



15th December 2023

## Principal's Message

### What's On...

#### December

- 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 year
- 30th—2nd February  
Year 1—6 Creating our Learning Community Program
- 30th—2nd February  
English On Line Assessment for our 2024 Prep children

#### February

- 5th Preps commence the 2024 School Year 9.00 –3.30pm



Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **WONDERFUL END OF YEAR CONCERT**

It was wonderful to be able to come together as a school community last Thursday evening and celebrate the upcoming festive season. The students performed exceptionally well as they performed their year level Xmas songs. Both choirs and the rock bands were sensational

too! This year we were treated with a staff item as well.

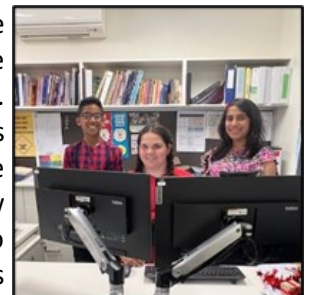
The weather was just perfect, and the event was very well attended... a great way to see in the festive season. Thanks again to our Music Teachers, Mr Taylor, and Mr Koudounis, for preparing the students so well for their musical performances and to the many staff who supported the event setup.



#### **A REPORT BY THE JUNIOR PRINCIPALS OF PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL: (Lexi, Iha and Aarya)**

On Monday, 11th December, Year 6 students got a chance to experience what the role of a teacher, office staff, principal or assistant principal, business manager, nurse and many more exciting jobs that make up a school. This special occasion is known as Responsibility Day. Of these students, we three, Lexi, Iha and Aarya, were chosen to learn about the principal's role and their important tasks, which were to overall keep the students and staff safe, happy and learning, and keep the parents notified and informed.

We started off by introducing ourselves to everyone through the Morning Greeting and explaining why we wanted to experience the challenging role of a principal. After that, we learnt about the importance of a school's reputation on social media, and how that affects the face of the school, good or bad. As well as this, we learnt how crucial it is to communicate often with your staff, to ensure that they have all the details for upcoming events throughout the week.



At recess, we re-joined with our grade six friends and peers, for a nice snack involving appetizing fresh fruits, juice boxes, crunchy wafers and the all-round favourites, CHIPS! When recess finished, we went around the school for a safety audit check, in relation to the program. We checked that all the year six students were helping and teaching their designated classes. Now, we're typing up the newsletter piece for this week and keeping the school community informed! We saw how the school's budgets work as well.





### FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS!

Last night, we conducted our Year 6 Graduation ceremony at Huntingtower School. If you attended the event, I'm sure you will agree it was a wonderful evening of celebration, dance, acknowledgements, speeches, and even a few parting tears.

Thank you to our Year 6 teachers, Aaron Tait, Karl Fernando, Sophie Miteff, Liz O'Meara, Kara Hewitt and Tanzeela Khondker Ahmed and the staff who supported the students on the evening, ensuring such a successful and well organised celebration.

Many thanks also to our School Council President, Mr Dennis Duval, for making time to attend the event and contributing to the success of the evening.

Congratulations, again, to our 2023 Year 6 students for being such wonderful senior school leaders and role models. We are all very proud of you!

Well done and best wishes for your secondary school education. Remember to come back and visit us when you can.



### THANK YOU TO SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENTS CLUB MEMBERS.



Thank you to our dedicated team of School Council members, Dennis Duval, Mark Rogers, Ray Wei, Sorin Ardeleanu, Aaron Gillett, Geoff Hayes, Debbie Chiang, Sheenu Sharma, Sandra McGregor, Andrew Thomas, Katelyn Marshall, and Jess Sexton for your valued service to our school in 2023.

Many thanks also to the awesome fundraising efforts of the Parents Club this year; Vikkie Triantafyllou, Claire Paterson, Joanne Forbes and Eileen Hayes and the many parents who join in to help with various student-centred activities.



### NEW ADDITION TO SCHOOL LEADERSHIP commencing in 2024

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of a second Assistant Principal at Pinewood PS, Ms April Warfield. April will commence at PPS at the beginning of next year. We warmly welcome April to our school community and look forward to working with April as part of the school leadership team.

### INTRODUCTION FROM APRIL WARFIELD (Second Assistant Principal commencing 2024)



It is with great excitement and gratitude that I introduce myself as the second Assistant Principal of Pinewood Primary School. I have been a Learning Specialist and an Acting Assistant Principal at Rangeview Primary School in Mitcham. I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to be a part of your school community, working alongside dedicated educators and staff who are shaping the future of your children. I am eager to learn, collaborate, and contribute to the vibrant learning environment that defines Pinewood Primary School. Thank you for welcoming me into your community, and I look forward to a rewarding time ahead.





### STAFFING FOR 2024

#### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO PPS FOR 2024

- Additional Assistant Principal -April Warfield
- Class Teacher- Rebecca Storan
- Class Teacher -Leah Maarse Davison
- Music Teacher- Ellen Newbury
- French Teacher - Marie-Helene Bodoche
- Receptionist- Grace Saxton
- School Counsellor- Christina Gaffy
- Class Teacher—Sheina Pal
- Class Teacher—Yue Pan



### STAFF LEAVING

We thank the following staff for their contribution to PPS and wish them well at their new school for 2024:

- **Jessica Sexton:** Promotion as Learning Specialist to Knox Gardens PS
- **Sophie Hays:** Moving to Eltham East PS
- **Sophie Miteff:** Moving to Bonbeach PS
- **John Koudounis:** Moving to a Private School
- **Catriona Cowie:** Moving to a Private School



### STUDENT WALK UP to 2024 Year Level... and End of Year Reports

Today, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December between 12.20-12.50pm, we conducted a 'Walk Up' for all students. During this 30-minute period, the students were informed of their class teacher for next year. The students then visited their new classroom for 2024 and met 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





### STAFFING POSITIONS 2024

Our staffing structure for 2024 is now completed and listed below. The students participated in our 'Walk Up' session today, where they spent time in their new classroom for 2024 and met their 2024 teacher and classmates. It was fantastic to have our 2024 Preps participate in their own 'Walk Up' at the school this morning and meet their new teacher and classmates too. Reminder -The Semester 2, Student Reports will be released this afternoon via the Compass system.

**Please note the Class/Specialist Teachers for 2024**

PREP C	Julia Coutselinis		4C	Helen Crockett
PREP M	Leah Maarse Davison		4F	Jenny Falconer
PREP D	Nadia De Gregorio		4H	Tracy Hobson
PREP K	Maria Kovas		4K	Tanzeela Khondker Ahmed
PREP R	Rebecca Kennedy		4M	Buj Marriott
PREP S	Rebecca Storan		4T	Troy Hartigan
1G	Charlotte Gray		5MP	Katelyn Marshall & Sheina Pal
1L	Amandine Lucas-Lely		5MT	Sophie MacDonald & Alyssia Templeton
1B	Samantha Beroni			
1H	Tania Hamamen		5P	Paul Maczohan
1S	Stephanie Voon		5D	Tara Duketis
1T	Justine Tang		5V	James Verde
2A	Maria Athanasopoulos		6HC	Kara Hewitt & Yalenka Clement
2C	Courtney Morrison		6O	Liz O'Meara
2J	Monica Jones		6T	Aaron Tait & Jonathan Anderson
2B	Kathryn Bleechmore		6F	Karl Fernando
2L	Olivia Leontiades		6P	Yue Pan
2M	Wendy Mann			
2PB	Mel Pryce & Josh Barrett		ART	Francine Combes
			ART	Josh Barrett
3H	Jon Harvey			
3P	Faye Park		FRENCH	Marie-Helene Broche
3L	Madeline Lumby		FRENCH	Jackie Slade
3U	Moui Ung			
3D	Alexandra Davies		MUSIC	Gareth Taylor
			MUSIC	Ellen Newbury
STEM	Sarah Pereira			
STEM	Bernie Wong		PHYS ED	Tom Hatjdimtriu
			PHYS ED	Luke Allen
TLI Prog	Robyn Russell			
Maths Enr. Prog	Angela Katsos		Inclusion Leader	Sandra McGregor Leading Teacher
Lit P-2	Helen Dent Learning Specialist			
EAL	Hayley Wilson		Student Counsellor	Christina Gaffy
Lit Support	Janine Kaminski			



A BIG THANK YOU to San Churro, Doncaster for donating SUPER STAR awards for the children at Pinewood Primary School. Each teacher will select a student for the award.



## San Churro Doncaster

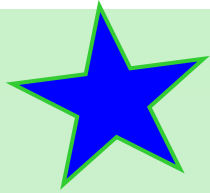


### MEDICATION.

If your child has medication kept at the school, it will be sent home with them on the last day. Please remember to remove it from your child's school bag.

If you would prefer to collect the medication in person, please contact the office prior to the last day to arrange a time.

If your child will require medication to be administered at school **next year**. Please hand this medication to the school nurse or the office staff on the first day off school 2024. All medication administered at school requires a medication authorisation form- these are available at the office. The medication must be in the original container with the original label and within its expiry date.



# Superstar Shields!



Welcome back to another wild week in the art room!

This week we have almost finished every single task required for the year. A highlight of this week are the Year 5 shields. These are very similar to the Grade 6 skateboards, personalised artworks representing things close to each student.

These shields are fantastic practice for their skateboards for next year - they have been using careful painting skills, intricate posca design and decorative glitter elements in this work.

Seem below are some students from 5C and 5J proudly showing off their shield designs!  
We're almost there Pinewood, keep up the amazing work!

Ms Francine & Mr Barrett,  
Visual Arts Teachers.





CONGRATULATIONS TO...



• Respect • Self-Confidence • Integrity • Responsibility • Optimism

**House Points Winners Term 4**

**2023**



*Congratulations,* ✨  
**DAMPIER**  
**OVERALL HOUSE**  
**POINTS WINNERS**  
✨ **2023**







## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD Daniel For asking some fantastic questions during our class spotlight! Well done Daniel!

PM Sarah For being consistently kind and respectful to others. Thank you for being a lovely member of Prep M!

PK Musab For always being a wonderful role model for other students. Well done Musab!

PK Prabath For his amazing Spotlight! Prabath was able to speak clearly and answer many questions. Well done!

PR Aiden For all the amazing sounding out skills you used with your writing this week. Well done Aiden!

PJ Winston For the wonderful effort you put into your writing last week. You have made such fantastic improvements in your handwriting this year! Well done Winston!

PS Matias For the wonderful effort you are putting into making positive choices at school. We're proud of you Matias!

1B Hermon For being an outstanding student who strives to do his best at all times. You always make a huge effort with your work and show great interest in all topics. Well done, Hermon!

1S Jason For your persistence and willingness to make new friends this term. You have done a great job when asking for help and you have formed some great friendships.

1CF Isha Congratulations on your dedication and persistence in mastering all of your Blue Belt Ninja Maths skills! You have shown great independence and continue to push yourself through each challenge. Keep up the fantastic work Isha!

1H Sparkles and Tinsel "For being jolly and cheeky elves in 1H! Keep up the hard work!"

1K Narmi For always listening carefully, doing her best, staying focused and completing work. You are a fabulous student Narmi!

1K Meesha For the best handwriting. You put in great efforts to write neatly and beautifully. Your handwriting is commendable. Keep up the good work Meesha!

1K Aayaan For your commitment to improving your handwriting and staying focused on your task. Great effort Aayaan, keep up the good work!

1D Brody For your enthusiasm and commitment to writing lots of facts about the chameleon. You made a fabulous information poster Brody! An awesome effort!

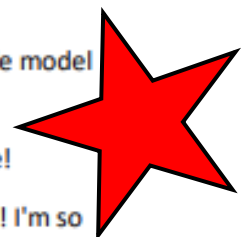
1V Alexandros For the optimism and resilience he has shown recently, becoming a great role model for his peers.

2F Irene For always being a wonderful role model for other students. Well done Irene!

2L Adeline For settling into 2L so well and making the effort to make lots of new friends! I'm so proud of you Adeline!

2A Riley & Aavya For being such kind and caring members of 2A this year. Your hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed. Well done Riley and Aavya!

2M Tashi For always being a caring and kind friend to others. Well done Tashi!





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- 2B Loriann For the amazing confidence and talent shown during Reader's Theatre
- 2B Aashvi Well done on your enthusiastic attitude to Reader's Theatre. Keep it up Aashvi!
- 3S All of 3S For creating an amazing 3S News Broadcast!
- 3T Fatima For consistently working to achieve her personal best in her times table challenge this year. Fatima should be proud of her dedication and effort! Well done Fatima!
- 3H All of 3H For a wonderful year in 3H. We have achieved so much as a team!
- 3P Ivy For her ever positive attitude towards learning! Ivy always puts 100% effort into every task she undertakes. What a star!
- 3L All of 3L For a wonderful year in 3L! I have had such a fun time with you all this year and it has been amazing to watch you all grow!
- 3U Alice For her consistent work habits all year and for always having a positive attitude towards school. Well done Alice!
- 4F Tehan For his great performance in our Reader's Theatre plays. Well done Tehan.
- 4F Thenara For always being so helpful in class and for assisting other students. Keep it up Thenara.
- 4J All of 4J For looking after each other, for getting along together and for being joyful this year! You are the best class!
- 4H Sujay For excellent progress in mathematics this year. Well done!
- 4H Adrita For getting along with others so well during Reader's Theatre. Fantastic Adrita!
- 4H Fletcher For participating with enthusiasm during Reader's Theatre. Well done Fletcher!
- 4T Eshana For taking the initiative to ensure that all laptops were placed away correctly throughout the week.
- 5C Joshua For consistently demonstrating the school values and being an excellent role model for our class for the duration of the year.
- 5M Sandra For always being a kind and caring class member in 5M. Keep being the amazing person you are!
- 5MT Liam For always demonstrating the Pinewood values and being an exemplary role model to others. Keep shining bright!
- 5D Travis For helping our new student settle into the classroom. It has been fantastic having your assistance to translate and ensure he knows what to do. Well done, Travis!
- 5J Lucy For having a fantastic year in 5J. She has consistently helped students and teachers and she is a valued member of the class, great work Lucy!
- 5T Yajur and Cooper For being nice and caring members of 5T.
- 6F Keran For being a friendly and welcoming face for Pinewood in your role as a receptionist on Responsibility Day. Great work, Keran!





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6H Ella For her kindness and caring disposition towards peers and teachers; never shedding her smile even in the cloudiest of weather.

6M Raniesha For always focusing and paying a lot of attention and effort in her school life. She always manages her time well. Raniesha is a persistent and friendly member of 6M.

6M Betazen For being a caring friend who supports others. He shows humour and kindness in the classroom and consistently demonstrates respect and determination. You have been a very important member of 6M.

MUSIC Peter 4F

For an outstanding performance at the Christmas concert, and his commitment throughout the year to learning and perfecting his parts.

MUSIC Eshana 4T

For the fantastic music reading skills you have demonstrated while playing "Staff Dungeon". Fantastic work Eshana, keep it up!

Art Archie Prep D

For a wonderful year in art! Well done for being super creative, respectful and kind, and for always being such an amazing helper! Keep it up, Archie!

FRENCH F-2 Irene 2F

For an amazing year in French for 2023. You are consistently a part of the whole class discussions, sharing your knowledge with your peers. Your French has excelled again this year! I can't wait to see how well you continue with your French next year.

FRENCH 3-6 Srisa 5C

For her outstanding contribution to French class for the year of 2023. Srisa consistently shares her knowledge and excitedly learns new vocabulary and topics. Thank you for having such a 'fantastique' attitude towards your French studies!

PE F-2 Alissa Prep D

For having a fantastic year in PE by always being respectful to those around her, and showing enthusiasm in all that we do. What a great role model for Prep D. Best of luck in Year 1 next year!

PE 3-6 Zac 6M

For all his achievements in sport in 2023. You have been a great leader and a high achiever both in PE and during sporting events, and you motivate and inspire those around you. You have a strong passion for sport, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

STEM F-2 William 1S

For always demonstrating the Pinewood values during STEM sessions. You have been a role model for others and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Well done, William!

STEM 3-6 Avery 3T

For thinking outside of the box when applying your build and code skills to machines of your own creation with Lego WeDo. STEMsational work, Avery!





# 2024 Summer Holiday Workshop Timetable

Half Day \$88

Full Day \$148

DETAILS	THURS	FRI	SAT		
<b>WEEK 1</b>  <b>18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>January</b> <b>2024</b>	<b>9am-12pm</b> 3D G-Clay Painting  Meow's Best Friend	<b>9am-12pm</b> G-Clay Painting  Splash	<b>9am-12pm</b> Stained Glass Painting  Crab		
	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Transparent Orb  Duck	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Acrylic Painting  Valley	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Chopping Board  Chamomile		
DETAILS	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>WEEK 2</b>  <b>22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>January</b> <b>2024</b>	<b>9am-12pm</b> G-Clay Painting  The Owl	<b>9am-12pm</b> Acrylic Painting  Lion	<b>9am-12pm</b> Key Hangers  Snail's Garden	<b>9am-12pm</b> Stained Glass Painting  Starry Night	<b>Closed</b>
	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Transparent Orb  Beetle	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Glass Bottle  Evening Street	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Acrylic Painting  Country Road	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Transparent Orb  Fox	

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## Enrol today for 2024! Outside School Hours Care



Dear families,

We hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of the year, and have some nice downtime planned with your family and friends over the summer break.

It might feel a long way off yet, but Term 1, 2024 and your little one's first week of school will be here before you know it. Whilst you might still be finalising your plans for term time next year, we wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to enrol in the OSHClub service.

A few things you may not have known about OSHClub:

- Before and after school care is eligible for childcare subsidy, meaning the government may fund up to 90% of the session fee\*
- Holiday programs are also eligible for childcare subsidy, and your child is welcome to join our service from the Summer holiday break#
- Enrolment is free, so it's a good idea to enrol now, just in case you need it
- Your child's enrolment is managed via Services Australia. You can view our how-to enrol guide [here](#)

### About our programs:

Our Adventure Program is a globally informed pedagogy framework that is run at our before and after school sessions – "Rise then Shine" and "Stay and Play". Backed by research into child development, and created in partnership with experts, the Adventure Program provides children with the opportunity to learn essential life skills and empowers them to choose how they spend their morning and afternoon via a selection of 7 Adventure Categories.

Holiday HQ is our exciting holiday program which is jam packed with a variety of activities, incursions and off-site experiences to keep the kids having fun and making friendships throughout the school holidays.

### Early enrolment gift!

We are so excited about welcoming new children into our service next year. For all families who enrol by Sunday 31 January, we will be sending a personalised OSHClub backpack tag with your child's first name printed on the front along with some novelty stickers they will love! You don't need to book your sessions yet, just submit your enrolment application online (via Services Australia) and we will post out the welcome pack and free gift for you.

Thanks, and wishing you and your family all the best for the festive season!

The team at OSHClub  
1300 395 735

