



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

March

4th WORKING BEE

6th ASSEMBLY 9.15am FOR READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH

7th Twilight Sports BBQ

7th Twilight Sports 6pm-7.30pm

10th Year 2 Healthy Food Day

13th Labour Day Public Holiday. No students to attend on this day.

14th CURRICULUM DAY—No students to attend on this day

15th School Nurse to attend Pinewood

21st School Council AGM 7pm

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23rd School Photos

24th District Athletics

27th No assembly on this day

28th Year 6 Excursion- Old Treasury Building

29th Harmony Day

31st Term 1 ends. School finishes at 2.30pm on this day.

April

14th Good Friday

17th Easter Monday

18th Term 2 begins, 9am.

25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday. No students to attend on this day.

May

2nd Year 3 Excursion to the RSPCA

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT

Thank you for all the nominations submitted for School Council vacancies. School Councillors are elected for 2 years and each year half of our School Council members come up for nomination or, if they wish, retirement.



Karen Jenkin
Principal

In all we received 9 nominations for 6 parent member positions (the 6 School Council positions being; four positions for 2 year parent vacancies and two positions for 1 year parent vacancies).

The parent nominations are: Sorin Ardeleanu, Dennis Duval, Steve Ellis, Aaron Gillet, Cherilynne Kingston, Cindy Lowe, Ashuar Syed, Saboora Waris, and Ying Wu.

Each candidate has been asked to provide a brief statement describing their skills and experience, including what they have to offer to the school. These statements are included in the ballot papers.

The four parent candidates receiving the most votes at the time of ballot closure will automatically fulfil the four 2 year parent positions on School Council.

We received 1 teacher nomination for 1 teacher vacancy. The DET / teacher nomination is Ryan Bolger and I declare that Ryan is duly elected to the teacher position.

A ballot of the school community will be held for the parent vacancies and the relevant papers have been sent home to all families today, Thursday 2 March, via their children. Please contact the school office if this is not received. The ballot closes at **4.00pm** on **Tuesday, 7th March** and votes will be counted on Wednesday, **8th March**.

WORKING BEE- POSTPONED

We have been informed that building works will be required to be carried out Saturday, 4th March, regarding the portable that arrived at the school today. This will involve trucks and possibly small tractors working around the portable area and moving around the oval - as such, it will be unsafe to conduct a Working Bee at the school at the same time construction works are happening. I have therefore postponed the Working Bee until the construction work is complete. Thank you for your understanding.

TWILIGHT SPORTS – NEXT WEEK

We will be holding our Twilight Sports evening on Tuesday, 7th March, commencing at approximately 6.00pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for parents to meet other families from the school and it is usually a great social occasion. Activities will take place on the



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oval. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Our Parents Club will be holding a barbecue during the evening selling sausages and drinks to our families. I look forward to seeing you all there.

REMINDER- EVACUATION DRILL REHERSAL TOMORROW

Once each term the whole school rehearses a different safety drill as part of our Emergency Management Plan.

On Friday March 3rd, we will be holding the first of our drills. The whole school will participate in an internal to external evacuation to the oval at 10.40 am. Any adults on the premises at that time will be required to participate in the drill as well.

REMINDER- PUBLIC HOLIDAY, MONDAY, 13th MARCH & CURRICULUM DAY - TUESDAY, 14th MARCH

Monday, 13th March is a public holiday and on Tuesday 14th March the school will be conducting a Curriculum Day and as such the school will not be open to students on these days. The Out of School Hours Program will

ASSEMBLY MONDAY 6th MARCH

On Monday 6th March, assembly will be held at 9.15 am rather than 2.45 pm. We have invited a guest speaker to talk to the students about reading and the Reader's Challenge program. Parents are welcome to attend.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER- Building the Capacity of Resilience

Having a falling out with a friend, losing close sports events or being on the end of an unkind comment, at times seem like events from which children will never recover. Maybe even considered by the child as a catastrophe! Occasionally children become serial catastrophisers.

Parents can help 'catastrophisers' learn to change their perspective when things go wrong and help build the capacity of resilience in their children. I hope you find the article interesting.

Help kids change their perspective when things go wrong

If your child is a serial 'catastrophiser', always seeing the worst case in a negative situation, try to change their thinking so they learn to keep things in perspective. Ask them the following questions to challenge your child's catastrophic thinking:

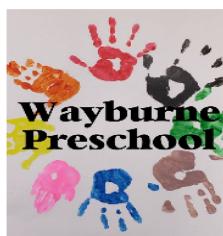
- ◆ **'What's the most likely scenario?'** Sometimes it's useful to introduce a dose of old-fashioned rational thinking for those

kids who always assume the worst will happen to them. 'Yep, you could break your leg if you go skiing. But the odds are that you won't.'

- ◆ **'You may be right, but does it really matter?'** One way to help hard-core catastrophisers is to admit that they could be right, but then ask them to imagine that the worst possible scenario actually happens. Then challenge them to understand that even the worst possible scenario is not so bad after all. This is the type of reality check many kids need.
- ◆ **'Where does this fit on the disaster meter?'** Catastrophisers tie themselves in a knot about relatively insignificant things. Okay, making a fool out of themselves when they give a talk at school may not be insignificant to kids, but there are plenty of worse things that could happen. Help them get some perspective by giving their worry a score out of ten on how important the issue really is.
- ◆ **'Is that helpful thinking?'** Sometimes kids' thinking is so out of whack with reality that they become anxious about minor things. Thinking things such as, 'Everyone must like me,' 'I must never make a mistake' and 'Bad things always happen to me' are extreme and need to be replaced by more moderate, realistic thoughts, such as, 'It would be nice if everyone liked me but not everyone will.' It's important to have some good friends.'

Karen Jenkin
Principal

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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

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH 2017

Celebrating our previous success and to launch the official start of the Premiers' Reading Challenge for 2017 we are fortunate enough to have Michael Wagner visiting us on Monday, 6th March. **On this day assembly will be changed to 9.15 and parents/carers are welcome to attend.**



At Pinewood P.S. we encourage all the children to take part in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. To facilitate this, all students are registered for the Challenge. The P.R.C will open on this day and will end on the 25th August, 2017.

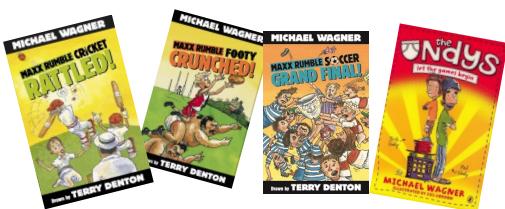
In Prep, 1 and 2 you must read 30 books (20 must be from the published list) and 3-6 15 books (10 must be from the published list).



Don't forget that in the library Prep -2 books have red stickers, 3-4 have green stickers and 5-6 have purple stickers.

We would like the students to dress up for the day in the appropriate colours according to their year level.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation. The money collected will go towards supporting the Aboriginal Literacy Fund.



For more information go to:
michaelwagner.com.au/
www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/
www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org/

Hip! Hip! Hooray! for reading and thanking you for your support.

Helen Dent and Linda Hayden



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Saanvi M. Prep R

For her enthusiastic attitude towards all learning activities and for being a kind and helpful class member. Well done Saanvi!

Natalia G. Prep M

Congratulations on a fantastic start to school! Natalia always listens carefully and has a positive attitude.

Alana R. Prep P

For a wonderful start to school! Alana always tries her best when undertaking any task. Well done Alana!

Janelle L. Prep H

For a fabulous start to Prep! Janelle always works very hard to do her best. Well done Janelle!

Hannah F. 2M

For the wonderful effort she has made during Literacy activities. Well done Hannah!

Maddison L. 3K

For always being ready to learn by being organised and carefully following instructions.

Thanvi B. Prep A

For a fabulous start to Prep and for always being kind and caring towards others. Well done Thanvi!

Emily H. 4M

For her kind and considerate nature and for going out of her way to help others. Well done Emily.

Nicolas D. 6H

For a willingness to assist around the class and the fantastic help he provided during the leadership presentation.

Daniel S. 4C

For having a positive attitude towards his learning and for giving new things a go. Well done!

Veronika M. 4W

Veronika has made a fantastic beginning to the year! She has been very confidently applying herself in all aspects of schooling! Well done!

Leah C. 3C

For completing an excellent oral presentation by speaking clearly and confidently. Great effort!

Layla C. 2R

For showing a 'You Can Do It' attitude during classroom activities by taking pride in her work and for always displaying excellent listening skills. Keep up the fantastic work Layla!

Zara F. 1K

For the consistent effort you put into your work tasks and for your beautiful manners.

Helya S. 5R

For being a responsible class member and for being proactive with her learning. Well done Helya, it's great to see you putting in extra effort.

Belinda F. 2G

For consistently putting in your best effort in everything you do. Keep up the fantastic work.

Gurnaaz K. 2J

For consistently putting in her best effort in all the work she completes. Keep it up Gurnaaz!

Sophia M. 1H

For making an excellent attempt in her journal writing. Well done Sophia!

Natalia V. 3BM

For your brilliant improvement last week in both spelling and the time tables challenge. Well done!

Marcus C. 1JK

For your beautiful manners and wonderful listening skills. You consistently work well during class time to complete your work. Well done!

Sethumi F. 5C

For demonstrating responsibility and optimism in Maths lessons by completing all tasks set to a high standard and with a smile on your face. Keep up the positive attitude!

Dhasindu G. 5C

For demonstrating responsibility and optimism in Maths lessons by completing all tasks set to a high standard and with a smile on your face. Keep up the positive attitude!

Benny Z. 1S

For being a reliable and responsible member of our class, who is always willing to volunteer to lend a helping hand.

Eva P. 1M

For always trying her hardest in all school activities.



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**Sustainability
Victoria**



Pinewood and the ResourceSmart Schools Program

A big thank you to all those people who completed our sustainability survey late last year.

Pinewood and the ResourceSmart Schools Program

*Pinewood is seeking **interested parents** to join teachers and students in our Sustainability Group. You may be unable to come to meetings but are able to contribute in some other way.*

*We meet regularly (but not too often!) We discuss how our school can leave a smaller “environmental footprint”. We look for **achievable and engaging actions** for our children and the school community.*

*If interested please contact **Greg Tate** or leave*

A big thank you to all those people who completed our sustainability survey late last year.

ResourceSmart Schools is a state government program that encourages schools to :

- ◆ reduce the amounts of **WATER** and **ENERGY** they use
- ◆ reduce the amounts of **WASTE** they send to landfill
- ◆ increase the **RECYCLING** of paper, plastics, glass and food scraps
- ◆ increase **HABITAT** for native plants and animals in the school grounds

Pinewood is sponsored by United Energy.

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1

Tuesday, 31st January - 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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CURRICULUM DAY TUESDAY, 14th MARCH

At after school care this week we played Fruit Salad, Musical Statues, Octopus, Ship to Shore as well as making Seahorses, Box bugs, Paper bag frogs, Trash monsters.

We ate fruit platters, Crackers and dip ,Berries and Yoghurt and jelly cups.

Please remember to make your bookings for curriculum day on Monday, 14th March. We open at 7:15 am as usual.

Parents will receive an email from our head office in reference to bookings for curriculum day, please book online as soon as you receive the email to secure your booking.

Parents are also reminded to book online for Before and After school care as we need the necessary information about your children before they attend.

Lunch Time Drama Club



Starts Term 2 - 2017

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 every **Monday**, at school, during lunch time and run for 45min. Classes are open to students from Year 1 to Year 6.

Classes start Monday 24th April. Places are limited!

For enrolment forms or if you have any questions please contact Celia Kemp on 0425124772 or email: celia@planet359.com



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Parents Club News

ZOOPER DOOPER DAY

Thank you to the following Parents that helped us serve Zooper Doopers last Friday with the help of student leaders Ashleigh, Abby, Lachlan and Dylan. Thanks to Robyn F, Diana M, Koula Giannakis, Leigh, Anna Duff, Lucy Walker, Sadike Miller and Lisa Strong.



Competition details went out earlier this week for this exciting **annual competition** where one lucky student will win a **GOLDEN TICKET** to use at all our events. **Students will have until Friday 10th March** to send in their design on A4 paper – Good Luck!

We also sent home a **Parent Helper Form**. Please hand back in as soon as possible as we really need your help and the children love seeing their parents helping out at school if they can! Just a reminder all parents need a valid Working with Children



Working with
Children Check

Check (WWC) if you wish to help out at school either at parents club events or even for reading and helping the classroom teachers. Please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au or speak to the School Office to find out more. The Working with Children Check Guide has been translated into a number of languages available to download online:-

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| हिन्दी - Hindi | Tiêng Việt - Vietnamese | ကြံ့ကျွန်း - Karen | اردو - Urdu |
| ខ្មែរ - Khmer | | | |

N.B. If you already have a valid WWC please take it to the office as soon as possible as the Office need to have a copy on file before you can help at any events this year.



Coming up in Term 1!



TWILIGHT Sports SIZZLE

NEXT Tuesday 7th March

Sausages and refreshments will be on sale at the Annual Twilight Sports Night

PARENTS COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Wednesday 29th March

This is a fun morning where Pinewood Parents are invited to prepare, cook and share their favourite national dishes from around the world, helping celebrate the cultural diversity of the Pinewood Community – Details to follow.



END OF TERM EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be sent home next week for students to sell, if they so wish, with the chance of winning a chocolate Hamper to take home in time for Easter.

Draw will take place at End of Term assembly – Details Next Week

**END OF TERM
PJ Day
Friday, 31st march
For a gold coin donation—come in your PJ's!!**

