



8th February 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the year at Pinewood, and it has been so wonderful to have our Prep students settling so well into Pinewood.



TERM DATES FOR 2024:

To assist parents with planning for holidays the following are the school term dates for this year. Parents are asked to be mindful of the term dates when booking family holidays, to ensure that they coincide with school holidays. This avoids disruption to the educational program.

2024

- Term 1: 30 January – 28 March (at 2.30pm)
- Term 2: 15 April - 28 June (at 2.30pm)
- Term 3: 15 July - 20 September (at 2.30pm)
- Term 4: 7 October - 20 December at (2.30pm)



MEET and GREET Sessions – Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings

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 (3.45-7.30pm), Wednesday 21st February (3.45-4:45pm) or Thursday 22nd February (3.45-4.45pm). Some morning sessions will also be available before school. The sessions will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher 'virtually' or onsite, and to share information about your child. The online format will be held through the Webex virtual meeting platform. Bookings can be made via the Compass Portal.

The purpose of these interviews is twofold. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to:

- Meet their child's teacher to begin an effective home/school partnership.
- Provide information to teachers regarding their child's strengths, talents, issues or concerns.

Information shared by parents to teachers will assist us to plan for and work as effectively as possible with you and your child throughout the year. Interviews will be 10 minutes in length.

Meet Your
TEACHER

What's On...

February

- 9th Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport BYE
- 12th GRIP Leadership Excursion for our School Captains
- 16th Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport Glendal PS
- 20th Meet and Greet sessions 3.45-7.30pm
- 21st Meet and Greet sessions 3.45-4.45pm
- 22nd Meet and Greet sessions 3.45-4.45pm
- 23rd Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport Mount View PS (AB)
- 23rd Year 6 Jumper payments due on Compass

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Information regarding the 2024 School Council election process will be sent to families next week. School Council is an extremely vital part of the school and it is from Council that we take our direction. Council approves external contracts,

provides advice and consent on a range of areas and oversees school finance. Please look out for this if you think you may be interested in nominating or being nominated. Information includes a timeline and summary of the role of School Council.

PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to those parents who participated in the Parents Club in 2023. The combined efforts of the parents made a significant difference to the sense of community within the school. The students really enjoyed the PC events too, and it was wonderful to have a parent's Trivia Night! The Parents Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th of March at 9:30am if you would like to be involved with Parents Club in 2024 please sign up at the office, and make a Gold Coin donation to the club to become a financial and voting member.

We look forward to working with you this year!

CURRICULUM DAYS

Victorian Government Schools are entitled to four Curriculum Days per year. The following Curriculum Days have been approved by School Council for 2024.

- Term 1: Monday 29th January** State-wide Curriculum Day
- Term 2: Friday 24th May** Assessment, Moderation and Reporting
- Term 2: Monday 17th June** Implementation of the new Maths Curriculum, with Consultant Michael Minas
- Term 3: Thursday 18th July** Developing student agency and voice in learning through 3-Way Conferences.



In addition, the state government has approved a further Professional Practice Day and due to ongoing teacher shortages, this day will be student free in 2024.

- Term 4: Monday 4th November** Assessment and Moderation



WWCC - WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

We encourage and value parental and community support at PPS. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers. Please ensure you nominate PPS as a place you volunteer. Once you have your WWCC, please come to the office so we can photocopy this, and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWCC check.

Andrew Thomas
Acting Principal





Yarra Valley Water Incursion!

This week students participated in the Water Watchers incursion run by Yarra Valley Water to learn about where water comes from, how people consume it, and why we all have a role to play in saving it. Students learned about the three *Water Watcher's Winning Ways*:

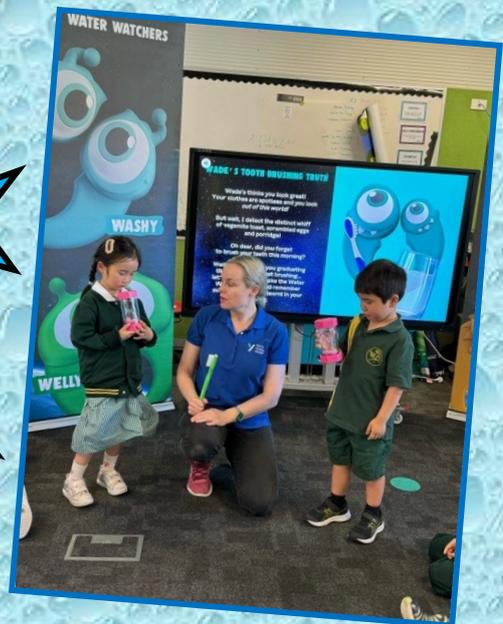
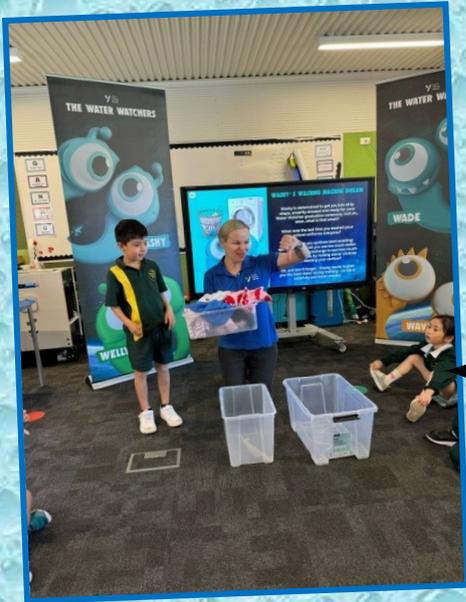
- Get out of the shower earlier – there are so many more fun things to do outside the bathroom
- Brush your teeth with the taps off – this will drive the Water Wasters crazy
- Fill up the dishwasher before you use it – it's like Tetris for your plates

Every student who attended received their very own Water Watcher to take home to help the whole family get into the habit of saving water! Place the Water Watcher on your tap at home as a gentle reminder to never waste a precious drop. Water Watchers are biodegradable, so when you've become an expert Water Watcher and no longer need it on the tap, place it in your home compost or green waste.





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Creating Our Learning Community in Art!



Welcome back to a bright and sunny 2024 in the art room!

We have had a fabulous week meeting our new classes for this year, and reintroducing the students into the structure and routine of visual art.

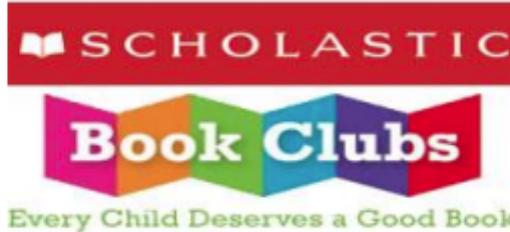
This week we celebrated a variety of art works being made together as a community for COLC week - where we focus on 'creating our learning community'. In Art, we have chosen a few classes to create a collaborative canvas piece to celebrate our Pinewood Primary Community.

Seen below are some students from the brand new 4C class, working hard in painting the collaborative canvas for our grade 4 cohort.

We are so excited to begin a fresh year in the art room, and can't wait to see some of the wonderful things our students are going to create!

Ms Francine & Mr Barrett,
Visual Arts Teachers.





BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR 2024!
ISSUE 1 OUT NOW!
ONLINE ORDERS ONLY. NO CASH ORDERS PLEASE.

Issue 1 was given to children this week and is packed with hundreds of books from just \$3.

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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

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- Nippy's Chocolate Milk
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1B Archie

For being an exceptionally kind, considerate, and respectful member of 1B. Your positive attitude and readiness to help others is truly commendable. You have approached your COLC activities with a smile and given 100% in all tasks. What an incredible start to Grade 1, Archie!

1S Roselie

For the maturity and kindness you have demonstrated during this first week of school. Thank you for setting such a great example for the class.

1L Abhi

For showing great leadership and helping others in our class. Thank you for being a great leader in our class at the start of the year!

1T Maahir

For settling into our class. Welcome to Pinewood!

1H Zainab

For her excellent start to the year by demonstrating our school values. Zainab is attentive and enthusiastic in 1H. Keep up the great attitude Zainab!

1G Agam

For being supportive and caring of his peers and always looking for a way to help others around him. Well done, Agam :)

2J Dhruv

For confidently offering his assistance throughout the week. Thanks Dhruv!

2L Punarvi & Shihali

For demonstrating fabulous self confidence and settling in so well to Pinewood and Primary School.

2A Kyra

For coming into Grade 2 with such a positive attitude towards learning many new things. What an asset you are to our class, Kyra!

2M Annika

For being organised and ready to start the new year with a smile and confidence.

2C Charishmma For using the school value of self-confidence and settling beautifully into PPS.

2PB All of 2PB For a fabulous start to the school year. Well done for following our school rules, showing respect and beautiful manners. Keep it up everyone!

2B Tassie

For your excellent manners and showing respect. Well done, Tassie!

3D Callum

For a fantastic start to your Pinewood journey. You are a wonderful addition to our class. Well done, Callum!

3L All of 3L

For a terrific start to the school year. I have been very impressed with your work ethic and how nice you have been to each other. Great stuff!

3H Tina

For displaying responsibility and the true 3H team spirit by helping those around you. You have already proved to be a reliable and extremely caring classmate. Awesome effort!

3P Zoe

For a fabulous start at Pinewood PS! We are so lucky to have you in our class, Zoe!

3U Angus

For his positive attitude towards school and using his work time efficiently. Well done Angus and keep it up!

4C Sophia

For your excellent start in Year 4 by demonstrating the school values of responsibility, respect and integrity. Well done!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

4F Spencer For his fantastic start in Year 4. It has been wonderful seeing you join in to all class discussions. Keep up the excellent work, Spencer.

4H Tianna For participating in all activities with interest and enthusiasm. Well done, Tianna!

4K Ellie For displaying Pinewood's values of 'Responsibility' and 'Integrity' through your steadfastness and self-driven zeal in completing very challenging tasks assigned! Keep up the fabulous attitude!

4M Whole class Well done on a wonderful start to the year!

4T Melody Well done on your collaboration and leadership in the Paper Tower Challenge.

5MP Oliver For your excellent contribution to our Connecting to Country Day, your hard work towards building our garden was greatly appreciated. Well done, Oliver!

5MT Anvitha For having a fantastic start to Grade 5! Keep up the great work.

5D Zoe For her fantastic approach to all activities during COLC week. She showed enthusiasm and gave all tasks 100%. Keep up the great work, Zoe!

5V Mason For his awesome efforts during COLC week. A great start to Grade 5, Mason!

6F Cruz For willing to help your peers when in need.

6HC Haitham For displaying Pinewood's school values so early on in the year. Your beautiful manners and positive outlook has been wonderful to hear.

6P Mariam For taking initiative to set up the new classroom. Great work!

6T Elektra For 'hitting the ground running' and completing your work to a high standard and on time. It's clear you take your learning seriously!

6O Nikita For your fantastic approach to all activities during COLC week. You showed enthusiasm and gave all tasks 100%. Keep up the great work, Nikita!

GREAT JOB!



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