



14th March 2019

Principal's Message

What's On.....

March

- 18th Parent Club AGM
9.15am in the staffroom
- 19th School Council AGM
7.00pm in the staffroom
- 21st Harmony Day
Twilight Sports Evening
6.00—7.30pm
- 22nd SDSSA Athletic Sports
- 28th School Photos bring your
smile. Full school
uniform must be worn.

April

- 2nd Healthy Living—Circus
Skills Year 2 Incursion
- 5th Term 1 ends. School
finishes at 2.30pm on
this day.
- 23rd Term 2 begins
- 25th **ANZAC Day Public
Holiday. No
children to
attend school on this
day.**
- 26th Year 4 Camp payment
due

May

- 6-10th UNSW Global Digital
Technologies Years 3-6
- 6-8th Year 4 Camp
- 17th SDSSA Cross Country
- 20-24th Education Week
- 20th Curriculum Day. No
children to attend school
on this day.
- 27-31st May UNSW Science
Years 2-6

June

- 4-12th Somers Camp
- 10th Queens Birthday Public
Holiday. No children to
attend school on this
day.

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Ballot papers have been counted and the results are as follows:
Congratulations to the five elected councillors who have been elected for a two year term;

Congratulations

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Lisa Strong
Debby Chiang
Aaron Gillett
Mark Rogers
Sorin Ardeleanu (for a one year term).

Thank you also to Simon Tanti, Davina Knight and Upeksha Gamage for expressing their interest in helping our school.

We thank Cherilynne Kingston and Cindy Lowe, exiting School Council members for their contribution of time and service to our school. In particular, we thank Tim Day, our current retiring School Council President for his outstanding contribution to Pinewood Primary School and School Community for the past 13 years.

The School Council AGM is scheduled for 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th March. This meeting is followed by the first School Council meeting of the new Council.

DRILL

Last Thursday morning, the school participated in the first of four Emergency Management drills for the year. Congratulations to all students and staff on facilitating a successful OH&S Emergency Management Internal Lockdown drill. We had every one accounted for (including visitors to the school), within 6 minutes

FAREWELL MRS TEMPLETON

This week we said goodbye to Mrs. Alyssia Templeton, Year 4 teacher, as she begins her maternity leave. We are looking forward to meeting your little bundle of joy soon! Mrs. Peta Mayall is replacing Mrs Templeton. Welcome to Pinewood PS Mrs. Mayall.



'HARMONY DAY' CELEBRATION- Thursday 21st March

Next Thursday, 21st March, Pinewood PS will be celebrating 'Harmony Day' in appreciation of the cultural diversity at our school and in Australia. Currently we have children attending our school from 38 countries other than Australia and have 41 languages spoken at home other than English.



Harmony Day, with the message 'everyone belongs' is celebrated as close as possible to the date of the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Children are asked to dress up in a cultural costume or wear the colour 'Orange' as it is the colour chosen to celebrate Harmony Day signifying social communication and meaningful conversations. Students will be attending a whole school, Harmony Day parade/assembly and then have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful multicultural program from 10.15- 1.00 pm on the day.



The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.

It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

About Harmony Day

We identify with approximately 300 ancestries, around 7.2 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945, 45% of Australians are either born overseas or have a parent who was, and Harmony Day has been celebrated in Australia since 1999.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day - through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals.

TWILIGHT SPORTS – NEXT WEEK

We will be holding our Twilight Sports evening on Thursday 21st March, commencing at approximately 6.00pm. This is a fabulous opportunity to further celebrate Harmony Day, and for parents to meet other families from the school. It is usually a great social occasion too. Activities will take place on the oval. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Our Parents Club will be selling Zooper Dooper's (icy poles) at the event. I look forward to seeing you all there.



Karen Jenkin

Principal

AGM Reminder

The Parent Club Annual General Meeting will be held on the 18th of March 2019 at 9.15am.
The meeting will be held in the Staff room.
A list of Parent Club events will be sent out after the AGM.



2019 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Pinewood Primary School is once again excited to be participating in this event.



The Challenge is open to all Victorian children up to 16 years of age in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 23rd of August at Pinewood P.S.

Children from Prep to year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 or more books with their parents, teachers or another adult. Children from year 3 to year 6 are challenged to read 15 or more books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier in November.

You need a username and password to use the site. There will be more detailed information about this shortly. All the children have been registered at our school. You can add books at home and teachers will add books that are read at school. For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

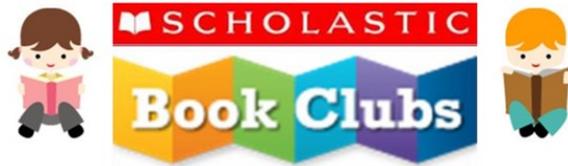
Regards,
Tanya
Year 6 Library Captain

Old Melbourne Gaol

Old Melbourne Gaol is a spectacular place to visit. It's like taking a step back in time and getting caught for a crime. Half of the place is missing, but that doesn't ruin your experience! The gaol is dark and mysterious. The cells are tiny and there is little to no light. The tour guide was really expressive and interesting! There is also Ned Kelly's trial, where you role play Ned's trial. It's really enjoyable because there was a role for everyone! This was such a fun experience, and I would love to go there again!

By May 6U





Book Club is a fun and easy way to increase literacy at home whilst raising funds for our school.

Thank you to those families who placed orders from the 'Issue 1' catalogue, **we raised over \$300** to put towards valuable resources that benefit both the school and students.

Orders for Issue 2 are due back this Friday 15th March (online orders can be placed until Sunday 17th March).

Orders can be made by completing the order form at the back of the catalogue (Please include your child's full name and class) or you can place your orders online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks Fiona Kirsch (fionatetley@hotmail.com)

Dear OSHClub Parents,



We made it!! Our request for a license extension has been approved, and we can now have 161 students attend our before and after care sessions. Thank you all for your patience and understanding through the six weeks of using a waitlist! It is now once again the responsibility of the parents to manage their bookings.

Please note, with the extra space and higher numbers we have had to reshuffle our room allocations to After Care to the following:

Prep and Grade 6: Prep FLS (Grade 6 have freedom to go to any room between 4:15pm and 5:30pm)

Grade 1 and 2: Hall until 5:30pm, then Grade 6 FLS

Grade 3: Library until 5:30pm, then Prep FLS

Grade 4 and 5: Grade 6 FLS.

Incredibly, even with the extra space, we have some upcoming Tuesdays that are now fully booked at 161 students. If you find you need a booking that is fully booked, text us on 0409906462 with the dates and we will start a new waitlist for these days.

A reminder that it is ESSENTIAL that parents notify us if their children will not be attending, so that we are not concerned about the whereabouts of your child at 3:30pm, and so that we can potentially offer the space to another student. If we receive more than 24 hours notice, we can also cancel your booking without charge.

Thank you all for your ongoing patience and understanding!
James and the OSHClub Team.

Regards,

James Eggleston | Program Coordinator

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French News

Bonjour, Pinewood Primary School Community. Find below the French words for this week.

Remember to collect every week's words in a little booklet and encourage your children to revise all of them regularly.

Meilleures voeux,
Madame Vinga



French Words of the Week

âge – age

Quel âge as-tu? – What is your age?

j'ai ... ans – I am ... years old

j'ai – I have

tu as – you have

il a – he has

elle a – she has

je suis – I am

tu es – you are

il est – he is

elle est – she is

