



30th November 2023



## What's On...

### December

- 1st MiniBOSS Incurion  
5D, 5J & 5M
- 7th End of Year Concert  
6.00pm—7.15pm  
(approx.)
- 12th Statewide Orientation  
Day Year 6
- 12th 2024 Prep Transition  
Session 3 Parents  
Club BBQ  
9.15- 11.15am
- 14th Year 6 Graduation  
Huntingtower
- 15th Walk Up to next  
year's class from  
12.20-1pm
- 15th Reports Go Home
- 20th **Last Day of Term 4**  
**2.30pm dismissal**  
**The School Office will**  
**close at 3pm**



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

# 2024

### 2024 PREP TRANSITION

We have now completed our second Prep Transition session and we have had a fantastic time with our new students. On Tuesday December 12th, our 2024 preps will come together for a final transition session from 9:15-11.15am and have an opportunity to participate in a BBQ sausage sizzle.

### CELEBRATING THE FESTIVE SEASON - THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

**REMINDER:** We will be holding our annual community outdoor event at the school to celebrate the culmination of what has been a great year of 'learning' and the upcoming festive season on Thursday 7th December. We are inviting school community members to come along and join in the fun and good cheer, as students from each year level, and the choir, sing some of their favourite 'festive season/ Christmas' songs. The event commences at 6.00pm and ends at 7.15pm (approx). Please BYO chair or picnic rug. We look forward to a wonderful evening where our families can enjoy each other's company and some festive cheer.



# A BIG THANK YOU

### PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Our school is all the better because of the extra-ordinary help received from our parents and members of our school community. You, our wonderful parents, assist with classroom support, and with incursions and excursions. Our School Council and its Subcommittee members as well as the numerous Parent Association helpers, who plan school events and activities, add to the vision and culture of PPS. The teaching and support staff have valued your assistance and participation in the school life of our students and their school. In acknowledgement of your tremendous support, we would like to extend an invitation to join us for Morning Tea, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10:40am-11.10 in the Staffroom. Please keep this date free in your diaries.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our final school assembly for 2024 will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 9.20, and will be occurring on the sports field (weather pending). Parents are most welcome to attend. Our exiting Year 6 students will be conducting most of the assembly.





### **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. I have also had concerns raised by other parents about some drivers doing U turns near the Toombah Street crossing and the Staff Carpark entrance. This again is a dangerous driving practice as it potentially compromises the safety of our students.



The laneway between the school and Pinewood shopping centre, is also a very busy thorough fare for students and parents at the beginning and end of each school day.

The laneway is privately owned land and is not part of the school. The laneway is not designed to carry the volume of school traffic that it does, therefore, extra care and patience is required for any drivers using this area.

### **IMPORTANT DATES for 2024**

Please note the following dates for your diary for the start of 2024:

- Monday January 29th, 2024 - Staff Resume – Curriculum Day: Planning and Preparation
- Tuesday January 30th, 2024 - All students in Year 1 to Year 6 start school for 2024
- Prep English Online Interviews - Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 - Friday, February 2nd, 2024  
Preps begin full time schooling from Monday, 5th February, 2024

Karen Jenkin  
Principal



# French News

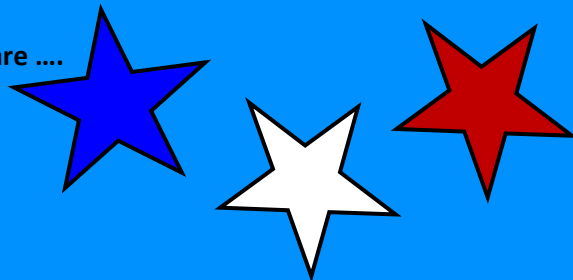


**Bonjour tout le monde,**

**With Christmas just around the corner, we are all finishing off our units of work and starting to learn about the celebration of Christmas in France. We are going to share some French activities for you to do at home over the next couple of weeks if you wish, and some vocabulary that will be helpful at this time.**

Some popular Christmas vocabulary words are ....

- Joyeux Noël (Merry Christmas)
- Le père Noël (Santa Claus)
- Un sapin de Noël (Christmas tree)
- Un cadeau de Noël (a Christmas present)
- Le vingt-cinq decembre (December 25)



**Have fun printing out the activity and completing it or simply share with your parents what the colours and numbers are in French. Mademoiselle Cowie & Madame Slade**





# Year 6 Skateboards



Welcome back to another lovely week in the art room.

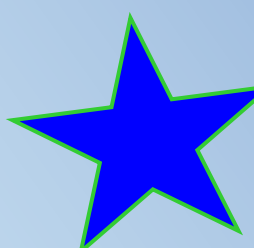
We are currently flying through our artworks, completing things left, right and centre as we come closer to the end of term.

This week we are celebrating the work of the Year 6s. Every single student in this cohort is developing a skateboard reflecting the skills and techniques learned throughout primary school. They had the choice to paint anything they like - and the results are fabulous!

Seen below are a selection of completed skateboards currently on display in the art room- the Preps to Grade 5s are in awe of these fabulous designs- and so are we.

Keep up the amazing work Pinewood- we're almost there!

Ms Francine & Mr Barrett,  
Visual Arts Teachers.



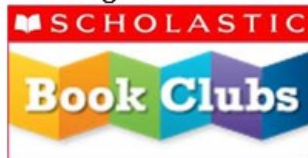


# REMINDER

## BOOKCLUB - ISSUE 8

### Welcome to the final issue for 2024

There are 7 different books at \$3, perfect for stocking stuffers for Christmas!



Orders close  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December



We're excited to offer access to great value books in the lead up to Christmas and the Summer Holidays!



We have a Trolls colouring competition to enter the draw to win a family pass to the new Trolls movie!



### Swimming Lost Property

Dear Parents/Carers,

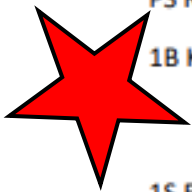
We have many towels, goggles and even some bathers that were left at swimming by the first two groups. The lost property is outside the staff room near Miss McGregor's office. If your child misplaced their belongings during this time, please come and have a look.

Thank-you,  
Sandra McGregor  
(Swimming Coordinator)



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

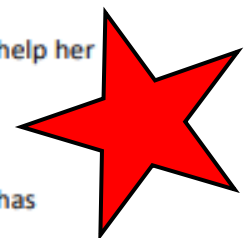
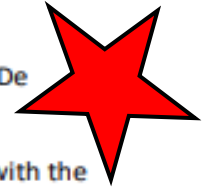
- PD Tara For producing some fantastic work in our recount writing this week. You did such an amazing job Tara!
- PD Oliver For being a numeracy superstar when learning about place value this week. Well done Oliver, you always strive high for a challenge!
- PM Elena For being a kind and considerate member of our class. Thank you for being a great role model Elena!
- PK Nathan For asking many open and closed questions to his classmates. Well done Nathan!
- PK Harjas For confidently asking his classmates many open questions. Well done Harjas!
- PR Ezra For being a great role model for others, by showing kindness and gratitude towards his peers. Great job, Ezra!
- PJ Patty For your fantastic efforts in writing sessions each week. I am proud of your growth. Keep it up Patty!
- PS Ryo For demonstrating our school values every single day. Keep it up Ryo!
- 1B Kingsley For your excellent presentation on reticulated pythons during our Living Things unit. Your well-researched and rehearsed information report successfully engaged and delighted the audience. Amazing work!
- 1S Eva For your fantastic living things presentation on butterflies. You made a wonderful poster and presented using a loud confident voice, while consistently maintaining eye contact with the class. Great work Eva!
- 1CF Danuk Well done on continually improving on your spelling and working hard on your poster about elephants for Integrated. We are proud of your great work in class Danuk!
- 1H Ulysses For demonstrating great confidence during your information report presentation on the Ulysses butterfly. Well done Ulysses!
- 1K Jaanav For showing consistent resilience towards your learning tasks. Your positive attitude towards learning is amazing. Well done Jaanav, I'm proud of you.
- 1K Aaron For collecting some great facts about the Golden Retriever Dog. Aaron you have shared fabulous information with your friends. Great work Aaron!
- 1D Evrim For showing improved confidence when sharing your presentation about Karpuz your cat. Well done Evrim!
- 1V Prisha For displaying great confidence during your information report presentation on Pomeranian Dogs. Well done Prisha!
- 2F Dylan For showing empathy and kindness to those around him. Keep up the wonderful attitude, Dylan!
- 2L Alpana For your incredible show don't tell narrative about a busy city! I felt like I was really there, well done Alpana!!





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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|--------------|--|
| 2A All of 2A | For listening so wonderfully to our volunteer helpers on our excursion to Mont De Lancey. Very proud of you all 2A!  |
| 2M           | For the wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm they showed during our Mont De Lancy excursion. Well done 2M!   |
| 2B Maia      | For your stunning character description and having the confidence to share with the class. Well done Maia!   |
| 2F Dylan     | For always showing kindness and compassion to his classmates. You are a valued member of our class Dylan. Well done!   |
| 3S Andy      | For showing enthusiasm when attending swimming. Great work Andy!   |
| 3T Liam      | For his diligent approach to researching towns in Victoria. Liam provided details about geographical landmarks and attractions. Well done Liam!                              |
| 3H Lisa      | For your amazing pirate island map! You carefully added features, a compass rose, clear legend, an accurate scale and beautiful colours. Well done!                          |
| 3P Mila      | For her wonderful pirate island map! Mila took her time adding so many amazing features. Awesome work!!  |
| 3U Aria      | For his wonderful progress in learning English. Keep up the fabulous work, Aria!   |
| 4F Maya      | For her persistence and resilience in the classroom. You are doing an amazing job Maya, keep it up!  |
| 4F Lily      | For always asking appropriate questions to support her learning. Keep it up Lily   |
| 4M Jerry     | For absolutely smashing the four operations task! Amazing work! Keep being awesome!  |
| 4J Savinu    | For being our Green Team responsible leader!   |
| 4T Coco      | For always completing tasks to the best of your ability and placing extra effort into the presentation of your work.   |
| 5M Kosta     | For achieving your learning goals in Reading and Maths. Well done Kosta!   |
| 5MT Kira     | For always participating in classroom activities and for consistently demonstrating all of the Pinewood values. Well done!   |
| 5J Shenae    | For being a wonderful and valued member of 5J. She is always willing to help her classmates and support them in their learning, great work Shenae!                           |
| 5T Hudson    | For showing empathy and encouragement to his classmates.   |
| 6F Robert    | For your enthusiasm in writing lessons. Your use of technical vocabulary has enhanced the quality of your writing. Well done!  |
| 6M Zara      | For always helping her friends and showing responsibility and respect to others! Zara consistently works hard to get her work done during class time. Keep it up!            |
| 6M Nabhanyu  | For showing bravery and courage this week. Nabhanyu demonstrated integrity, respect and confidence this week. We are very grateful for the role Nabhanyu plays in our class. |

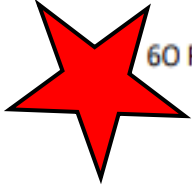




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6T Tobias

For your wonderful text response on Wonder; but also for your continued dedication to completing work to a high level with your best efforts.



6O Ruby

For helping out whenever you can. You are a much-valued member of 6O. Your peers respect you and are encouraged by your willingness to help them. You are constantly making a positive difference in 6O!!

MUSIC Liam 5MT

For an outstanding attitude and commitment to the rock band throughout the year.

Art Elektra 5J

For amazing work on her personalised shield. Wonderful painting and brushwork skills- keep it up!

Art Tevin 5M

For wonderful work on his shield artwork. Great work on your painting and drawing skills, and for showing strong leadership qualities. Keep it up!

FRENCH F-2 Riya 2F

For taking great initiative to learn French at home. You have already started to learn the French vocabulary and are willing to practice at home to catch up to your classmates. Keep up the 'fantastique' work Riya!

PE F-2 Aarya 1K

For her wonderful efforts in PE this term! Keep up the amazing work!



PE 3-6 Srisa 5C

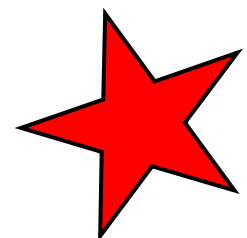
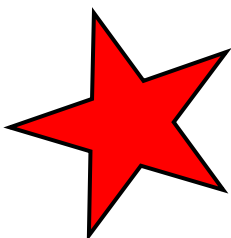
For her outstanding efforts throughout the Year 5 basketball unit! Keep up the amazing work!

STEM F-2 Nicholas 2L

For demonstrating excellent coding and problem-solving skills when working through challenges on Coding Awbie.

STEM 3-6 3U

For your passion and enthusiasm during build and code sessions with Lego WeDo 2.0. Well done, 3U!







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