



10th February 2022

## Principal's Message

### What's On.....

#### February

- 22nd Getting to Know You Session P-6 (10 mins) 3.45-7.00pm
- 23rd Getting to Know You Session P-6 (10 mins) 3.45-5.00pm
- 24th Getting to Know You Session P-6 (10 mins) 3.45-5.00pm
- 25th SDSSA Summer Round Robin (Year 6)

#### March

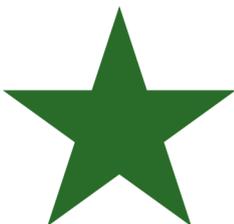
- 1st Preps attend full time
- 9th Parent Information Curriculum Information Evening Webex 5.00-6.00pm

**14th Labour Day Public Holiday. Children do not attend school on this day.**

- 29th School Photos
- 30th Colour Run - details to be sent out soon

#### April

- 1st SDSSA Athletic Sports
- 8th Last day of Term 1 Dismissal 2.30pm Office closes at 3.00pm



Dear Parents

#### **A Great Start to the School Year!**

It has been a very smooth start to the school year and the students have quickly settled into a positive and productive learning environment. A special acknowledgement to our Year Prep students and their families on the beginning of their primary school journey. We understand that this is a big milestone for the whole family, and we are very proud of our prep students for their positivity, resilience, independence, and effort. We would like to thank all staff members for their efforts in building constructive relationships and in supporting students, and parents, in a smooth transition back to school.

This year we will continue to operate with a 'Split Timetable'. This means that students in Prep to Year 2 have a different recess and lunchtime to the students in Years 3-6. The students enjoy the extra space in the playground at playtimes that the Split Timetable provides, and allows the school to offer a full suite of specialist programs to all year levels, each week, e.g. Art, Music, Physical Education, LOTE (French) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

#### **Term Dates for 2022:**

To assist parents with planning for holidays the following are the school term dates for this year. Parents are asked to be mindful of the term dates when booking family holidays, to ensure that they coincide with school holidays. This avoids disruption to the educational program.

Start date- Finish date:

Term 1: 31 January -8 April (at 2.30pm)

Term 2: 26 April- 24 June (at 2.30pm)

Term 3: 11 July -16 September (at 2.30pm)

Term 4: 3 October -20 December at (2.30pm)



#### **MEET and GREET Sessions – Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings**

To establish vital links between home and school, 'Meet and Greet' or 'Getting to Know You' sessions have been organised for Week 4, Term 1. These initial meetings will be scheduled for ten minutes, occurring on Tuesday 22 February (3.45-7.00pm), Wednesday 23 February (3.45-5.00) or Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February (3.45-5.00). There will also be some morning slots offered on these days. The session will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher 'virtually' and to share information about your child. The meetings will be held online through the Webex virtual meeting platform.

We ask that you login as close to your interview time as possible and exit once your interview/s conclude. You will be able to book your interview time/s with your child/rens' teacher/s using the Compass Parent Portal. Specialist teachers are also available for sessions on these days; however their spaces are very limited as our Specialist teachers cover many classes.

Bookings for Meet and Greet sessions will open on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00am and will close at 4.00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.



A parent communication message will be sent via Compass when the Meet and Greet Conferences open. If you have any issues booking an appointment, please contact the office between 9.00am and 4.00pm to assist you with this on 8847 3200. The teachers look forward to meeting all parents virtually during a scheduled opportunity and finding out more about your child

**LEARNING SUITE for Students Isolating**

Please note that when a student is isolating at home, your child/ren’s teacher will be in touch with you to offer a ‘learning suite’ of appropriate resources that can be completed at home-via the Seesaw platform.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS- 2022**

On behalf of the Pinewood school community, I would like to thank our retiring School Council members for the generous and valued contribution they have made to our school.

This year we have five Parent vacancies on School Council.

Council members whose term of office expires this month are:

**Parent members: 2 Year positions**

- Dennis Duval
- Sorin Ardeleanu
- Kylie Phillips
- Geoffrey Hayes
- Asher Newton (1 Year position)



I would like to encourage anyone who is interested to apply. I would also ask those who are completing their term of office to consider standing again.

Nomination forms will be available from Monday 14th February, at the school office. I would like to encourage anyone who may be interested to nominate themselves for Council.

**Notice of Election and Call for Nominations from Monday 14th February 2022**

I call for nominations for School Council and give notice that an election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Pinewood Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office, from 8.55am, Monday 14th February, and must be lodged at the school office by 4.00pm on Monday 21st February 2022.

The ballot, if required, will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 8th March. The timeline below is part of the ‘Notice of Election’. Current School Councillors are also able to re-nominate for these positions.

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Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice – Call for nominations and Notice of Election</li> <li>• <b>Nomination forms available at office (Tuesday 15 Feb.- Current School Council Meeting @ 7.00pm)</b></li> </ul>
Monday 21st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed nomination forms delivered to the Principal via Nomination Box at the school office.</li> <li>• Nominations Close at 4:00pm</li> <li>• <b>If the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies, there will not be a vote and ballot.</b></li> </ul>



Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Principal will display names of the candidates, their nominators, and seconders, and take appropriate steps to either commence the ballot process if needed, declare candidates elected, or call for further nominations.</li> <li>If any additional nominations are required, they close at 4:00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li>If the number of nominations is more than required, steps will be taken to commence the ballot requirements.</li> </ul>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	⇒ If needed Ballot papers prepared and distributed.
Tuesday 8th March	⇒ Ballots close at 4:00pm; votes counted Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March and ballot declared and all candidates contacted.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	⇒ <b>First meeting of new School Council, AGM - Co-option Meeting 6.30pm in the Staff Room or Via Zoom (depending on the SOG at the time and the COVID-19 situation)</b>

***If the number of nominations is equal to, or less than the number of vacancies then there will be no ballot.***

### School Council, Information and Responsibilities

School Council assists in the governance of the school with responsibilities to approve student camps and overnight excursions and student overseas travel; approve the annual budget; develop, review and update school policies in line with Department of Education guidelines and legislation; raise funds for the school; oversee the school grounds and building maintenance and oversee the strategic plan development and implementation.

They:

- assist in the efficient governance of the school
- ensure that its decisions affecting students at the school are made having regard, as a primary consideration, to the best interest of the students
- enhance the educational opportunities of students at the school
- ensure the school and the council complies with any requirements of this Act, the regulations, a Ministerial Order or a direction, guideline or policy issued under this Act.

**I must emphasise** that it is **NOT** the role of School Council and parent members of School Council to involve themselves in any concerns and complaints that parents may have regarding staff, other students or parents and the school.

Please see the school Principal Class Leadership and/or your child's teacher if you have a concern, question, or complaint. We are very approachable and keen to alleviate concerns and resolve problems. School Council is not involved in any school operational and management matters or day-to-day running of the school.





## Information about School Council

### **What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### **Who is on the school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### **How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election

### **What do you need to do to stand for election?**

The Principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All School Council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the School Council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### **Remember**

- ⇒ Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- ⇒ Consider standing for election to council this year
- ⇒ Be sure to vote in the elections

**Please note** that School Councillors are expected to commit to attending all Council meetings each year, excepting unforeseen work or family events. Meetings are held twice each term on a Tuesday evening, usually the third Tuesday in a month, from 7.00pm.

Without the required quorum at Council meetings, we cannot complete our compliance demands relating to educational and financial policy and operations work at the school.

### **Contact the Principal for further information.**

I am very happy to discuss School Council with interested parents considering nomination.

Karen Jenkin

Principal

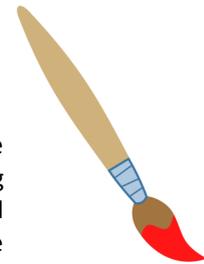


# Music



So far this term, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Koudounis have been getting to know all the students at Pinewood, and learning about the many musical talents they all possess. Students in years 1, 3 and 5 are learning about all things related to rhythm, and students in years 2, 4 and 6 have started by learning about pitches and how we can write them. Prep have been busy showing off what they can already do, and have picked up some new skills already through new songs and games. Mr. Koudounis and Mr. Taylor are both looking forward to the year ahead, and all the musical opportunities that are on offer for students at PPS in 2022! Stay tuned for updates on music programs that will be commencing early in Term 1.

## Celebrating a New Year in the Artroom



The art program has commenced with a celebration of Chinese New Year. All classes have been exploring dragons, engaging with a wide variety of materials and approaches including painting, mask making, 3D paper sculpture, collage and textiles. Year Six classes have enjoyed drafting and cutting their own patterns for the creation of fabulous stuffed toys. They will be using blanket stitch in the development of their toy, learning valuable sewing techniques.

It has been wonderful seeing so many bright and happy faces, keen to engage in the program and have fun with the materials on hand.

Kind regards,  
Fran Combes and Josh Barrett  
Visual Arts Teachers





### THE CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSION FUND

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions.

**On the first day of Term One (28 January 2022) or the first day of Term Two (26 April 2022), 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**
- **OR the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)**
- **AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.**

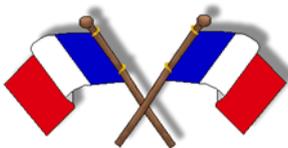
Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

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.

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Payments are: \$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 school office.



## French News



Bonjour, Pinewood Primary School community. This week we are revising a range of classroom instructions. I hope that most of them are very familiar to your children.

Bien cordialement,  
Madame Vinga

### French Words of the Week

- tout le monde - everybody
- un cercle – a circle
- une ronde – a circle (of children, people)
- lève-toi – stand up
- on se lève – everyone stands up
- assieds-toi – sit down
- on s'assois – everyone sits down
- marche – walk, march
- arrête - stop
- regarde- look
- écoute - listen





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- PC Danuk For settling into school so well and being a fantastic listener. Keep up the great work, Danuk!
- PC Phoebe For listening so beautifully to instructions and putting your best effort into your art work. Well done Phoebe!
- PD Leo For showing independence by looking after your things and unpacking your own bag. Well done for settling into school so well!
- PG Aarav For following our morning routine independently. Well done on completing your first week of school!
- PG Zaydan For always helping pack things up and settling nicely into Prep G!
- PS Anabelle For demonstrating outstanding behaviour and trying her best in the first week of school. What a superstar!
- PJ Althea Congratulations for settling into school so well! You are very eager to learn and do a wonderful job at following instructions. Keep it up!
- PK Ayla For settling into Prep so well and for her beautiful manners.
- PK William For settling into Prep so well and for being kind and caring.
- PM Lyla  For already showing our Pinewood values in her first week of school. Well done Lyla!
- 1D All of 1D Congratulations to 1D on a wonderful start to Grade One! It is great to have you back at school and seeing your smiling faces each morning.
- 1E All of 1E Congratulations to 1E on a wonderful start to Grade One! It is great to have you back at school and seeing your smiling faces each morning.
- 1H All of 1H Congratulations to 1H on a wonderful start to Grade One! It is great to have you back at school and seeing your smiling faces each morning.
- 1K All of 1K Congratulations to 1K on a wonderful start to Grade One! It is great to have you back at school and seeing your smiling faces each morning.
- 1V All of 1V Congratulations to 1V on a wonderful start to Grade One! It is great to have you back at school and seeing your smiling faces each morning.
- 2A Fatima A Fatima has adjusted wonderfully in her first year at Pinewood Primary School - making so many new friends and being a great helper in 2A already!
- 2B All of 2B For starting the year off super strong and for being the awesome legends that you are. Keep up the great work!
- 2L Caelan For always choosing people you know you'll do your best work with when we do partner activities. Great job Caelan!
- 2L Akshara For doing a great job in creating a time capsule for Cuddles our class mascot after finishing your own work. Awesome work Akshara, Cuddles loved it!
- 2K Kayden S Well done Kayden on a great start to the year. You have been very helpful to everyone in 2K by handing out stationery and being a Smiling Minds champion.





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- 2M Darcy L For being a good friend and for making a wonderful start to Year Two. Congratulations Darcy!
- 2M Sophia K For the fantastic effort Sophia displayed during COLC week and for being a helpful class member. Well done Sophia!
- 2O Inshirah For starting the year with a positive attitude and demonstrating the Pinewood school values at all times. Keep up the amazing work, Inshirah!
- 3H Catalina For her positive start to the year, finishing all tasks to a very high standard. Well done Catalina. Keep up the great work!
- 3P Lewis For an amazing first week at Pinewood PS! We are so happy to have you in 3P!
- 3S Jessica Congratulations for settling into Grade 3 so beautifully. Keep up the amazing work and enthusiasm!
- 3T Sanira For immediately settling into the class, being prepared for work, listening carefully to others and putting your best effort into your work.
- 3U Marie Marie has been very proactive in her tasks this week and always asks questions when she is unsure of something. Keep up the good work, Marie!
- 4B Hamza For your brilliant letter to the teacher! You provided so much detail and I learned a lot about you and your family. Keep it up Hamza!
- 4F Eve G For the fantastic effort that she puts into completing all class activities. Well done Eve on a great start to Year 4!
- 4J Liam T For settling into 4J and putting his time and effort into completing all activities. He's made an excellent start to Year 4! Keep up the positive attitude!
- 4H Tiantian H For settling in to 4H so well! Tiantian is helpful, polite and hardworking. Well done Tiantian.
- 4M Chenul M For the fantastic effort that he puts into all the tasks that he completes! It is great to see the dedication and enthusiasm you have for your learning! Keep it up!
- 4T Andrew L For completing all set tasks with speed and efficiency. Great start to the year.
- 5C Ella For your brilliant start to Year 5, you adopted a positive attitude and completed all your COLC activities with great attention to detail and 100% effort. Well done Ella!
- 5D Zoha D For the great effort she put into all activities during COLC week. Well done Zoha, keep up the fabulous work!
- 5J Tayha For consistently trying your best in all that you do. You are well organised, kind and helpful and a terrific asset to 5J, well done!
- 5M Amber For beginning Year 5 with a positive attitude. It was great to see the brilliant effort you put into your COLC activities and help around the classroom.
- 5T Sara For being a fantastic participant during all of our COLC activities. Well done Sara!
- 6A Colin T For starting Year 6 with a positive and enthusiastic attitude! Colin played the piano beautifully and shared this with the community at Pinewood! Great effort.





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6O Adhvika

For an awesome first week at Pinewood PS! You have shown resilience and courage coming into a new school and making friends easily! You are making a positive difference in 6O.

6H Jayden

For settling well into Pinewood PS and being a hardworking and respectful class member. Well done Jayden!

6T Dylan F

For making a great start to Year 6! Your brilliant attitude, creativity and work ethic are already shining through. Great work Dylan.

6L Dora Y

For beginning Year 6 with a positive attitude and always doing your best work. Congratulations Dora! Keep being a terrific role model.

MUSIC

Queenie S/Colin T 6A For saying yes to performing this week at VERY short notice and supporting each other as they rehearsed.

MUSIC

Coco 3T For demonstrating great knowledge of rhythms during our first class. Great work and exceptional behaviour too, Coco! Well done!

Art

Tobias 5T For displaying incredible artistic qualities in our first art lesson for 2022. Well done for showing skill, motivation and initiative in creating a wonderful 'moon-scape' background using watercolours, and for helping your friends. Terrific work!

FRENCH F-2

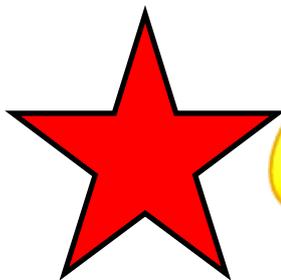
Taylor 2M For remembering many vocabulary items in our revision lesson last week. You really focused on learning your vocabulary last year, Taylor! Your memory is fantastic!

FRENCH 3-6

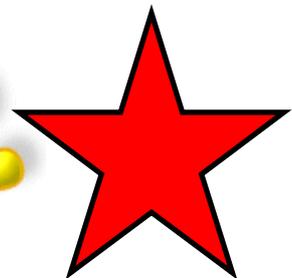
Elana 6A For offering every morning to help organising the French Cafe! Merci, Elana! Tu est fantastique!

PE All of 2O

For demonstrating their listening skills when learning about tennis. This helped them to improve their ability to hit the ball over the net. Well done 2O, PE class of the week!

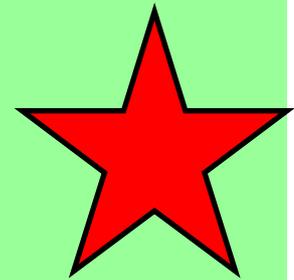


**GREAT JOB!**





# Pinewood Parents Club News



**PINEWOOD PARENTS CLUB 2022**

JOIN THE PARENTS CLUB THIS YEAR BY VISITING THE SCHOOL OFFICE, FILLING IN THE FORM ON THE IPAD, AND MAKING A GOLD COIN DONATION AS A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE PARENTS CLUB. THIS WILL GIVE YOU VOTING RIGHTS AT ALL MEETINGS AND THE AGM. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PROCESS BY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 9:15AM VIA WEBEX. A LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO THOSE INTERESTED.

THANK YOU-SONALEE PARENTS CLUB PRESIDENT

WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELPERS!!  
PLEASE EMAIL US!! PINEWOODPARENTSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

**PINEWOOD PARENTS CLUB FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**Movie Night**

Now you can book any Movie Session OR a Birthday Party while raising money for Pinewood.

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**WAVERLEY CINEMA**  
**MOVIE STAR**  
BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Located in the Pinewood Shopping Village



## OSHClub News

Congratulations to everyone for finishing the first week of school for the year! We have been delighted to see and chat to all of our OSHClub families throughout the week and the children seem to be settling in very well to both our Before and After School Care sessions.

### OSHClub Program, Times, and Fees:

PROGRAM	TIMES	FULL FEES	FEE AFTER 85% CCS
Before School Care	7:15am – 8:50am	\$11.57	\$2.23
After School Care	3:30pm – 6:00pm	\$17.35	\$3.34
Holiday Program	7:15am – 6:00pm	\$46.30	\$8.91

### Welcome to New Permanent Educator Madi!

Madi is our brand-new Permanent Educator at OSHClub! She will be working with our team in both Before and After School Care and has already begun creating some wonderful relationships with the children. Madi is currently studying to be a Primary School Teacher at university. She loves working with children and has a passion for helping children grow and make a difference in their lives.

### Madi's Favourite Activities:

- ◆ Spending time with family and friends
- ◆ Movie nights
- ◆ Going out for dinner
- ◆ Going on road trips
- ◆ Going to the beach

### Fun Fact about Madi:

"I love animals! I have two pets at home, a dog and a cat that I adore!"

Reminder to look out for our "More Fun Than" OSHClub Competition running throughout Term 1. More information can be found within the Newsletter.

Paige Crane, Stephanie Voon and the OSHClub Team.  
Email: pinewood@oshclub.com.au  
Mobile: 0409 906



**Issue 1 is now available to order online!**

**\*\* online orders only, please don't sent cash to the office \*\***

**Orders close Friday 18th Feb**

**<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>**

**We raised over \$2,700 in rewardas last year**

which were put towards much needed educational resources for the school.

Contact Details - Fiona (Sienna's Mum 5M) at [fionatetley@hotmail.com](mailto:fionatetley@hotmail.com)






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**GRANDMA'S HOUSE**





## Amazing Adventures Await...

OSHClub is bringing the FUN back in 2022 with your chance to WIN!

Secure your permanent Before and After School Care bookings for your chance to win a whole term for FREE!

We're reimagining FUN with enriching, exciting new programs created by children for children. Exciting clubs, activities and incursions await.

The world outside of school may be changing every day, but we will always be here to provide a consistent, high-quality Outside School Hours Care to your school community.

You can count on us.

**If you would like to learn more, [you can visit our website here.](#) Secure your permanent bookings today!**



**WIN**  
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*\*T&Cs Apply*

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T&Cs apply. Bookings must be made between 9:00am AEST 1 February 2022 to 12:00pm AEST 7 April 2022. No entries will be accepted outside of the draw. One entry per child. Participants will be eligible to win one of 5 prizes in each state (ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, VIC). Entry to the promotion and receipt of the prize is open to Australian residents in all eligible states/territories, who fulfil the method of entry requirements and are 18 years of age or older. Prize draw will begin 12:00pm AEST on 12 April 2022 and winners will be notified via email & phone no later than 12 April 2022.