



23rd May 2019

Principal's Message

What's On.....

May

- 24th Yr2 Werribee Zoo Excursion
- 27-31st May UNSW Science Years 2-6
- 27th Prep Fire Ed
- 28-29th Year 3 Excursion RSPCA

June

- 3rd Yr6 Incursion
Prep Fire Ed
 - 4th Year 4 Excursion
 - 4-12th Somers Camp
 - 7th Disco

Yr1 RACV Incursion
 - 10th Queens Birthday Public Holiday. No children to attend school on this day
 - 11th Responsible Pet Ownership Preps
 - 14th Soccer Round Robin selected Yr5/6 children
 - 12th-25th Life Education Van
 - 18th School Council
 - 19th Yr5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
 - 19th-20th Prep Excursion Farm visit
 - 25th-26th Parent Teacher Interviews
 - 28th Term 2 ends. School to finish at 2.30pm.
- #### July
- 15th Term 3 commences
 - 29th Curriculum Day. No children to attend school on this day.

Dear Parents

EDUCATION WEEK

On Wednesday, we celebrated Education Week at Pinewood PS with an Open Day. During the morning we opened our classrooms for the school community from 9.15-11.00 am. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and special visitors at the school helping the children with their work and taking an interest in what is happening at Pinewood. At the conclusion of the morning session, many parents and grandparents then joined staff in the hall and together they enjoyed a delicious celebratory morning tea of scones, jam and cream.



...OPEN NIGHT

The whole school was buzzing with excitement later that evening as we celebrated the wonderful things we are doing at Pinewood with our 'Open Night'. It was great to see so many of our families visiting classrooms and participating in classroom activities with their children.

I am sure you will all agree that the students performed their musical concert items magnificently. The music and LOTE programs we have at Pinewood are exceptional. In fact, I am very proud of all the programs and teachers we have at our school. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and accomplished staff.





CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the District Cross Country last Friday. The students gave their very best on the day, and after a recount were found to be winners on the day. Each student's sportsmanship is to be commended. Thank you to Mr Walsh, Ms McGregor and teaching staff for providing the students with extra training opportunities leading up to the cross country event.



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 Year 4 to 6 at our school will be completing the survey during school hours in the next fortnight, using a purpose built secure online survey tool. Each child is 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. The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Once they are available, we will provide information about the results to school council and then publish them in the Newsletter. We will also discuss the results with students and staff to continue to find ways to improve our great school.



ELECTION DAY BBQ

Thank you to the many Pinewood parent volunteers who assisted in manning the Parents Club BBQ on Election Day. The BBQ raised the wonderful amount of \$947.95 profit...that's a lot of sausages!



DRIVING and PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Parents are reminded to drive with 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 to 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.
- g. **Obey the road rules and parking time limits** – Drive within the speed limit and park in the designated areas. Be considerate of others.

Karen Jenkin
Principal



EAL News

For the last two weeks the EAL students in Prep and Grade 3 have been busy preparing and planting our new vegetable gardens outside the Prep and Year 1 rooms. We have been researching what veggies grow during autumn and winter. We have planted rocket, coriander, parsley, beetroot, carrot, broccoli, peas, pak choy and two varieties of lettuce. We look forward to tasting our winter harvest!

First our new veggie crates arrived on the back of the trailer. We put gloves on then put the soil and mulch in the crates. Next we smoothed and levelled the soil and watered it. We let the soil rest for a week then planted our seeds in a straight row. I got to plant the broccoli. Our veggies need good soil, water and sun to grow. When they grow we will pick the vegetables and taste them. Yum! - Damien 3L

I had fun planting seeds. My favourite vegetable is broccoli.—Maggie Z PP

My favourite vegetable is carrots.—Matthew Z PA

I had lots of fun planting seeds. I planted lettuce.—Jiamao PH





French News

Bonjour, Pinewood Primary School community. I am really excited about sharing with you your childrens' achievements in their French learning in the Education Week concert that includes some French songs and raps. This week we focus on the politeness vocabulary. Very useful to add to your childrens' French word bank.

Meilleures vœux,

Madame Vinga



French Words of the Week

merci – thank you
de rien – you are welcome
pas de quoi – you are welcome
s'il vous plaît – please
Bonne journée – have a nice day
meilleures vœux – best wishes
bon appétit – enjoy your meal
bon voyage – have a good trip



Dear OSHClub Families,

The staff at OSHCLUB would like to thank all parents/caregivers who reserved their spots well in advance for the pupil fee day. We had a great response on Monday the 20th May. Students thoroughly enjoyed the great activities we put on such as musical games, cooking, art and craft and outdoor group games. With your continuous support, we can continue to improve our service in the future. Please feel free to see our scrapbook with pictures for more details.

Winter Holidays Booking now open!

Bookings are now open for the Winter School Holidays at PINWOOD OSHCLUB. Please find the brochure online or with us in OSHClub rooms for the exciting activities, incursions and excursions on offer each day.

To place the bookings you require please log into your account or contact us through 0409 906462/ pinewood@oshclub.com.au.

Thanks you
Pinewood OSHClub Team





Parents Club News



School Disco – Friday 7 June

Juniors (Prep – 2) – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Seniors (Grade 3 – 6) 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Merchandise will go on sale at 5:15pm for the Juniors Disco

Tickets \$5 – notices out soon



We STILL need a few Parent Helpers for the Senior Disco – please email Lisa at sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au if you can help.

This event is only for children in Grades Prep to 6 enrolled at Pinewood Primary. Only registered helpers can stay on the night.



A BIG THANK YOU



To all the Parents that helped out at the **Election Barbeque** last weekend – thank you for volunteering your time to help cook and sell sausages to the voters. It was nice to see so many of you come and support us on the day as well. Our thanks to Anna, Catriona, Craig, Debby, Desi, DJ, Hai, Kate, Kellie, Koula, Kylie, Lisa, Mark, Nirosha, Pri, Ryan, Santosh, Scott, Steve, Tony & Yasitha – we couldn't have done it without you!

Pizza Day!

Junior: Thursday 6th of June

Senior: Thursday 13th of June

Orders due back

by 9am NEXT Thursday 30th May

If you would like to assist with this event

please contact Lisa: sunnymountain1@yahoo.com.au





OPEN DAY

Sat 25th May

10am – 12pm

Come and meet our experienced educators and see our beautiful learning environment for preschool children.

For enquiries contact our office
stlukes.els@vt.uniting.org

St. Luke's Preschool
94 Essex Road, Mount Waverley
Ph: (03) 9807 9710

