



22nd February 2018

What's On.....

FEBRUARY

- 23rd School Nurse Visit
- 26th Prep children commence full time school.
- 27th-2nd School Nurse Visit
- 27th Parent Information Curriculum Evening

MARCH

- 6th Year 6 Excursion to Old Melbourne Jail 6C & 6U
- 6th Twilight Sports
- 7th Year 6 Excursion to Old Melbourne Jail 6D & 6H
- 12th Labour Day Public Holiday. No children to attend on this day.**
- 14th Year 2 Yoga Incursion
- 19th Curriculum Day. No children to attend on this day.**
- 21st Year 2 Yoga Incursion
- 22nd School photos
- 23rd SDSSA Athletics Yrs 3-6
- 26th Year 2 Healthy Living Incursion
- 28th HARMONY DAY
- 29th End of Term 1. School finishes at 2.30pm.

APRIL

- 16th Term 2 begins
- 25th ANZAC Day
- 27th Winter Sport for Year 6

MAY

- 4th Winter Sport for Year 6
- 9th Year 4 Water Incursion
- 10th Mothers Day High Tea
- 11th Mothers Day Stall**
- 18th SDSSA Cross Country

Principal's Message

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.

In all, we received 13 nominations for four parent member positions (the four School Council positions being four positions for 2 year parent vacancies)

The parent nominations (in alphabetical order of surname) are: Craig Armstrong, Sue Bleeker Tim Day, Dennis Duval, Steve Ellis, Gary Hoskin, Satbir Kaur, Laura Litcanu, Kylie Phillips, Mark Rogers, Neelam Shah, Khadeejah Usman, and Yejun (Eric) Wang.

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 will be 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 Sandra McGregor and I declare that Sandra is duly elected to the teacher position.

A ballot of the school community will be held for the parent vacancies and the relevant papers will be sent home to all families on Monday 26th February, via the children. Please contact the school office if this is not received.

The ballot closes at **4.00pm on Monday, 5th March** and votes will be counted on Tuesday 6th March. Candidates will be notified and the results declared.

The first meeting of the new school council will be on Tuesday, 20th March 2018.

REMINDER- Parent Curriculum Information Evening on Tuesday 27th February

We invite parents to come along to listen to a presentation of information about your child's year level programs and routines for 2018. Each presentation will be approximately 35- 40 minutes in duration.

YEAR LEVEL	TIME	VENUE
Prep	6.00pm- 6.45	Prep Area - FLS
Year 1	6.00pm-6.45	Hall
Year 2	6.45pm- 7.30	Hall
Year 3	6.45 pm -7.30	Prep Area- FLS
Year 4	7.30pm - 8.15	Prep Area - FLS
Year 5	7.30pm – 8.15	Hall
Year 6	7.30pm -8.15	YR 6 Area- FLS



PREP STUDENTS

Next Monday, 26th February, our Prep students commence their first full week of school. How exciting!

Principal's Corner

There are many ways we can help our child build emotional resilience. The following article from 'Wellbeing for Kids', suggests some practical ways parents/carers can encourage emotionally resilient behaviour in their children.

Building emotionally resilient behaviour

One very powerful way is to give behaviour specific feedback to your child when you see them behaving or thinking in a resilient manner. Children love to hear specifically what they are doing that is on the right track rather than just hearing generalisations such as 'well done' or 'you did well'. Here are some examples of giving specific feedback for emotionally resilient behaviours:

Ways to praise your child for emotionally resilient behavior:

- * "I can see that even though you are a bit nervous, you are going to try to do it anyway"
- * "Even though you are finding this hard, you are not getting too sad about it"
- * "I can see you are choosing not to get into a fight"
- * "Good for you, you didn't let yourself get too angry"
- * "You've learned how not to get too worried"
- * "You see, you can get through something that seems scary"
- * "Even though you didn't know how to play the new game, you didn't worry and you kept on trying"

Give lots of BSF (Behaviour Specific Feedback)

Behaviour – the behaviour they are doing that shows resilience and/or confidence.

Specific – be very specific e.g. "I like the way you went up and spoke to the new girl in the class – that was really confident!"

Feedback – Verbally praise when you see it. You are giving feedback as a "resilience" coach and children need guidance and positive praise when they are on the right path!

Subtle ways of giving feedback

Children need a lot of guidance around all sorts of behaviour and this needs to be constant and consistent. Children look to adults to get feedback on their behaviour even though they may not be aware of this. The feedback they get from you is one of the most powerful ways we can encourage resilient responses to setbacks. Our feedback can be very specific as explained above, but it can also be subtle and just as powerful. If we respond in a very anxious way to small setbacks our children are having the message is clear to children: I need to be anxious about this as well – if mum or dad is worried about this, then I need to be as well. The messages we give our children through our own emotional reactions teach children how to cope with life's difficulties and they often learn how handle difficulties by observing our own behaviour.

**If you would like to find out more about building resilience in children come to our
Parent Seminar on the 5 Secrets to build confidence and resilience:
7pm Thursday 22nd March**

For further information and to register for this seminar just follow the [LINK](#)
If you are unable to book for the seminar via the link, please contact the school.

Karen Jenkin
Principal



HELPING WITH READING



One of the wonderful things about Pinewood is the support we get from parents. Every year we have a large number of parents who volunteer to listen to students read. An important part of our Literacy program is giving the students the opportunity to read on a daily basis at home and at school. With teachers and parents working together, we can achieve this objective.

This year we would like to speak to all of our volunteers before they start hearing the students read. It can be quite different listening to and supporting a child who is not your own. There can be a huge range of abilities in one class. Different things help the students at different stages of their development. We decided that it would be easier if I spoke to groups of parents rather than asking teachers to speak to parents individually. This ensures everyone is getting the same information.

Over the next few weeks I will be holding some information sessions in the Prep FLS from 9.00am-9.30am. There will be a session on every day but please check the dates carefully. You only need to attend one session and then you can start hearing students read at school at a time that suits you and the class teacher.

The first session will be held this Friday, February 23rd. There will also be sessions on Monday February 26th, Wednesday February 28th, Tuesday March 6th and Thursday March 8th. Please come to the Prep FLS at 9.00am on the day you choose to attend.

Helen Dent
Leading Teacher English

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

The Science Teachers' Association of Victoria have been running a competition called '**Science Talent Search**' for 66 years. Primary School categories are – Lower (Foundation – Year 2), Middle Primary (Years 3 & 4) and Upper (Years 5 & 6). There are small cash prizes and different categories of awards in recognition of students' efforts.



SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

'**Science Talent Search**' promotes **independent project work**, and **communication** of science to a wider audience.

Entries can be submitted in the following sections:

Posters (scientific wallchart)	Working models	Experimental research
Creative writing	Games	Inventions
Computer programs	Science photography	Video production
Class project		

Key dates:

Registration opens – Monday **26 February**

Entries close – Monday **28 May** (except *experimental research & creative writing* which is Friday **20 July**)

Judging day – Saturday **4 August**

Exhibition & Presentation day – Monday **29 October**

I would encourage students with a keen interest in science to 'have a go' and enter. Use some screen time to follow a passion. Students can research an area of interest, test an idea or build a model. I will register students and offer ongoing assistance.

For further details go to www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts

Greg Tate
Science Co-ordinator



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Thursday 20 February 2018

Thanks to your feedback we have received some great fundraising ideas for this year which will be confirmed after our **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 7:00pm** at Pinewood School. All Parents are welcome to the AGM so if you would like to become more involved in the Club, or just want to find out more, please come along in March.

Coming up in Term 1

Parents Club Banner Competition



Details went out this week about our exciting **Annual Competition** to win the coveted **GOLDEN TICKET** - where one Junior and one Senior School student win free access to ALL our 2018 Parents Club events. (Prize includes FREE sausages, pizza, disco tickets etc.) **Students have until Friday 9th March** to send in their design on A4 paper – So get creative and good luck!

TWILIGHT SPORTS NIGHT

Tuesday 6th March

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



PARENTS WELCOME MORNING

Wednesday 28th March

In the last week of term we are celebrating this year's Harmony Day and as well as having a day of events for students, Pinewood Parents are invited to prepare, cook and share their favourite national dishes from around the world, helping us to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Pinewood Community

More information will be announced next week



END OF TERM EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

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

The Draw will take place at End of Term assembly – Details to follow



END OF TERM FUN - PJ DAY J

Thursday 29th March

For a gold coin donation - come to school in your PJs!!

**PLEASE REMEMBER
THE 40kph SPEED
LIMIT AROUND THE
SCHOOL**

UNIFORM

Pinewood Primary School uniforms are now available from:

PSW

288-290 Stephenson Rd, Mount Waverley
Phone: 9768 0335



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Ross M. **5D**
For demonstrating a 'You Can Do It' approach and an independent attitude towards school tasks. Well done Ross.

Makaylah P. **6D**
For her great start at Pinewood PS. Makaylah has settled in really well and has given her best effort in all tasks. Well done!

Oviya S. **3L**
For settling well into Pinewood Primary School and for showing confidence during the 'Creating Our Learning Community' activities. Well done!

Elana A. **2M**
For the confidence she demonstrated when presenting her PowerPoint about her pet Charlie.

Harrison Z. **5A**
For showing excellent leadership skills during classroom activities. Harrison was very supportive to his peers and has made a wonderful start to 2018!

Kelly F. **6H**
For the speed and efficiency she has shown when completing work and for the help you have provided around the class.

Sithara D. **2F**
For a wonderful 'Fascinating Friday' presentation on making recycled paper. Sithara presented confidently and enthusiastically.

Nethvin H. **1S**
For demonstrating responsibility and teamwork within the classroom. Keep up the great work.

Aryan A. **2J**
For demonstrating outstanding confidence while presenting his fantastic origami 'Fascinating Friday' presentation.

Ashini K. **2J**
Ashini worked well last week producing work of a high standard. She has made an excellent start to Year 1. Well done Ashini!

Archer F. **2K**
For making an excellent start to the year by displaying great listening and getting along skills. Congratulations on planning and performing a fantastic getting along role-play.

Sharvikka J. **3C**
For showing fantastic confidence and optimism while settling in to Pinewood. Well done on a great start to Grade 3!

Tiana R. **5H**
Fantastic start to the year Tiana. I have been impressed with your positive attitude and ability to try your best at all times. Keep it up!

Olivia S. **3K**
For the outstanding effort you display in everything you do. Well done!

Fedek A. **2T**
For the wonderful confidence she showed in her 'Fascinating Friday' performance. Well done Fedek.

May Y. **4C**
Well done settling in to Pinewood so well and for taking on the challenges your new school offers.

Mark M. **1M**
Well done Mark for always trying your best in all of your school work! Keep up the great work!

Tayla T. **1KW**
For settling in so well to Pinewood Primary School. Well done Tayla!

Minuthi P. **2C**
For consistently staying on task and completing each activity on time. Keep up the great work.

Meining W. **6U**
For settling in so well at Pinewood. It is a pleasure having you in or class Meinung!

Reilly K. **3B**
For demonstrating both the school values and the 'You Can Do It' keys during the first three weeks of the school year.

Myra K. **1D**
For using her manners and making good choices in the classroom.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend school excursion & incursions.

On the first day of term one (29 January 2018) or the first day of term two (18 April 2018), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- **be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card Centrelink Health Care Card Pensioner Concession Card**
- **OR they must be a temporary foster parent**
- **AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.**

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

Payments: \$125 per year for eligible primary school students.

If you applied last year, you do not need to fill out a new form as the application will be rolled over and automatically verified by Centrelink.

CSEF forms are available from the office.



OSHC News

Dear parents and families,

We trust that everyone is settling into the 2018 school year, and a special welcome to our new Prep students! A reminder that OSHClub runs every morning from 7:15am - 8:45am, and every afternoon from 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Bookings can be made online at <https://www.oshclub.com.au/>

As you will be aware, Pinewood Primary School has a curriculum day on Monday March 19. OSHClub will be open as per our Vacation Care hours: 7:15am – 6:00pm. All regular BSC and ASC bookings will be cancelled for this day, and you will need to re-book for this full day. If you have any questions, please visit us during service hours, call us on 0409906462, or call our accounts team on 1300 395 735.

Until next time,

James, Krystle and the Pinewood OSHClub Team"

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Coles Sports for Schools



During the Coles Sports For Schools program, students families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their school from Coles stores across Australia. When the program ends, we can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all of our to get healthy and active at school.

Every \$10 spent at Coles* during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers we collect, the more equipment we could receive.

Start collecting to support our school.

School Banking day is THURSDAY

Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.



Remember, with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.



A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The "Super Savers Grand Prize Competition" (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 41 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on 29/03/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-15 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank "YouthSaver" account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry per person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,666 AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 19/03/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 17/03/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/04/18 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Authorised under NSW Permit No. LPSF 17/03/18, ACT Permit No. ACT 17/10/18 and SA Permit No. 11/17/18/7.