



7th December 2023

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

### REMINDER: CELEBRATING the FESTIVE SEASON at PPS



We will be holding our annual community outdoor event at the school this evening to celebrate the culmination of what has been a great year of 'learning' and the upcoming festive season. 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. Please place rugs and chairs around the outside of the student area. We look forward to a wonderful evening where our families can enjoy each other's company and some festive cheer.

### RESPONSIBILITY DAY- YEAR 6 STUDENTS

This year, due to popular student demand, we are providing an opportunity for our Year 6 students to experience what it is like to take on a working role at the school for a day (Responsibility Day). The students have chosen an area they would like to try, and with the assistance of the teachers, Admin Staff, Assistant Principal and myself, will be planning literacy and numeracy activities with a specific year level teacher, or working in their chosen role under supervision. The students have handwritten fantastic applications for various teaching and administration roles in the school and have already met with their supervising staff member to plan for the day. 'Responsibility Day' will occur on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The students are very excited about the day.



### 2024 TRANSITION VISITS ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Next Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we have two special transition sessions occurring. Our current Year 6 students will be visiting their new secondary schools for 2024. We wish them well and hope they enjoy their day. On the same day, our new Prep students attend their final transition morning at Pinewood. It is very exciting for everyone! Thank you to our Parents' Club for providing our new Prep students with a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of their school visit.



## What's On...

### December

- 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  
Year 6 Showbiz  
Cinemas
- 20th **Last Day of Term 4**  
**2.30pm dismissal**  
**The School Office will**  
**close at 3pm**



2024

### January

- 30th Years 1 - 6 Students  
commence the 2024 school





**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.

**STUDENT WALK UP TO 2024 YEAR LEVEL... AND END OF YEAR REPORTS**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December between 12.20-12.50pm, we will conduct a 'Walk Up' for all students. During this 30-minute period, the students will be informed of their class teacher for next year. The students will then visit their new classroom for 2024 and meet their new teacher (for about 20 minutes) before returning to their current classroom for lunch.

Student reports will also be distributed to families on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Our final school assembly for 2023 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.



Karen Jenkin  
Principal





# Update!

Dear Pinewood Primary School,

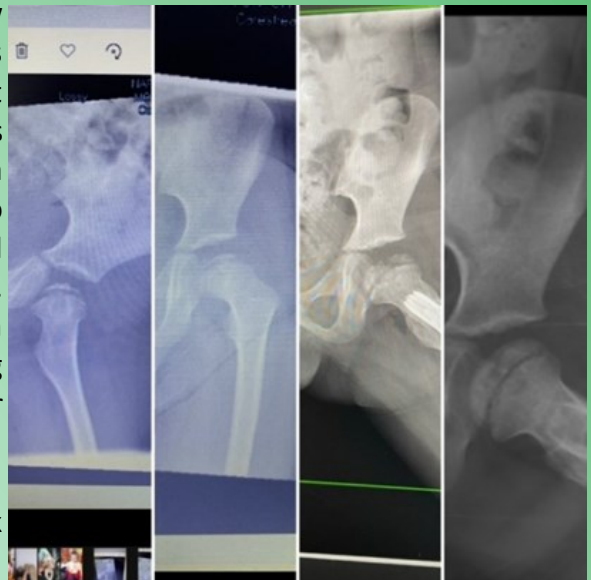
Earlier this year we shared our son's story with you all regarding his Perthes Disease, and we thought it would be good to update the school community on his progress.



Harvey has slowly been allowed to increase his cardio and running and jumping over time, but as with all children we needed to ensure that it was at a pace he can understand. He has been so resilient throughout his disease and treatment that we are very proud of him. In August this year we had our regular paediatric surgeon check up with Dr Brian Loh. This was our first time to have a 6-month gap between appointments, which is always a good sign when they get further apart! We got amazing news at that check up that

Harvey was allowed to run and jump to his heart's content! He was not going to need his wheelchair for long distances anymore. Below is a snapshot of his femoral head, from left first diagnosis, to right the xray in August this year.

We are beyond thrilled with this news, but we know that there is still a journey to go until Harvey is completely back to normal health. Harvey has lost a lot of cardio strength and muscle wastage over the years whilst he goes through the stages of Perthes. So as a result, we will still have regular physio work need to help build up his muscle and hip strength and endurance of cardio so he can keep up with his peers. Sometimes you will still see him needing more rest than others, but we are just so happy to see him running with his friends. We can also see how much happier Harvey is with his new freedom!



We want to thank everyone who has reached out to ask how Harvey is going and shown their support.

We want to thank the school for allowing Harvey's story to be shared.

Thanks,  
Tarsh & Nathan





The Maths Olympiad is an annual competition in which junior & senior teams from schools across Australia and New Zealand compete in a series of mathematical problem-solving challenges.

This year we had two teams of students from year 5 & 6 representing Pinewood Primary School. I am pleased to announce that they performed exceptionally well, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all participants for their wonderful efforts.

A special acknowledgement goes out to the following students for scoring in the top 10% of their division.

Top 10% Achievers	Year Level
Samuel Z (Highest Score Award) 1 <sup>st</sup> position	5
Eric F (Highest Score Award) 1 <sup>st</sup> position	5
Elissa A	5
Andrew L	5
Kieran L (Perfect Score) 1 <sup>st</sup> position	6
Jessica Z (Perfect Score) 1 <sup>st</sup> position	6
Ruby F	6
Saksham S	6
Olivia Z	6



APSMO have also recognised Kieran L and Jessica Z for their achievements by awarding them both with a Perfect Score Medal.

Their perfect score of 20 out of 20 was obtained by only 227 students from the 35 877 who competed in the Junior Division Maths Olympiad this year. An outstanding accomplishment!

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing Pinewood Olympiads!

Angela Katsos (Math Olympiad Coordinator)





## The Poets of 6M

During our Poetry unit, students have been writing fixed and free verse poetry. For their final pieces, they were to reflect on their school journey and write some poetry about Pinewood PS.

### *The Library*

Books and books and books,  
Piled upon shelves.  
In the school Pinewood.

### *Recess*

We get to play,  
We have fun on the playground,  
The sun is hugging us,  
Everyone is sitting, sketching and smiling.  
The playground.

### *Wet day Timetable*

Drops dropping to the concrete  
Oh my, it's time to come inside  
Every student in pinewood yelling indoors  
Teachers drop to the floor and think;  
**THIS IS A PIGSTY!**  
All board games cheer seeing they will finally be used  
But then they cry at the end,  
**"WHY WEREN'T WE USED TODAY?"**

### *Pinewood*

Pinewood is the best.  
Over here we are blessed.  
With our great facilities.  
When we go to P.E., dodgeballs are flying everywhere.  
Skateboards, sport teams, and super machines from robotics.  
That is Pinewood for you.

### *Lunch*

"Ding, ding!" the school bell shouts,  
As students flood outside.  
To eat, chomp, chew, chow,  
To play, bash, boom, bam!  
To chat, chitter, chatter,  
Every day, at Pinewood Primary School.

### FIXED VERSE – HAIKU

PINEWOOD IS MY HOME  
I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS PLACE  
IT'S A PLACE TO LEARN

### *Pinewood*

Trees waving goodbye  
Tubs cleaned out  
The graduation performs, lights danced  
The Year 6 classrooms empty  
Everyone stepping into their new lives in Highschool

### *To Pinewood,*

You have the best teachers  
Full of Family, Friends and Fun  
No One Will appreciate you,  
As much as we do.

### **PINEWOOD**

Pinewood,  
Colourful, Inclusive,  
Learning, Running, Playing,  
Really fun and joyful place to be.  
School

### *Pinewood*

Pinewood always has its arms open for new people.  
It has a barrier around it, for those who want to feel safe, cross the barrier and you will feel protected in Pinewood's arms.  
Safe, Sound, social, smart school.



# Pasta in Prep!

Welcome back to another lovely week in the art room!

This week we are focusing on the Preps, and their hard work in developing a celebration wreath, made of pasta! The students cut out their donut shapes, using their cutting skills, and stuck down their pasta shells randomly with super tack!

It was a very messy experience, but all students loved it! Seen below are students of Prep M, having a blast developing their wreaths.

Keep up the amazing work all students of Pinewood!

Ms Francine & Mr Barrett,  
Visual Arts Teachers.





# PARENTS CLUB

As another fun year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity as the Parents Club President to thank the amazing members of the Parents Club for their incredible support throughout the year. A special thank you to Eileen and Joanna for helping with every event. Your dedication is amazing.

Looking back at 2023, we have achieved so much:

- Rocky Road & Bakers Delight Fundraisers
  - Incredible Trivia Night
- Marketa & Co Whole School Pasta Day
  - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
  - Dress Up Days
- Footy Day Sausage Sizzle & Raffle
- Mothers and Fathers Day Morning
- Prep 100 Days & Grade 2 Disco photobooths
  - World Teacher Day Coffees
  - 3 x 2nd Hand Uniform Sales

With all this incredible fundraising we have purchased buddy benches, tables as well as some very cool and colourful concrete markings (2 x Hopscotch & 1 x 4 square).

Can't wait to see these pop up around the school.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas.  
Vikkie (Parents Club President)



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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD Sean	For putting in your best efforts when completing your 'Letter to My Future Teacher' this week, I am so proud of your amazing work!
PM Liam	For working hard to create a wonderful writing piece using lots of describing words and detail. Well done Liam!
PK Aiden	For being a wonderful role model for other students. Well done Aiden!
PK Adwyth	For singing the song for our concert so beautifully! Well done Adwyth!
PR Shanaya	For your amazing 'Letter to My Future Teacher'. You have been practising so hard with your spelling and I was very impressed. Well done!
PJ Cindy	For trying her absolute best in maths this week. Cindy did a fantastic job in learning new things and I am so proud of her efforts!
PS Rivaan	For bringing positivity, optimism and enthusiasm to every day. What a fantastic attitude, well done Rivaan!
1B Anabelle	Fantastic job, Anabelle, on the outstanding information report you created about snow leopards. Your thorough research on the snow leopard's habitat, physical traits, dietary preferences and interesting facts was evident. You also presented it splendidly to the class. Well done!
1S Elisa	For the impressive elephant poster that you created independently in class. You were able to research the elephant's habitat, appearance, diet and fun facts and presented it beautifully to the class. Great work Elisa!
1CF Finn	For your fantastic Living Things presentation. You never fail to impress with a unique spin on your speaking and listening tasks. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, well done!
1H Adeline	For your fantastic organisational skills. Adeline has worked hard to keep a tidy tub and neat table space! Superstar work Adeline!
1K Crius	For creating an interesting poster about monkeys. You had put in a great effort to collect information and finish your poster! Great efforts Crius!
1K Annika	For creating an interesting poster about lions. You worked independently and added details to improve your work. Great work Annika!
1K Allie	For creating a detailed information poster about tigers. You created the neatest, and the most beautiful poster. Keep up the good work Allie!
1D Dhruv	For making an aluminium foil boat that floated and held the most unifix blocks in the class. Wow Dhruv your boat held 142 blocks! Amazing!
1V Kabir	For your inventive design and creation of an aluminium foil boat, when working out the greatest mass your group's boat could hold. Awesome work!
2F Emilyynn	For a fabulous 'Reader's Theatre' performance!
2L Collin	For working hard to get all of your sounds and syllables correct in our spelling this week with tricky split digraphs. Well done Collin keep up the great work!
2A Devansh	For showing great team work skills during our scavenger hunt for Maths. Great work Devansh!







## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2M Vonaal	For the wonderful effort he made during the Maths mapping activities. Well done Vonaal!
2B Henry	For your focus and effort in writing. Well done Henry!
2B Tina	For your enthusiastic attitude in reading. Well done Tina!
2F Emilynn	For a fabulous performance during 'Reader's Theatre'. Well done Emilynn!
3S Micah	For settling back into the 3S classroom so beautifully. Well done Micah!
3T Katerina	For creating a detailed 'Pirate Island Map' that included all the essential features. Great work Katerina!
3H Iris	For being you! Your calm, caring and hard working nature has provided a shining light in our classroom all year. Thank you and well done!!
3P Riya	For the incredible progress she has made in writing this year. Riya's narrative stories have been exciting to read! Impressive work Riya!!
3L Isha	For completing all set learning tasks in a timely manner. Your work is always delivered to me at such a great standard and always on time! Awesome stuff!
3U Sid	For consistently submitting his homework early this term. Well done, Sid!
4F Jamison	For working really well in his team for our Green Hat incursion. Well done Jamison.
4F Ari	For showing persistence when dealing with the challenges of having a fractured foot!! Well done Ari.
4M Lexie	For being an amazing member of our class, a positive role model and always trying to be your best self and doing your best work at all times this year!
4H Neyla	For wonderful acting during Reader's Theatre. Well done!
5C Tanush	For settling back into the classroom so quickly on your return to school, and for being so adaptable and approaching tasks with a positive attitude.
5M Oshima	For her wonderful team work and contribution at our Smoothie incursion.
5MT Shaassvi	For the enthusiasm and great team working skills you displayed during our Mini Boss incursion. Great Work!!
5D Cruz	For the work he put into his Mini Golf course during our finance unit. He worked hard to design and calculate the cost of his course and to ensure he stayed in budget. Keep up the great work, Cruz!
5J Ash K	For always being willing to share her knowledge with her classmates and helping them to learn, great work Ash!
5T Caiden	For being an enthusiastic and energetic student.
6F Chloe T	For approaching our graduation dance rehearsals with great energy and enthusiasm. Keep up the great work, Chloe!
6H Samaira	For being a kind, considerate and helpful class member. Keep up the great work, Samaira!





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**6M Sara** For consistently demonstrating excellent work habits. Sara pays careful attention in class, works hard on everything and ensures that it is done neatly. She always puts effort into her school life.

**6M Kavish** For being a supportive and positive member of 6M. Kavish consistently demonstrates Pinewood school values. He is inclusive, fun and always makes time for his classmates. He makes a positive difference in our classroom!

**6T Malynda** For being a sea of tranquillity and peace in a turbulent ocean of noise and bluster. Your resilience shines when working through distractions, noise and everything else that the end of the year throws you.

**6O Mandri** For being a positive member of 6O. You consistently demonstrate excellent work habits. You are inclusive and always make time for your classmates. You are making a positive difference in 6O!

### MUSIC All of 3L

For your enthusiasm and love of music! Seeing so many of you bringing instruments and being so willing to perform and share your musical journey with the rest of the class for all of us to enjoy is something that makes me look forward to our lesson every time! Well done, 3L!

### Art Yolanda 5C

For fabulous work all year in art! Well done for your beautifully designed Hamza hand, and for always helping your classmates.

### Art Karma 6M

For fabulous work on her Grade 6 skateboard, well done for your focus and dedication every week - your design is incredible!

### FRENCH F-2 2M

For your fantastic effort in answering questions in French. You were asked some difficult questions and you all tried your best and helped out your peers!

### FRENCH 3-6 4H

For an amazing effort in French for 2023. You should be very proud of yourselves as you have excelled in all areas of your French learning. Can't wait to see you all in Year 5!

### PE F-2 Emilyynn 2B

For her wonderful team work skills in PE this term. Keep up the great work!

### PE 3-6 Evan 5D

For his outstanding contributions throughout the Year 5 basketball unit. Keep up the fantastic work!

### STEM F-2Ayan 2A

For demonstrating excellent problem solving skills when working through challenges on Osmo Newton.

### STEM 3-6Iris, Grace and Akshara 3H

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



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