

26th April 2018

What's On.....

APRIL

- 27th Winter Sport for Year 6
- 30th Senior Assembly Yrs 3-6

MAY

- 1st BOOK CLUB DUE**
- 1st Michael Wagner Incursion-Launch of PRC
- 4th Winter Sport for Year 6
- 7th Junior Assembly P-2
- 8th ICAS Testing—Digital Technologies
- 9th Year 4 Water Incursion
- 10th Mothers Day Pamper Session
- 11th Mothers Day Stall**
- 14th Senior Assembly Yrs 3-6
- 15th-17th NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5
- 17th Year 1 Excursion to Yarrabee
- 18th SDSSA Cross Country
- 18th Year 1 Excursion to Yarrabee
- 21st Junior Assembly P-2
- 21st-25th Education Week**
- 21st Year 4 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion
- 23rd Grandparents & Special Friends Morning Tea 9am-11am
- 23rd Open Night for Parents 6pm-8pm
- 25th Winter Sport for Year 6
- 28th Senior Assembly Yrs 3-6
- 29th ICAS Testing-Science
- 31st Prep Incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership

JUNE

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday our School Captains (Taya and James), Vice Captains (Molly and Brad) and Sports Captains (Gemma and Thomas) conducted a wonderful ANZAC Day Commemoration Service over the PA system. Thank you to the many students who were able to bring a flower/ flowers to place at the base of the flag poles at the conclusion of the service, the ground beneath the flags was a blaze of colour.



WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Years 4 to 6 will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period 30th April—11th May, 2018. The survey only takes 40 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school later in the year. All survey data that is made available in reports is for groups of students only, so that no individual student can be identified. Survey results will be communicated to



parents through the annual report.

Last year, we used the survey results to resource the further development of student resilience programs and student voice opportunities.

If you would like more information, please speak to either myself or Sandra McGregor or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

DRIVING and PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Parents are reminded to drive with the extreme care and caution around the school.

Last week, several parents were contacted by authorities for making a U turn on the Pinewood Drive school crossing itself. This is a very dangerous driving practice and potentially compromises the safety of children.

How can you help?

- a. **Find a safe spot** - Make sure you find a safe place to drop your children, away from the main road. Please ensure that they cross at a designated school crossing.
- b. **Plan your day** – Arrive early to beat the traffic. Avoid the need to rush-off and be stressed out.
- c. **Be patient** – Everyone is in a hurry just as you are, be patient and wait for others to move.
- d. **Drive safely** – Be extra cautious and look out for children crossing the road; especially when you are reversing your car (remember to check your rear view mirror before you reverse).
- e. **Look out for others** – Show you care and watch out for others where possible to keep the school a safer place.
- f. **Show and tell** – Teach your children to be careful when exiting the vehicle, including watching out for oncoming cars and for cars parked in the neighbouring lot. Other parents would not be happy to find a dent on their car that can be costly to repair.
- g. **Obey the road rules and parking time limits** – Drive within the speed limit and park in the designated areas. Be considerate of others.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The following article highlights the importance of parents having conversations with their child, not only to stimulate the child's language centre of the brain but to share your ideas and wisdom, whilst gaining an insight as to how the child perceives their world and how they think. Often it can be a challenge to find the opportunity to have "a chat". The following article hints at some ways to encourage the opportunity for conversations to occur at home.

TALKING TO KIDS MAKES THEM SMART by Michael Grose

The links between school achievement and parents' ability to talk with kids from a young age are now well established.

The language stimulation children receive when they talk with parents is one factor. But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us as parents. It is through talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts while also gaining access to a window into their worlds and the way they think.

In the current age of digital distraction, talking with children and young people can be a challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, a plethora of screens competing for attention and kids that clam up at the first sign of a chat are some of the conversation blockers parents must overcome. You need to be proactive and inventive to get some chat going at home. These are some ideas that will help.

1. **Turn screens off.** Are you competing with televisions, computers and electronic games for your kids' attention? If so, take control of the screens to create some conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you have a home full of young hard-core screen junkies.
2. **Turn screens on.** If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder, particularly for older children and teens. Topics can range from "Who's going to win *My Kitchen Rules*?" or



“What happens to the winners of *My Kitchen Rules*?” to “What is the point of *My Kitchen Rules*?”

3. Have regular mealtimes. The family that eats together talks together. Meals are great social occasions – more than just refueling stops. They provide terrific opportunities for families to get together and talk. It’s no coincidence that families who enjoy and appreciate food generally enjoy close relationships as well. However, for this to work it’s important that meals are screen free, so turn off the television and ban phones at the table.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try to get some action happening. Boys, in particular, tend to talk more when they are playing, walking or involved in activity with an adult.

5. Talk with kids on their own turf. Many children will open up in the privacy of their own bedroom where they tend to feel more relaxed and secure. If you have something important to discuss then choose a comfortable place and a time that promotes good conversation.

6. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Travelling together in a car with the radio off, washing the dishes together or playing a game can all provide opportunities for talk. Paradoxically, many teenagers will talk more when they don’t have to concentrate or make eye contact with the other person. That’s why cars can be great conversation catalysts for parents.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. The best communication in families happens when no one is working at it, however busy modern families need to work on their communication rather than leave it to chance.



Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia’s leading parenting educators. He’s the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE -Next week

Next week, May 2, 3 and 4, I will be attending a three day Principal Conference along with Mr Thomas, our Assistant Principal. During our absence, Miss Sandra McGregor and Mrs Helen Dent will be in charge of the school.

Karen Jenkin
Principal



SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce Pinewood’s second students Art Show
WORLD OF ART—A CELEBRATION OF NATIONS
At Pinewood on Wednesday, 5th September 2018
Further details to follow next term!

Francine Combes & Susan Tate, Visual Art Teachers



Coles Sports for Schools

Tokens have now finished at Coles. If you have any at home, please drop them in the box at the office. Thank you to everyone who has collected tokens and donated them to the school.



Parents Club News

Our main fundraising events for this term are our **Mother's Day Stall** and our **School Disco**. A catalogue with details of gifts for sale will be available the week beforehand. If students wish to purchase something, each grade gets a chance to visit the stall on Friday 11 May. The only **School Disco** for this year takes place on Friday 25 May. Tickets (\$5 beforehand or \$8 on the night) go on sale after Mother's Day so watch out for the notice next month. Please note only *Registered Parent Helpers* can remain at the Disco after drop-off and all students need to be signed in and out. If you would like to help out at any of our events please fill out a Parent Helper Form (available from the School Office) or contact one of the Parents Club Committee below. There is a Junior and a Senior Disco – times will be announced shortly.

Here's to another fun term and thank you for supporting us in raising vital funds for our school.

Pinewood Parents Club 2018 Committee

Lisa Strong – President (Grades 4 & 6) e: sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au M: 0413 015 143
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Koula Giannakis – Secretary (3&6) Desi Bablis (3&6) Sue Bleeker (5)
Jules Berry (5) Kellie Ellis (Prep/5) Pri Jayasinghe (1)
Scott Williams (5)

Please come and talk to us if you would like to be more involved or would like to help out!

COMING UP IN TERM 3!

Mother's Day Stall - Friday 11 May



Each grade visits the stall during the day to purchase gifts for their Mum, Step-Mum, Grandma or special friend if they so wish. Catalogue out soon.

School Disco - Friday 25 May (evening)

A Junior & Senior Disco take place

Times to be confirmed

Tickets (\$5 each) will go on sale after the Mother's Day Stall



Pizza Day – June (Dates to be advised)

OSHC News

One of OSHClub's focuses for this term is all about community and creating a sense of self within the school and at after/before school care. For the past week we have created an 'OSHC's Helping Hands' painting that includes many handprints of the children and staff members that are at Pinewood OSHClub. Come and take a look at it on the pinboard near the hall!

This week we're looking at remembering the ANZACs through poppy creations, soldier silhouettes and the baking of ANZAC cookies.

Once again, our bookings are reaching maximum numbers so please book in advance as soon as possible because we cannot guarantee casual spots.

Lastly, we would like to thank Krystle Stylianou for all her hard work as coordinator for the past year and a half. Fortunately she'll still be around and will be heavily involved as a team member! In her position, Maddie Saltis will be replacing Krystle and will be working with James as fellow coordinator.

Have a wonderful week 2!

James, Maddie & the OSHClub Team





STUDENT OF THE WEEK PREP—YEAR 2

Samuel Z. Prep R
For his enthusiastic attitude towards all learning activities and for being kind and helpful class member. Well done Samuel!

Lily-Mai J. Prep R
For being a caring and co-operative class member who always displays lovely manners. Well done Lily-Mai!

Saachi G. Prep M
For always having a positive attitude in the classroom. You are always happy and excited about learning!

Maeve N. Prep M
Congratulations on your amazing start to school! You approach each task with enthusiasm and positivity!

Henry W. Prep S
For always using the 'Give Me 5' listening behaviours and trying your best in class.

Carsone H. Prep S
For always following the school values and being kind to others.

Ramithu H. Prep P
For being a superstar writer! Ramithu confidently sounds out unknown words during writing sessions. Keep up the great work Ramithu!

Isabelle L. Prep P
For a wonderful start to school! Isabelle always tries her best when undertaking all tasks. Well done Isabelle!!

Jeremy L. Prep L
For working so hard to learn all his Golden Words. Fantastic work Jeremy!

Kinsley Y. Prep L
For bringing positivity into the classroom and always being eager to help others!

Chloe V. Prep H
For using her 'I Can Do It' attitude at all times. Chloe always tries hard to do her best work. Well done!

Ethan L. Prep A
For always being a positive and enthusiastic class member who has a go at all tasks. Keep up the fantastic work Ethan!

Rudy P. Prep A
For being a wonderful friend to others and bringing lots of laughter to the classroom. Well done a fantastic start to school Rudy!

Alexander S. 1KW
For showing confidence during his show and tell and using a strong and clear voice.

Ruby B. 1KW
For always showing respect to her classmates.

Olivia Z. 1S
For the outstanding effort you are putting into all learning areas. Your positive, 'I Can Do It' attitude shines through in all your work.

Scarlett C. 1S
For settling in so well to our class. It's great to see you trying new things and making friends!

Jamie S. 2F
For challenging his learning in Maths & Writing and a wonderful start to a new term. Well done Jamie!

Jewin P. 2F
For a wonderful start to Term 2 and settling in at Pinewood with enthusiasm. Well done Jewin.

Alex Z. 2M
For the excellent effort he has made during reading groups. Well done Alex!

Wei Wei H. 2M
For writing a terrific information report about 'Pianos'. Well done Wei Wei!

Damien L. 2J
For working extremely hard to learn his letter sounds and name every day objects. Well done Damien!

Dylan F. 2J
For showing amazing persistence in his writing efforts. You wrote some fantastic facts last week Dylan! Well done!

Samreen H. 2T
For the consistently strong effort she puts into all her classwork. You set a great example to others, keep it up!

Cooper P. 2T
For the confidence he showed when presenting his 'Fascinating Friday'. You made us all laugh! Well done!

Minna A. 2K
For her confident and fantastic reading on her 'Minna-mini-movie'! Amazing work Minna.

Yu L. 1M
For always having a 'You Can Do It' attitude. Keep up the great work!

Adithya M. 1M
Well done Adi for always working hard in class time and always trying your best!

Tara H. 1D
For always putting up your hand to answer questions and contribute to class discussions. Keep up the great work Tara.

Ella V. 1D
For your excellent USB presentation of your holidays. We all loved looking at your photos and you explained what was happening in each photo. Thank you for sharing Ella!

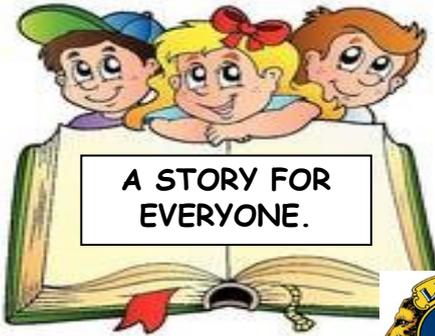
Meghna S. 1H
For making an effort to include full stops and capital letters effectively in her writing. Well done Meghna!

Finley T. 1H
For preparing and presenting a wonderful oral presentation about 'Past & Present Family Life'. Well done Finley!

Arjun A-N. 2C
For your consistent application to your learning and always completing your work to a high standard.

Arya W. 2C
For displaying excellent looking and listening skills during whole class instruction. Keep up the great effort!

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



open at 8.00am on Saturday



To a child a book is not just a book; it's a journey to wherever their imagination wants to take them.

The Lions Club of Wheelers Hill invites you, as parents, to take your children on a journey of excitement to their Book Sale at Blackflat Community Centre – Cnr. Waverley and Springvale Roads in Glen Waverley on 5th and 6th of May 2018

There will be 100's & 100's of books for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers.

Prices for these books range from \$0.50 to \$2.50 and the doors will and at 9.00am on Sunday.

School Banking day is

THURSDAY

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.

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