



1st February 2024



What's On...

February

30th January-2nd February
Year 1-6 Creating our
Learning Community
Program

30th January-2nd February
English On Line
Assessment for our
2024 Prep children

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

9th Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
BYE

16th Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
Glendal PS

23rd Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
Mount View PS (AB)

March

8th Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
Mount View PS (LJ)

11th Labor Day Holiday-no
school on this day

15th Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
Mount View PS (JS)

20th School Colour Fun Run

22nd Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
Glen Waverley PS

26th School Photos

28th Year 6 Summer
Interschool Sport
Finals

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK A Great Start to the School Year!

Welcome back to school everyone, and a very warm welcome to our new students and families.

It has been a very smooth start to the school year and the students have quickly settled into a positive and productive learning environment. 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-Year 2 have a different 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 this 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).

Our 2024 Prep students have commenced their 1 on 1 interview sessions with their new teachers, and we are really looking forward to having them commence full time schooling from Monday 5th of February.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Special welcome to our new staff members for 2024: April Warfield (AP), Leah Maarse-Davison (Prep), Rebecca Storan (Prep), Sheina Pal (Grade 5), Yue Pan (Grade 6), Marie-Helene Badoche (French), Ellen Newbury (Music) and Grace Saxon (Administration). We know that you will be welcomed by all of the Pinewood community, and are thrilled to have you at Pinewood!



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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. It has been wonderful meeting so many wonderful students and families this week.

This academic year, we are committed to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment that promotes not only academic excellence but also the holistic development of every child.

Our dedicated team of educators are passionate about cultivating a love for learning, encouraging curiosity, and instilling essential life skills in each child.

As we embark on this exciting year together, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Our doors are always open, and we are here to support you and your family every step of the way.

Here's to a fantastic academic year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable moments!

Thank you for welcoming me into your community.

April Warfield



JANUARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS WORKS

Over the January break carpets in classrooms were steam cleaned, all windows have been cleaned, and we have had some painting completed across the school. School building roofing, gutter works and solar panel cleaning have also been completed.

TEACHERS ON DUTY FROM 8.45am

This week we have noticed that a number of children are arriving at school well before 8:45am. A reminder that teacher yard supervision begins from 8:45am and that children are to be accompanied by an adult or booked into OSHClub if they must arrive at school prior to 8:45am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT LEADERS for 2024

Our new student leaders for 2024 were announced at our final assembly at the end of last year. The students will be presented with their leadership badges at a special presentation assembly at a date to be confirmed. Congratulations to the following Year 6 students for gaining leadership positions for 2024.



School Captain

Tiantian
Samuel

School Vice-Captain

Chloe
Lawrence

Cook House Captain (Red)

Ashley
Kira

Dampier House Captain (Green)

Shaassvi
Evan

Flinders House Captain (Blue)

Samaira
Virain

Sturt House Captain (Yellow)

Rachel
James

Sustainability Captain

Aria
Amrutha
Parnavi
Saachi

Science Captain

Joshua
Haadi
Grace

ICT Captain

Sebasjian
Alqut
Janesh

Visual Arts Captain

Anni
Shaan
Sandra
Ariel
Cameron
Lucy

French Captain

Srisa
Georgia

Performing Arts Captain

Mariam
Nila
Liam

Sports Captain

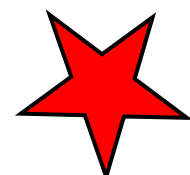
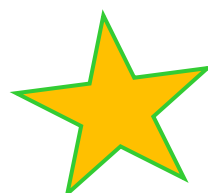
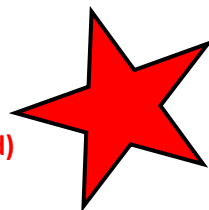
Amelia
Chenul

Library Captain

Miyuki
Nikita
Alysha
Wardah

Wellbeing Captain

Rudy
Oshima
Eve
Maeva





COLC- CREATING OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY - 2024

The first week of the school year has commenced very well, with students participating in the program, 'Creating Our Learning Community (COLC) for 2024'. The students are really enjoying the engaging activities planned for them by the year level teachers. The COLC program assists students with settling into their new classes, making new friends and the building of a great teaching, and learning environment.

This year, we have a focus on "Connecting to Country" fostering a deeper awareness of the land on which we work and play, and developing school pride. As such, students from Years 1- 6 have attended sessions with Murrundindi, the Ngurungaeta (Wurundjeri tribe Leader), as part of the COLC program, as well as a Welcome to Country ceremony at the start of the day.

The COLC inclusive program is designed to build on the Victorian Curriculum learning areas of Humanities, Civics and Citizenship, History, English, and the Arts, Critical and Creative Thinking, and Personal and Social Capabilities. The COLC program supports the implementation of the 'PERMA +' model, underpinning our 'whole school' approach to wellbeing at Pinewood PS.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION TOOL - SEESAW will continue to be the whole school communication tool for parent/ teacher communication. Seesaw will be used across all year levels. You will receive information from class teachers about this in the coming days.

COMMUNICATION with PARENTS and CARERS

Our school Newsletter is produced each Thursday and distributed to families electronically via Compass. It can be viewed on our website. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available from the school administration office. Compass is our major method of communication with parents. Please ensure that you check notifications and information via Compass regularly and you have your correct login details. Please contact our school office with any problems or concerns.

MEET and GREET Sessions - "Getting to know you"

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 20th February between 3.45-7.30pm, Wednesday 21st February between 3.45-4:45 and Thursday 22nd February 3.45-4.45. Morning sessions will also be available with some staff.

The session will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher either 'virtually' or in person and to share information about your child. (The online meetings will be held 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 Thursday, 8th February from 9.30am and will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 14th 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.





CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING

We hold parent curriculum information sessions in Term 1 for each year level.

This year Curriculum Information sessions are scheduled for Tuesday 13th February (Grades 3 & 5) and Wednesday 28th February (Grades Prep-2, 4 & 6). Information sessions will be conducted via Webex. Each year level session will be recorded for parents to access later if unable to attend the initial session.



Parents will be informed of the time and Webex link via class Seesaw communication closer to the date.

EXTREME WEATHER

We have a comprehensive set of procedures in place for when the weather is very hot or extreme. Students are brought inside to the classrooms at recess and lunch times during periods of 'wild', wet, or very hot weather as we have air conditioning throughout our school. For example, whenever the weather is particularly hot (at 33 degrees) we hold a "hot day timetable" where the students stay inside in air-conditioned comfort during lunchtime. We also encourage all students to drink water and to have a plastic, not glass, water bottle with them in class. Our school has invested in, and maintains, air conditioners in every classroom and other areas, including the specialist rooms, library, FLS areas and the Hall.



Please remember that school broad brimmed or legionnaire's hats need to be worn when students are playing outside and during PE classes when conducted outside. The use of sunscreen is encouraged. [Uniform Policy](#)

It is important to pack foods in lunchboxes that will not 'go off' in hot weather. We recommend that children do not bring cold meats and cheese on very hot days – even food in a lunch box that includes an ice pack can deteriorate quickly and become unsafe to eat.

Fresh fruit is always a good choice as students are permitted to snack on fruit and vegetables during class times or at 10.00am for short 'brain food' breaks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION —STUDENT ACCIDENT & PRIVATE PROPERTY INSURANCE

The Department of Education (DE), and government schools do not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low-cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. The Department of Education also does not hold insurance, nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff, and visitors. Students are advised not to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school and are not allowed to bring any electronic toys and games.

SCHOOLS' PRIVACY REMINDER for 2024

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website on the Curriculum and Policies page. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy - information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic
Somali

Arabic
Sudanese

Dari
Turkish

Gujarati
Urdu

Mandarin
Vietnamese.

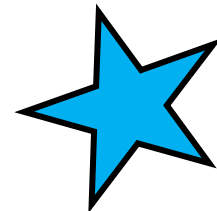
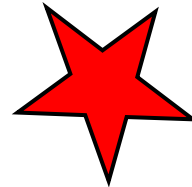


SAFE DRIVING

Please remember that speed restrictions in School Zones are now back in place and parking and no-standing restrictions around the school need to be observed. These regulations are enforced by the City of Monash. Please remember that the Toombah Street Carpark is for **staff only**. This should be observed from 7.30am to 5pm daily.

It has been wonderful to catch up with so many parents out in the yard this week. Please remember, our doors are always open to have a chat or share a concern.

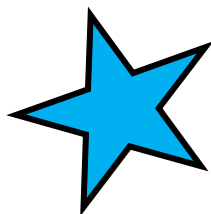
Andrew Thomas
Acting Principal



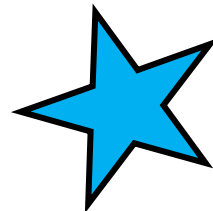
ASTHMA ALERT.

If your child has Asthma, they require an Asthma action plan. Asthma Australia recommends the Asthma Action Plan should be updated whenever asthma medicines or your symptoms change. Otherwise, once a year for adults and every six months for children. (Please discuss this with your doctor).

Could you please provide the school with your child's current Asthma Action Plan, Ventolin and Spacer. If your child is able to self-manage their Ventolin and Spacer, they may keep this with them in class. If your child requires assistance, please provide the medication to the office.



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.



Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mature minors or 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 one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

If you have PREVIOUSLY applied for CSEF, **THERE IS NO NEED for you TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2024, UNLESS YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL STUDENT/S NOW AT THE SCHOOL. YOUR CURRENT CENTRELINK CARD will be verified. CSEF forms are now available from the school office. Please provide a copy of your eligibility card with your completed form by *the end of Term 2, Friday 28th June 2024***



Servicing Pinewood PS on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday!
Order ONLINE until 8.30am on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED
INGREDIENTS, ALLERGEN INFO ETC ARE ON 'OUR MENU' PAGE OF WEBSITE

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with a Whole Egg (GF)
- Steamed Veg: Corn wheels, Broccoli & Carrot
- Mexican Inspired Salad (V, GF)
- Tuna Mix with Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes (V, GF)
- Main course of Fresh Fruit Salad (V,GF)

SUSHI

- Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)
- Tofu Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
- SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
- Semi Dried Tomato and Olive ROLL
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll
- GOZLEME - Lamb & Beef (H)
- GOZLEME – Mushroom & Spinach (NO CHEESE) (Vegan)
- GOZLEME - Spinach and Cheese (V, H)

BAKED FRESH PIZZAS

(PLEASE NOTE: Baked this morning -Served at room temp)

- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pizza Slice

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
- Simple Salad Roll (V)
- Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
- Vegemite Sandwich (2)
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain ROLL with Cheese and Tomato
- WRAP (GF, DF) Ham and Salad
- Wholegrain Ham and Cheese Sandwich
- Chicken MAYO and Lettuce Roll (H)
- Garden Salad Wrap (GF,DF,V)

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

- Freshly chopped Strawberries with Grapes
- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Apple pieces with Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar
- Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
- Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces
- Freshly chopped Watermelon Pieces
- Edamame (Lightly Salted)
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers

Freshly chopped Orange Segments

Whole Fruit – Banana

YOGHURT/BOWLS

- Dairy Farmers - Strawberry Yoghurt
- Dairy Farmers – Classic Vanilla Yoghurt
- Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries
- Stewed Rhubarb & Apple with Custard (V)

BAKED GOODS

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Cornflake Cookie
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Hedgehog Slice
- Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
- Blueberry Muffin
- Hot X Bun
- Jam Drop Biscuit (GF, NF, H)

DIPS & CRACKERS

- Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spicy Capsicum Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

- Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas
- Popcorn - Lightly Salted
- Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
- Roasted Chick Peas.
- Lime & Black Pepper Chick Peas
- Balsamic & Sea Salt Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

- Nippy's Chocolate Milk
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- Apple Juice
- Orange Juice
- Strawberry (Lactose Free) Milk
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11.00am - 2.00pm

No Bookings Required

- ✓ Kids HotShots tennis lessons
- ✓ Intro Lessons for all
- ✓ Juniors from 3 years to Adults
- ✓ Membership Specials
- ✓ Sausage Sizzle

If you can not make it on the day, contact us to organise another time.

Try Tennis with us!

FREE Hot Shot Lesson Day

Sunday, 4th February

1.00pm - 1:45pm

2.00pm - 2:45pm

Bookings Required below



Term 1 Dates

Monday, 29th January 2024 to

Thursday, 28th March 2024

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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Cricket

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Grade 4 students.

\$144 FOR A 8 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up anytime and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term

School: Pinewood Primary School

Day: Wednesday's

Start Date: 7th Feb 2024

End Date: 27th March 2024

Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Website: kellysports.com.au

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