members whose term of office expires this month are:

**Parent members: 2 year position**
- Cherilynne Kingston
- Sorin Ardeleanu
- Andrew Van Oosterwijck
- Paul Barbaro

**DET member:** Ryan Bolger

**Parent Members: 1 year position**
(The following positions are one year vacancy as the current SC member’s child has now moved on to Secondary College)
- Geoff Williams
- Mick Daly

I would like to encourage anyone who may be interested to nominate themselves for council. Please find a Self - nomination form in the pack sent home today.

The timeline below is part of the ‘Notice of Election’.

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| Monday February 27th  | The Principal will display names of the candidates, their nominators and seconders, and take appropriate steps to either commence the ballot process if needed, declare candidates elected, or call for further nominations |
|                       | If any additional nominations are required, they close at 4:00pm March 2nd |
|                       | If the number of nominations is more than required, steps will be taken to commence the ballot requirements |

| Thursday March 2nd    | If needed Ballot papers prepared and distributed.         |
| Tuesday March 7th     | Ballots close at 4:00pm; votes counted Wednesday 8th March and ballot declared and all candidates contacted by 10th March. |
| Tuesday March 21st    | First meeting of new School Council, AGM - Co-option Meeting 6.30 in the Staff Room. |
Parents should note that advertisements that appear in the newsletter are not necessarily the views of the school council or staff. These services are in no way connected to the Department of Education and are included according to relevance and interest to the school community.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 40kph SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

More Information About School Council

What is a school council and what does it do?

- All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

- Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

- Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

- The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

- No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

- The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

- If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

- DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

- Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

- If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Karen Jenkin
Principal
My First Week and a half at Pinewood PS.

I thought I would take the opportunity in the newsletter this week to introduce myself to the wider Pinewood community.

Firstly, thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome during my first weeks at the school. It has been wonderful getting to know the staff and students, and whilst it will take me a while with everyone’s name, I’m certainly getting there, and trying very hard! I’m greatly looking forward to being involved with all the wonderful activities coming up throughout the year, and getting to know the Pinewood families more.

There has been a real buzz around the school already with so many terrific activities, and it has been amazing to be part of the passion from the students and our staff. I have had a number of students approaching in the yard, telling me about their classroom activities, and the occasional one wanting to talk about the AFL and the AFLW, and in particular the Demons. Hopefully at the end of the year we’ll be discussing the football with the same enthusiasm!

With a young family my out of hours activities include playing with blocks, reading picture story books and swinging on the swing. It has been an exciting 12 months for me, with the birth of my son Flynn 11 months, and now moving to Pinewood, both fantastic, and only one waking me up at 3am in the morning!

Please feel free to contact me at the school whenever you need to, my office door is always open.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Andrew Thomas
Assistant Principal.

School Uniform Shop Sale

As you will be aware, our uniform purchases have now been moved from the school, to PSW in Mount Waverley. As this is the case we have a number of items in our stock at the school that we are able to sell to families for half price. We do have a range of sizes, but the majority would fit students in Years 3-6.

The uniform shop will be open for sales on Monday 20th February from 3-3.45pm. Otherwise contact PSW for all of your uniform needs.

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
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Pinewood Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to hand in the deposit wallet to your teacher.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

ANZ HOT SHOTS

Start playing now!

TOP HIT TENNIS COACHING

Mayfield Park TC (Mount Waverley)  
Glen Waverley TC (behind Monash Aquatic Centre)

- Group Lessons (no more than 4 on court)  
- Semi-Private Lessons (2 on court)  
- Private Lessons (one on one)  
- All Ages Welcome.  
- Competition Teams Available  
- Junior Hot Shot Tennis: softer balls, lower nets, makes learning more fun.

0417 327 880

TCAV CLUB PROFESSIONAL

CONTACT: Brad Hasler on 0417 327 880 or brad_hasler@yahoo.com.au

RESPECT  SELF CONFIDENCE  INTEGRITY  RESPONSIBILITY  OPTIMISM
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
- Intro Lesson for all
- Juniors from 3 years old & Adults
- Membership Specials
- Jumping Castle for kids
- Sausage Sizzle

If you cannot make it on the day, contact us to organise another time.
Angelo 0407 477 798 or info@vidatennis.com.au

Summer Market

Saturday 11th February
11am - 3pm

Craft stalls,
Craft activities,
Face painting,
Story time (1pm)
Ice cream van
and cafe.

Our Little Caravan and Notting Hill Neighbourhood House
37-39 Westerfield Drive

Waverley Blues Football Club
Registration Night

Monday 13th February 2017
6:00pm-8:30pm

Mt Waverley Reserve, Charles Street, Mt Waverley

Are you interested in playing football this season?

This year we will have teams in
Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17
(Boys) and
U12, U16 Girls Teams
New Players Welcome!

Register online:
https://membership.sportsg.com/regform.cgi?afID=7742&bKey=51ab4022e212
a506281d533b08f2da7&clid=23729&formID=36056

For more information about the Blues visit our website
http://wbfc.com.au
Enquiries please call the Secretary - Cathy
on 0419 365 060
or email waverleybluesjnrf@efl.org.au
Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am very excited to offer students from Pinewood Primary School the opportunity to join the lunch time Drama Club. The club will be held once a week, at school, during lunch time and run for 45min. Classes are open to students from Year 1 to Year 6 and will either be split between junior and senior or run as one class, depending on numbers.

During these classes children will gain a good insight into all genres of theater. I will be using a unique mix of drama, dance and singing specially formulated to bring out every child's true potential. I'll focus on your child’s enthusiasm and engagement in the activities rather than their precision and be with them every step of the way to guide, inspire and encourage.

As well as having fun in these classes, your child will enjoy the benefits of greater confidence, improved concentration and an increased awareness of what they can achieve. During the year students will also have the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt.

Club Aims:

- **The 4 Cs (confidence, concentration, coordination and communication)**

- **Encourage speaking confidently and fluently.**
  The performing arts are well known for helping children to speak more clearly, listen more attentively and develop a wider vocabulary.

- **Improve reading and creative writing skills**
  They will learn to create images in their minds while reading, and develop their imagination. Helping improve their creative writing.

- **Develop coordination, agility and poise**
  Motor skills, balance, coordination and sense of rhythm will all be enhanced by dance.

- **Build a colorful imagination**
  Imagination is vital in giving your child the ability to deal with everyday feelings and problems.

- **Social Skills**
  In addition to the dance and drama, this club will focus on strong values. Commitment to sessions and pre-productions rehearsals, working together as a group to achieve a final product, all build towards individual and collective self-esteem. The club's aim is to add value to the already diverse curriculum to ensure that students receive a well-rounded educational experience. It is also the perfect environment for lasting friendships to flourish.
My background:

Celia Kemp

In 1995 I completed my Bachelor of Performing Arts at the Pretoria University in South Africa. I have had a career in the performing arts spanning over 20 years. Professionally I took part in various stage productions, films and the South African soap opera “Egoli”. I have received awards in both stage and television. As well as acting I also directed various stage productions. In 1997 I wrote, directed and also performed in a children’s production that successfully toured throughout South Africa and England.

In 1998 I moved to London after landing a role in a stage production as part of the Ealing Broadway Production Company. In 2001 I took a break from acting to concentrate on starting a family. In 2009 we immigrated to Australia. During my time here I started a Dance and Drama Club at Mount Waverley Primary School and directed 3 of their school productions.

I have a diploma in Child Development from the Open University of England and have worked with children for over 15 years. Combining my love for the performing arts and working with children I have created these Drama Clubs because I know that through performing arts we can allow children to express themselves in ways they might not have thought possible.

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Each child will have one class per week. Classes will be held during lunch times. Term fees are $125 per term and have to be paid in advance of the term. Term 1 will start week beginning the 6th February 2017.

If you are interested in your child joining The Drama Club please complete the enrolment form and return it to the school office. Alternatively you can also email your form to celia@planet359.com.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with the talented children of Pinewood Primary School.

Celia Kemp
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