Primary school

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What's On... March

- 8th Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport Mount View PS (LI)
- 8th Year 5 Healthy Living Incursion
- 11th Labor Day Holiday-no school on this day
- 12th Year 5 Healthy Living Incursion
- 15th Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport Mount View PS (JS)
- 19th School Council AGM 6.30pm
- 20th School Colour Fun Run
- 21st Harmony Day
- 21st Twilight Community Evening Celebration 5.30-7.00pm

22nd Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport Glen Waverley PS

22nd First payment Instalment due for Year 4 Camp

- 23rd Year 5 Healthy Living Incursion
- 26th School Photos
- 27th Year 5 Healthy Living Incursion
- 28th Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

CULTURAL PROGRAM - Wurundjeri Language Program

Over the last two weeks all students and staff have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Wurundjeri Language Program with Pallyan, a Wurundjeri Language Educator. The Preps loved using the clapping sticks as they learnt the words to a Wurundjeri song.



SCHOOL COUNCIL - Annual General Meeting

We will be conducting the Annual General Meeting of School Council on Tuesday 19^{th} March @ 6.30pm.

Parent Members for the 2024 School Council are; Dennis Duval, Aaron Gillet, Ray Wei, Geoff Hayes, Rebecca Fregon, Michelle Ash, Craig Armstrong, and Arpita Shukla.

Vic Dept. of Education representatives: Karen Jenkin, Andrew Thomas, Sandra McGregor, and Katelyn Marshall

NAPLAN 2024

Students in Levels 3 & 5 will be participating in The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

Further information about NAPLAN can be found on the website: www.naplan.edu.au.

The purpose of NAPLAN is to provide valuable information to schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential.

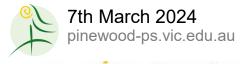
NAPLAN PROGRAM			
Wednesday 13 th March	Thursday 14 th March	Friday 15 th March	Monday 18 th March
Writing Year 3 (Paper)	Reading Yr3 (online)	Language Con- ventions Yr 3 (online)	Numeracy Yr 3 (online)
Writing Yr 5 (online)	Reading Yr 5 (online)	Language Con- ventions Yr 5 (online)	Numeracy Yr 5 (online)

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LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATION

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2024. It was wonderful to celebrate the

presentation of leadership badges with parents, students, and staff. Many thanks to Mr Matt Fregon MP for attending the important presentation ceremony.

2024 PREP BAGS

The Department of Education has provided every Prep student attending a Victorian government school with a free bag of fun and engaging resources to celebrate this milestone in their education journey.

The initiative seeks to engage children and families in reading through quality literature to improve literacy outcomes. Research shows a direct link between the frequency of reading to children at a young age and future schooling outcomes, regardless of family background and environment.

The 2024 Prep Bags include the following books:

- *Ellie's Dragon* by Bob Graham
- The Sloth Who Came to Stay by Margaret Wild
- Saving Seal by Diane Jackson Hill
- When the Waterhole Dries Up by Kaye Baille
- Our Dreaming by Kirli Saunders



The books were selected by an expert panel of teachers, librarians and literacy experts based on the quality of the characters, illustrations, and use of language to help families engage their children with reading and literature.

Thank you to Mr Matt Fregon for coming along on Monday to give out the Red Bags to our Prep students.

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY EVENING - CELEBRATING HARMONY DAY THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 5.30-7.00PM

Come along and join in the PPS community 'get together' on Thursday 21st March from 5.30-7.00pm.

Our community evening this year will focus on building a sense of community, fun and promoting a school connectedness.

There will be lots of fun family activities to participate in at the school, including:

- a sausage sizzle, manned by PPS staff
- various outdoor fun activities supervised by the staff of Proactivity
- an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents and staff



School Contributions Our office is open to receive school contributions which are needed every year to ensure the provision of a high quality of education, supported by resources and a wide range of programs and activities. These can also be paid via Compass.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MONDAY 11TH MARCH

The school will be closed next Monday, 11th March, as it is a Public Holiday.

Karen Jenkin Principal





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Pinewood Tennis Team

On Tuesday the 5th of March, the Pinewood Tennis Team competed at the Waverley Central District tennis competition hosted at PLC. In hot conditions, students showed off their skills and sportsmanship. A big congratulations to all students involved. A special mention must go to Samuel Z who placed 1st in the boys draw and will progress to Division













HARMONY DAY

Celebrating cultural diversity at Pinewood PS

WWW.harmony.gov.au

Pinewood PS staff and students will celebrate the importance of embracing cultural diversity when we participate in Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March.

We invite all students to wear clothing from their culture or wear orange clothing.

Why orange?

Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and the encouragement of mutual respect.

What will happen in classrooms?

Students will engage in some Harmony Day activities in the class. We encourage you to share some things about your culture with your child prior, eg: how to say 'hello' in your language, cultural foods, celebrations, and traditions.











A Kaleidoscope of Kangaroos

The Year Five students used a range of indigenous symbols to create a colourful backdrop for these amazing kangaroo images. Poster paints were used to generate strong colours on the kangaroos which were embellished with intricate and repeated line patterns and designs.

Images central to indigenous culture have been explored in the art program this term; in keeping



with the Indigenous language and cultural program introduced to the school by Pallyan, son of indigenous elder Murrundindi.

In many Aboriginal cultures kangaroos are a creator spirit in their dreamtime stories. They often feature in ceremonies and indigenous artwork. Congratulations to all the artists featured this week.

Ms Francine Combes Mr Josh Barrett Visual Arts Department



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Year 6 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion

On Tuesday 5th March, the Year Six students went to the city's Sea Life Aquarium because of our Integrated unit, which is about adaptations in harsh environments. One interesting animal adaptation was that dolphins, whales and platypi use echolocation, where they go by using sounds to help them navigate. We chose this because we thought it was interesting to know that they use sounds, instead of their eyesight. It helps them to get around in the dark. The highlight of the day was seeing a colony of penguins (especially the baby chick) and seeing them swim at superspeed. They looked so funny. Some other highlights of the day were seeing Dave (the Loggerhead turtle), stingrays and sharks. They put on a wonderful show for us.

By Eve & Wardah(6F)

Most aquariums are dull and boring, but the Melbourne Aquarium was amazing! We saw a variety of sea creatures, ranging from clownfish to penguins. Apart from that, we also watched a fantastic 4D short film and had loads of fun in the park where we had lunch. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience. By Liam & Srisa (6O)







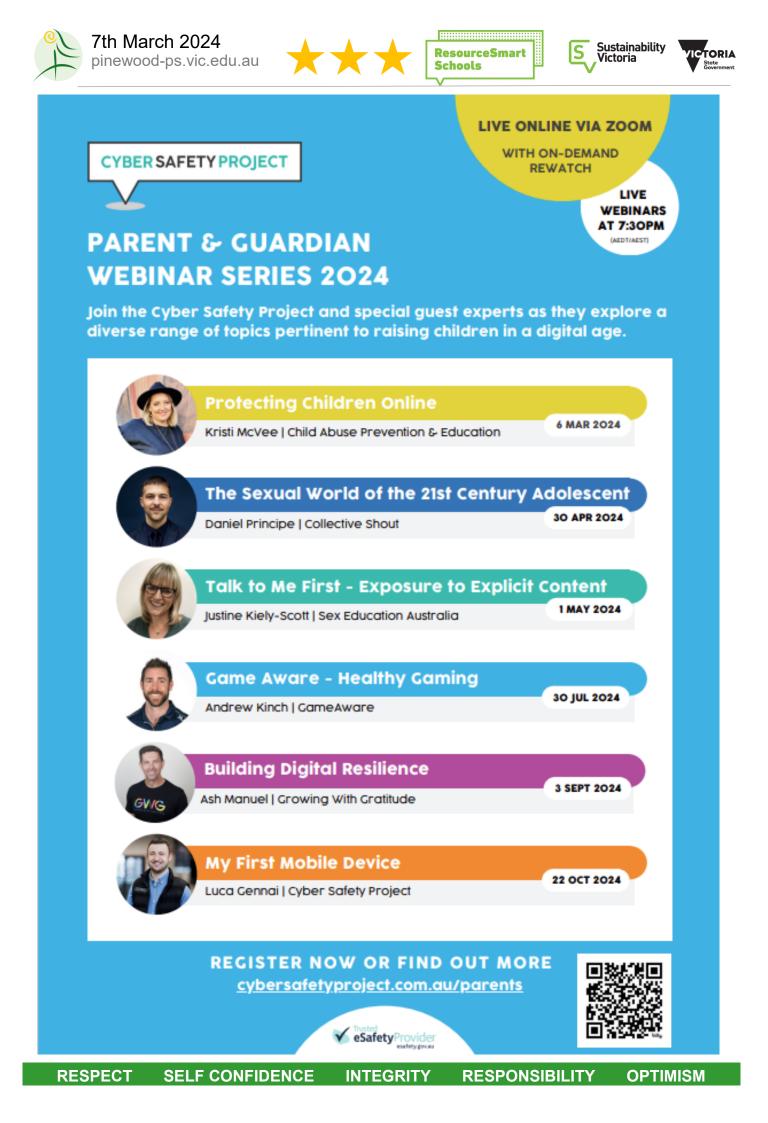


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ALERT: GET READY FOR THE BEST SCHOOL DAY EVER!

Hi Pinewood families,

We've got some exciting news to share - we are holding our Annual School Colour Fun Run! The School Colour Run BIG SHOW is all about FUN! There will be huge inflatables, and you will get to meet Chase the Cheetah! This will be one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone participating. Parents will be most welcome to attend and cheer their children on.

We're reaching out to all our amazing families to join forces and make this a success. All it takes is: 1. creating an online profile and

2. sharing your link with family and friends.

Please mark your calendars - we will be holding our *BIG SHOW COLOUR RUN* on *Wednesday, 20th March*!

What is the School Fun Run?

Our School Fun Run is a special day where we promote wellbeing and a sense of accomplishment within the school community. Whilst the students can set up their own profile online, there is no obligation to fundraise. However, any money raised is put back into equipment and resources for the children.

For those that do fundraise you get to pick your target prizes and work your way towards that goal. And here's the cool part – your profile comes with a unique cyber-safe link to share with your nearest and dearest, encouraging them to contribute towards reaching your target.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do this week is create an online profile at <u>funrun.com.au</u>. The class with the most profiles by the 28th February will all get a <u>Superdooper</u>!

After the FUN RUN students who have fundraised can order their prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE Please contact your school's coordinator if this isn't possible.

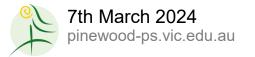
Prizes MUST be ordered between the 20th March and 28th March. Simply visit <u>funrun.com.au</u> to create/log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

We can't wait to have a great time and see which teachers we will slime this year. This is an inclusive fundraiser and we would love you to be a part of it! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, we would love to see you there! I will send out times for each year level closer to the day.

Thank-you all in advance,

Sandra McGregor on behalf of the Student Representative Council



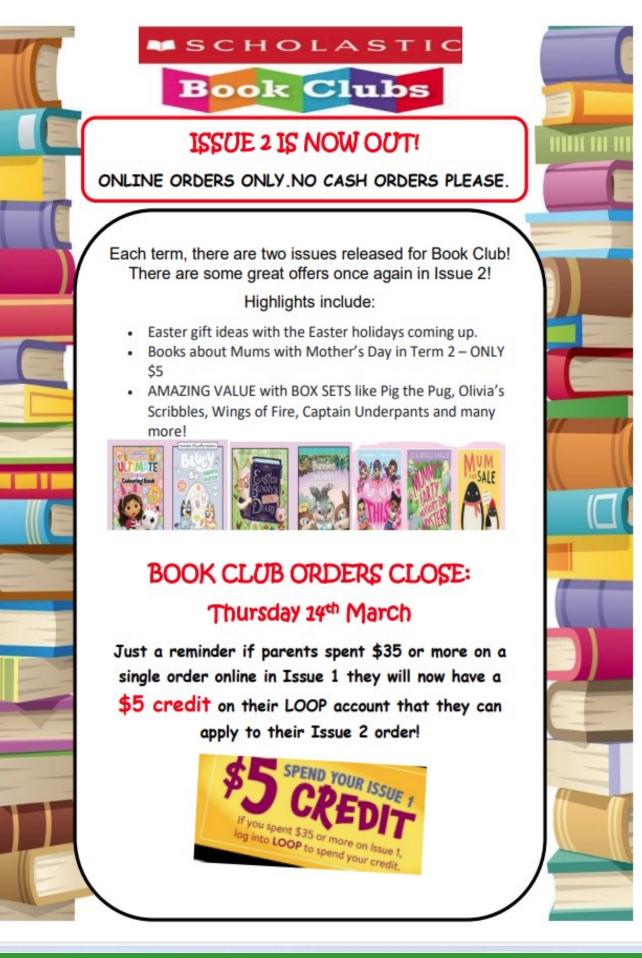














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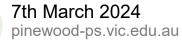
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Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

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;

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- 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: <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund</u> (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: <u>Camps</u>, <u>Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au</u>

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

- 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.
- 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 <u>NO NEED</u> for you TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2024, <u>UNLESS</u> YOU HAVE <u>ADDITIONAL STUDENT/S</u> 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



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The Parents Club first fundraiser for the year will be the yummy Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns.

traditional
apple & cinnamon
chocolate chip

- fruitless

If you have yet to use the QKR app, please download the app, select country of residence and follow instructions to register a profile for each child. Then select Pinewood Primary School to view the online ordering section. If you used QKR last year, you will need to update your childs class.

Orders open 29th 7eb and close 2pm Thur 20th March.

\$10 for a bag of 6



<u>Delivery date:</u>

Prep - Grade 2 - Monday 25th March Grade 3 - Grade 6 - Tuesday 26th March











STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For the wonderful way you participate in class and are always willing to answer questions. A fabulous effort Devin!
For your amazing effort when practising how to write your letters. Keep up the great effort, Drishit!
For always coming to school with a great big smile and always having beautiful manners.
For writing many interesting sentences about ants. You sounded out many tricky words. Well done!
For your incredible effort with your SMART Spelling of 'ant' and 'tin'. Well done Amy.
For always trying your best and growing your confidence in writing. Well done Tristan!
For the outstanding effort she put into her first writing piece. You tried your best and sounded out your letters beautifully. Well done Charlotte, Keep it up!
For the effort you are putting into carefully following instructions and finishing your work. Keep up the fantastic effort Neev!
For the outstanding effort you have put into your literacy tasks this week. You displayed amazing perseverance when writing your weekend recount and have made lovely connections to self in reading. Keep up the great work Dev!
For the fantastic effort you consistently put into your work. You are doing a great job giving your spelling words a go when writing. Keep up the wonderful work Hazel!
For being such a kind and helpful friend to everyone in 1L. Well done on being so respectful and responsible!
For making the teacher's 5 star behaviour list when the classroom teacher was absent!
For the enthusiasm and effort he is making in the development of his recount writing. Avyan is adding more detail to produce interesting writing pieces. Well done!
For putting in her best effort into learning tasks even with a fractured arm! Keep it up!
For confidently demonstrating how to solve a Rubik's Cube puzzle to his classmates during his 'Fascinating Friday' presentation. Great effort, Wylkins!
For making a significant effort to do the right thing and listen properly in the classroom! Keep up the great work!
For her incredible effort in her recount writing this week! Well done Zoe.
For an amazing first Fascinating Friday presentation. Isha spoke confidently and we enjoyed her Trivia Quiz.











STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2C Leo	For working hard to prepare and present an awesome idea for Fascinating Friday. Well done Leo!
2PB Maggie	For always being consistent, hardworking and showing respect. Delightful work Maggie, keep it up!
2B Harriet	For displaying great confidence in the first Fascinating Friday presentation. Great work Harriet!
3D Champ	For being persistent with his reading and always striving for his personal best. I am very proud of your efforts Champ!
3L Rayan	For your ever growing confidence. It has been wonderful to watch your self confidence grow as well as watch you make new friends.
3H Mikael	For your growing self-confidence. It is awesome to see you so keen to join in classroom discussions and share your knowledge with us all. Well done!
3P Amroze	Well done for being a kind and respectful member of our classroom and for always trying your best. It has been a pleasure teaching and getting to know you. Keep up the great work!
3U Jazleen	For settling into Pinewood and being a regular contributor during class discussions. Keep it up!
4H Allister	For always using excellent manners and trying his best. Well done Allister!
4C Eliana	For always completing your work to a high standard and putting in 100% effort. Keep up the great work!
4K Yashan	For his selfless and compassionate disposition; always the first to extend a helping hand to others!
4M Juhi	For showing great engagement in the Wurundjeri activity, and asking wonderful, insightful questions!
4T Aiman	Thank you for all the little things you do to help around the class. They make a huge difference and are really appreciated.
5P Leon	For displaying creativity and imagination when writing his narrative.
5MP Wyonna	For being a dedicated and cooperative class member who has produced a high standard of work in her narrative writing tasks.
5MT Sanuthi	For always trying your best in all classroom activities. You always give 100%. Keep up the great work!
5V Sanira	For always showing great initiative and being a respectful member of our class.
6F Prisha	For showing great respect towards your peers and teachers through your attentive listening skills. Keep up the great work, Prisha!
6HC DJ	For the comedic stories you tell 6HC. It is certainly a highlight of the day, and we appreciate the time you take to write the stories in your own time. Great work, DJ!











STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 6P Anaya For being a helpful and kind member of 6P. You always volunteer to take on classroom responsibilities and help peers with kindness and care. Good job! You are amazing!
- 60 Liam For being a helpful member of 60. You participate in classroom discussions and if there are any jobs that need to be done, you always put your hand up to help. You are making a positive difference in 60!

Art Sophie 1T

For wonderful work on her beach artwork. Amazing painting, colouring and decorating Sophie well done!

Art Allie 2A

For fabulous work on her Rainbow Serpent artwork. Amazing painting, weaving and decorating, keep it up!

FRENCH F-2 Matias 1S

For his 'fantastique' attitude during French lessons this year. You were very helpful and kind to your classmates this week when they needed help. You are also producing some 'super' work. Bravo Matias!

PE F-2 Aashaara 1H

For her fantastic attitude in PE this term. Keep up the great work!

PE 3-6 Arjun 5D

For displaying outstanding growth during the Year 5 netball unit. A wonderful achievement, congratulations!















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Pinewood Preschool OPEN DAY

23rd March 2024

Pinewood Preschool welcomes you to join us on our open day at the new Pinewood Child and family hub.

This is an exciting opportunity for all past, present, and future families to come and explore our wonderful new preschool facilities.

We are planning a Smoking Ceremony to formally introduce the new area to the community, and we would love everyone to be a part of this experience.

> Where: - Pinewood Preschool 13 Pinewood Drive Mount Waverley

When: - Saturday 23rd March 2024

Time: - 10am - 12Noon

What's on: - Sausage Sizzle - Gold Coin Donation

Kids activities

Smoking Ceremony 11am (TBC)







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