



18th May 2023

Principal's Message

What's On...

May

19th Year 5 Space Science
Excursion 5T&5C

21st - 26th AFL Clinics P-6

22nd - 24th Year 5
Camp Arrabri
Lodge Warburton

29th Toys over Time
Incursion
1CF,1K,1D&1V

30th Toys over Time
Incursion 1B,1H&1S

31st Education Week, School
Open Night 3.45 -
5.45pm

June

1st Year 6 Economics Fair

2nd Year 4 Moonlit
Sanctuary Excursion

2nd Year 2 Werribee Zoo
Excursion

2nd Winter Sport Round
Robin

8th Community Members
Incursion - Prep

12th King's Birthday Holiday
No children to attend on
this day.

14th - 15th Year 3 Soccer
Clinics

16th Year 3 RSPCA Incursion

16th SDSSA Soccer Round
Robin

Dear Parents and Carers,

GRADE 4 CAMP

The year 4 students enjoyed a fabulous time while at Camp Adanac this week. They participated in three action packed days of camp activities...I'm sure they all slept well last night!

Many thanks to the parents (Divya Gajavalli, Matt Forbes, Steven Mitchell, Priya Armstrong and Simon Tanti) and staff (Buj Marriott, Tracy Hobson, Justine Tang, Jenny Falconer, Troy Hartigan, Olivia Leontiades, Julia Coutselinis, John Koudounis and Trevis Jayasinghe) for making the 'camp' experience possible for the students and for giving up many of your home comforts for three days, to attend the Year 4 Camp.

GRADE 5 CAMP

Our Year 5 students head off to camp next week for three, adventure filled days at Arrabri Lodge Camp in Warburton. Many thanks to our staff and parent helpers for making this camping experience possible for the students. I'm sure there will be many entertaining stories to share when you return to the school next Wednesday.

SIBLING ENROLMENTS

As a result of the strong interest in PPS and our ongoing growth, the Department of Education have continued enrolment restrictions on our school.

In short, the school remains to be a school where enrolments are accepted for 2024 by living 'in zone' and/or making a sibling application.

The enrolment process has changed this year, with all enrolments closing on the 1st of August for Prep 2024.

If you are a parent at our school and have a younger child to enrol for next year, please download an [Enrolment Form](#) from the website and return it to the school, or see Estelle, Katherine, or Jan at our school office for an enrolment form as soon as you can.

Further information about [our Enrolment Process](#) is available online.

EDUCATION WEEK

Pinewood will be celebrating Education Week this year during Week 6 of this term, due to our camping programs. The whole school will be open from 3:45pm – 5:45pm, Wednesday 31st of May.

The theme for Education Week is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate'. During this evening we will be celebrating the connections between our school and the community and will further strengthen bonds with families and carers. The purpose of this event is to share with you the exciting learning that your child is engaged in across all subject areas.

Throughout this evening you will be able to participate in many hands-on learning experiences with your child and visit classrooms.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

I would again like to remind families that it is illegal to do a U-turn in front of the school. This is for the safety of all students and families. There have been many near misses reported and observed and we would hate for a traffic collision to occur and risk the safety of anybody. Please, can I ask all drivers to have consideration for other road users and pedestrians and make a safe choice. 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 (please 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.

Andrew Thomas
Acting Principal



GRADE 4 CAMP





WINTER IS COMING.....

With the arrival of the colder weather there is an increase of colds and flu at this time of year. Whilst we understand that students want to attend school, it is important that they stay at home even if their symptoms are mild, and do not return to school until they are completely well.



If your child presents at school with coughs and sniffles, it places *all students and staff* at risk.

Medication Reminder.

If your child requires medication at school. Please fill out a medication authorisation form these are available from the school office.

The medication must be in the original container, with the original label and within its expiry date. Please hand all medication to the school nurse or if unavailable to the office staff.

BUDDIES

Last Thursday, the Year 6's helped their Prep buddies learn about 2D shapes by going on a shape hunt around the playground. Circles, triangles, rectangles and squares were the main shapes to find, but the students were encouraged to explore other types of shapes, including 3D objects. It was an engaging, fun way for the Preps to learn about their shapes.





Bienvenue

French News



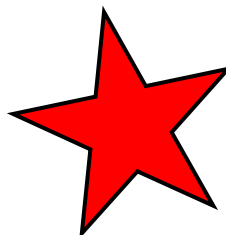
What a busy week in French we have had! The students have been enjoying a range of hands on activities to enrich their French learning, such as singing the Hokey Pokey with body parts, playing one another's board games, acting out verb actions and making their own version of the song 'Quel Temps Fait-Il?'

FRENCH CLUB

French Club is on every Thursday lunchtime in the French room and is open to students from all year levels. We listen to music, create bilingual cards and posters, watch bilingual TV and enjoy further immersion in the language. We hope to see you there!

À la semaine prochaine,

Mademoiselle Cowie & Madame Slade



Weekly words

- Il fait beau – The weather is nice
- Il fait mauvais – The weather is bad
- Il pleut – It is raining
- Il y a du soleil – It is sunny
- Il fait froid – It is cold



Egyptian Inspired Pressed Tins

Another fabulous week in the art room has passed, and we have seen the development of more wonderful pieces by all year levels! From Prep to Grade 6, the art that is being produced at Pinewood is truly incredible.

Seen below are some students from Year 6M who are working well in creating their own individualised pressed tin pieces, inspired by ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and illustrations. We have chosen this for the senior students as it focuses on a key aspect of world art through the ages, and this piece in particular, uses a lot of skill, patience and focus to produce something on a tin sheet.

We are super happy with everything being made in the art room this week and are smashing out all pieces ahead of schedule in time for our art show - stay tuned! Well done to all students for another fabulous week.

Ms Francine & Mr Barrett,
Visual Arts Teachers.





DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

12 MAY 2023

Congratulations to all students who participated at the SOSSA District Cross Country last Friday at Jells Park. 48 students from Pinewood went up against the top, long-distance runners from other schools in our local area.

It was an exciting event and everybody showed great sportmanship and support by cheering each other on to make this a memorable day.

Pinewood did a fantastic job and finished in **FIRST** place overall. What a great achievement!

Of the 48 students who competed, 20 succeeded in progressing to the Monash-Waverley Division race, which is to be held 31st of May.



These students are:

- Cameron, Nicole and Vasu in Under 12s
- Kanishka, Laney, Miyuki, Amella S, Yolanda, Chenul, Kai, Andrew, Rudy and Olsin in Under 11s
- Aleksandra, Rylie, Rebecca S, Zoe T, Sarvesh, Irwin and Daniel Z in Under 10s

Well done and best of luck to all!





Pinewood PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sustainability News



Reduce, RENEW, Recycle!

It is with great excitement, that I announce our school has successfully completed the renewal process for the ResourceSmart Schools Core Module! This accomplishment was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the entire school community, especially our dedicated student green team.

I am thrilled to see our school continue its commitment to sustainability. This accomplishment is a testament to our ongoing efforts to reduce our environmental impact and become a more sustainable school.

Last year, we completed the process for the Energy Module. Our school has made a concerted effort to reduce our energy usage and carbon footprint by implementing energy-saving measures and promoting sustainable practices.

Our next goal is to complete the renewal process for the Waste Module. The student green team is eager to take on this challenge and work with the entire school community to reduce waste by promoting the use of our green waste bins and reduce litter in the yard with their Rubbish Raffle initiative.

We are proud to be part of the ResourceSmart Schools program, which is helping to build a sustainable future for our school and our planet. Through this program, we have been able to learn about sustainable practices, implement them into our school operations, and share our knowledge with others.

Our school's commitment to sustainability is not only making a positive impact on the environment but also providing an example for future generations to follow. Let's keep up the great work!

Ms Sarah Pereira - Sustainability Coordinator

Rubbish Raffle

Last week the student Green Team launched the weekly Rubbish Raffle, an initiative to help reduce litter in our school yard and reward passionate students we have seen cleaning up the yard during recess and lunch.

When students collect rubbish, they can enter the raffle to win a weekly prize.

This week's Rubbish Raffle winners are:

- Junior - Audrey 1CF
- Senior - Chloe 4F

Congratulations to you both and thank you for your dedication to a sustainable world.





PINEWOOD PARENTS CLUB VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

JOIN US!

please email -
pinewoodpsparents@gmail.com

As parents we all know how busy life with kids can be, and we know not everyone has time to join parents club and assist with organising events. That's why we are creating a Volunteer Register.

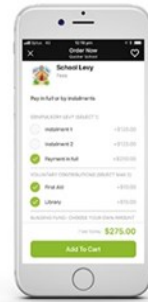
Registered Volunteers will be the first point of call to assist with events on an as needed basis. No commitment, no meetings just help out when you can!

Activities and fun events can not go ahead without the support of our parents and school community

To sign up add your name to the list located at reception or contact the Parents club directly



Ready for Pinewood Primary School Parents... Download and use the Qkr App today!



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- Reduce the burden of existing administrative tasks
- Ease of use for parents leads to increased revenue and timeliness of payments
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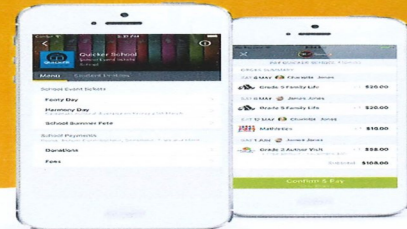


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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

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- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



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Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

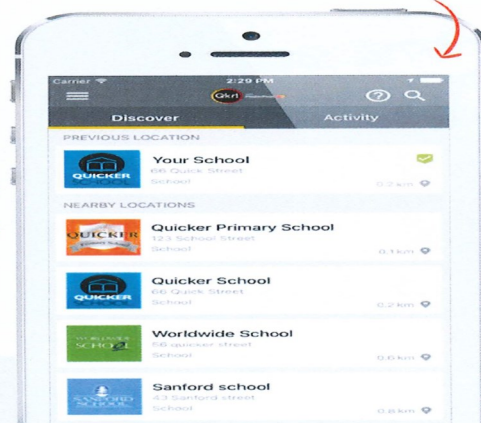
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

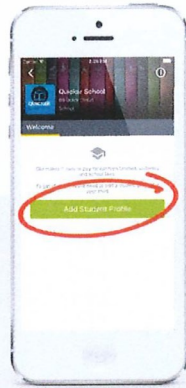
Search for our school name





Add your children's details in Student Profiles

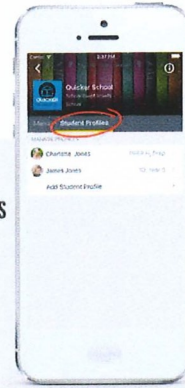
Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details



Manage each child's details in Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen



Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order



Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

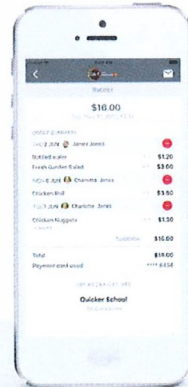
Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay



Making payments

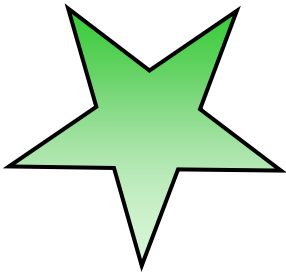
Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



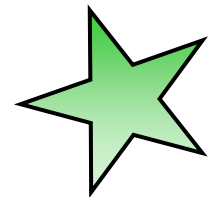
PARENTS CLUB
Chocolate Fundraiser

GLUTEN, PEANUT & EGG FREE BARS

We have teamed up with ROCKY ROAD HOUSE to bring you the amazing 100g Rocky Road Chocolate bars. They can either be purchased separately (random flavour will be selected for you from the ones listed below), or you can take home a box of 12 mixed flavours to sell to your family & friends and return the \$54 by the 2nd of June. Please order your chocolate bars or box on QKR. Individual bars will be sent home with your child/ren. Boxes are to be collected from the office. Orders close 2nd June

 \$4.50 each

White Cranberry Close, Jolly Jaffa, Peppermint Place, Raspberry Road, Salted Caramel, Popping Candy, Milk Choc & Honeycomb Crunch



**THE PARENTS CLUB WILL BE HOLDING A
2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE
THURSDAY 25TH MAY - 2:30PM - 4PM**



Outside the office
(undercover area)

Most item will range between
\$5-\$15

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Pinewood Primary School PARENTS CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT 5th AUGUST

DONATIONS NEEDED

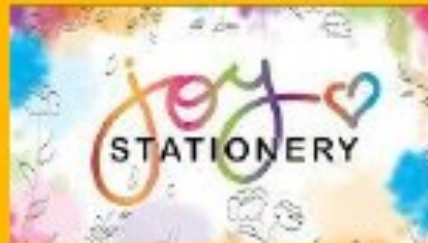
Trivia Nights aren't possible without amazing support from businesses or individuals donating products, services or vouchers etc. How you can help? Do you own a business? Know someone who does? Maybe your workplace can help? Friends and family are also great to ask. Or you can donate any of the below items or anything else you like on behalf of your family. We are hoping to raise lots of \$ to buy additional seating and tables for the playground.

- Artwork
- Movie / theatre tickets
- Sports tickets
- Signed memorabilia
- Hampers
- Know anyone famous?
- Rounds of golf
- Restaurant/cafe voucher
- Weekend holiday house
- Experiences voucher
- New toys/books
- Candles
- Food or Wine
- Any type of gift card
- Unwanted gifts
- Jewellery
- Scratchie tickets
- Board games
- Bicycles / scooters
- Appliances

Please leave donations at the school office or call Vikkie on 0401559551. Deadline for donations 28th July. Any questions or if you need a formal letter from the school please call Vikkie.



A huge **THANK YOU** to these amazing businesses for their generous donation for our **TRIVIA NIGHT ON THE 5TH AUG**





TWO DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

Community Sports Camps are back this Winter to offer all the fun and skill development that we have delivered in the past. Multiple sports and venues running across Melbourne

Programs include

- ✓ 9am to 3pm each day
- ✓ Delivered by quality coaches
- ✓ Suitable for kids aged 4- 12 years
- ✓ One and Two Day Options available

Locations

AFL @ Whatmough Park, Greensborough 27, 28 June

AFL & Basketball @ Forest Hill College 29, 30 June

Basketball @ Oakleigh Recreation Centre 3, 4 July

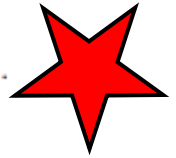
Basketball & Soccer @ Cheltenham Secondary College 6, 7 July

Contact Us 1300 914 368 admin@australiansportscamps.com.au



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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| PD Petar | For always trying his best to make good choices and being a supportive friend to everyone in Prep D. |
| PM Raniru | For showing responsibility by using whole body listening, speaking kindly to others and following instructions. |
| PK Prabath | For putting extra effort into all of his book work. I'm so proud of you Prabath! |
| PK Zainab | For confidently telling the class about her extended family. Zainab also drew a beautiful picture of her family! |
| PR Heidi | For some amazing sounding out when reading unknown words. Well done Heidi! |
| PJ Mikaela | For being a great friend to others and always being a fabulous listener. Keep it up Mikaela! |
| 1B Leo | For the outstanding effort that you put into all learning tasks this week. It is wonderful to see you continually trying your best and approaching your learning with such enthusiasm and positivity! Keep up the amazing efforts Leo. |
| 1S Salah | For your kind, respectful and honest nature in the classroom. Thank you for always being such a friendly face in 1S. |
| 1CF Ryan L | For your creativity in your shape portfolio task, drawing four different 2D shapes to create a monster. Amazing work, Ryan! |
| 1H Martin | "For his fabulous visualising skills and drawing of the 'Nogard'. Martin then included interesting adjectives to write around his picture. Well done, Martin! " |
| 1H Ansh V | "For his outstanding effort during our Writing Portfolio task. Ansh chose adjectives to describe our popping popcorn and then included these adjectives in sentences! Amazing work, superstar!" |
| 1K Richard | For sharing his creative and challenging approach to working mathematically with numbers. You use some higher order thinking strategies. Fantastic work Richard! |
| 1D Elsie | For being respectful and kind and always using your manners. Well done, Elsie! You are a wonderful member of our 1D class! |
| 1V Alexandros | For his fantastic drawing of a 'Nogard', using the skill of visualising as well as writing great adjectives. |
| 2F Harshith | For making responsible learning choices when completing classroom work and consistently striving to achieve his personal learning goals. |
| 2L Alpana | For being a responsible member of the class and plant mum in 2L. Our plants would be looking very sad without you! |
| 2A Suvassti | For the outstanding effort she has put into her detailed information report about Koalas. Amazing work Suvassti - Keep it up! |
| 2M All of 2M | For having wonderful manners and being very respectful towards their teachers while Mrs. Mann has been away. |
| 2B Maia | For your excellent 'Fascinating Friday' presentation about your gymnastics class. Well done Maia. |





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 3S All of 3S For being enthusiastic and responsible throughout the week. Well done for approaching your learning with a 'Can Do' attitude!
- 3T Kayden For his positive attitude towards learning this week. Kayden has followed instructions to complete tasks to the best of his ability. Keep up the good work, Kayden!
- 3L All of 3L For treating guests that come into our classroom with respect and having a positive attitude when working with others. Well done 3L!
- 3H Alice For your wonderful poetry writing this week. You wrote with emotion, powerful adjectives and followed the various poem structures well. Excellent work Alice!
- 3P Jack For his excellent perseverance during writing. Jack gave it a red hot go and created a fantastic shape poem! Awesome work superstar!!
- 3U Aria For seeking help as needed and always working to the best of his ability. Well done and keep it up, Aria!
- 4H Aaron For showing persistence and determination in everything he attempts. Well done Aaron!
- 4M Arjuna For making time to help his friends understand time during Maths!
- 4J Vivaan For the effort you are putting into making justified inferences in reading in the past week.
- 4T Wendy For your continued development over the year so far. It has been great to see your confidence grow and your group participation increase.
- 5M Nikita For consistently displaying wonderful optimism around the classroom. Your attitude towards achieving your learning goals is something to be admired. Keep up the great work, Nikita!
- 5MT Parnavi For your outstanding behaviour on our Shrine of Remembrance excursion. You represented Pinewood beautifully. Well done.
- 5D Anaya For her dedication to her learning. Anaya is always willing to ask for help and working to improve her learning tasks. Keep up the great work, Anaya!
- 5J Millie For her excellent work, learning how to add and subtract fractions. Not only did she work diligently to learn the new concept, but she also ended up helping others with the process. Fantastic work, Millie!
- 5T Preston For your constant positive attitude and effort towards all of your learning. You are a great role model to those around you. Keep up the great work Preston!
- 5C Aarya For working effectively and interacting positively with a partner to complete your 'Phases of the Moon' poster. Well done on the great teamwork!
- 6F Cooper For displaying excellent sportsmanship at the District Cross Country. You stopped to assist a friend regardless of how it might impact your position in the race. Well done!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

6H All of 6H "For being an amazing and hardworking bunch of students! It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in 6H. "

6M Eric For the focus and effort he has shown towards his learning this week. Eric has worked hard across all subjects and shown self-confidence and responsibility! Keep it up Eric!

6T Liam For the effort put into class discussions last week. By actively answering questions and being involved, you're enhancing the lesson for both you and the whole class. And you can flex your brains! Great job.

6O Hannah For participating in class discussions more and more as the year progresses. You have a lot to say and should be proud of your contributions! You are making a positive difference in 6O!

MUSIC Rishit 3U for the great effort and respectful behaviour in every music class. Excellent work performing and creating rhythmic ostinatos this week! Well done, Rishit!

Art Tiantian 5D for amazing work on her street art inspired graffiti name and her outstanding ability to apply poster paint.

Art Hashir 2A for incredible work on his Matisse inspired paper craft artwork. Well done for being super creative and developing a wonderful piece of art. Keep it up!

FRENCH F-2 Declan 2A I have been so impressed with your enthusiasm during French lessons. You are always willing to learn new vocabulary. Très bien!

FRENCH 3-6 Thivishan 4T for your incredible effort learning French adjectives. I have been so impressed with your enthusiasm. Super!

PE F-2 Audrey 1CF for an amazing start to our unit on striking in PE, and always contributing to class discussion. Great work!

PE 3-6 Stephanie 6O for demonstrating great focus and effort in our HIIT unit, especially with our boxercise activity. Well done!

STEM F-2 Mary Prep D for detailed scientific drawings of the different leaves you found on our 'Leaf Hunt'. Well done, Mary!

STEM 3-6 Teddy 3U for always contributing thoughtful ideas and questions during scientific discussions. You thought about ways we can improve our experiments to make them more fair, valid and reliable. STEMsational!

GREAT JOB!