



14th March 2024

## Principal's Message

### What's On...

#### March

- 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 Finals



28th **Last Day of Term 1**  
**2.30pm Dismissal**  
**The School Office**  
**will close at 3pm**

#### April

- 15th First Day of Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

### COLOUR FUN RUN – WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Our Colour Fun Run is almost here. Next Wednesday 20th March is the big day. We are all looking forward to a fabulous time.

This year we will be holding it at the front of the school on the netball/basketball courts. Parents are most welcome to come and support their children. Last year we even had some parents join in. We will also be doing the Big Slime, where we have a teacher from each year level get soaked in slime!! Many thanks to Ms Sandra McGregor for organising the fun event.

#### *Running times*

<i>Year 3,4F,4C</i>	<i>9.25-9.55 am</i>
<i>Preps</i>	<i>10.00-10.35am</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>11.15-11.45am</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>11.50-12.20pm</i>
<i>Year 5,4H,4M</i>	<i>12.25-12.55pm</i>
<i>Year 6,4T,4K</i>	<i>1.00-1.30pm</i>



### CELEBRATING HARMONY WEEK - EVERYONE BELONGS!

Next week, we will be celebrating 'Harmony Week' at Pinewood Primary School. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country —from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are.

Pinewood Primary School truly reflects a 'multicultural' school, with students enrolled at the school representing 35 countries other than Australia and speaking 41 Languages other than English. We also proudly acknowledge our indigenous students at the school.



### HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION - 21ST MARCH, 9.00-3.30PM

We ask that students come to school dressed in a costume/outfit representing their country of origin or wear something in the colour 'orange', to symbolise harmony and communication.

Harmony Day activities have been planned for the students to participate in, including a whole school picnic lunch together on the sports ground. A great day of cultural celebration!



### **TWILIGHT COMMUNITY EVENING - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH FROM 5.30-7.00PM**

Our community evening this year will focus on building a sense of community, engagement, and promoting a sense of school connectedness. So... come along and join in the fun at the school on Thursday 21st March from 5.30 -7.00pm and help celebrate Harmony Day at PPS.



All activities are free of cost.

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

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



### **THE 2021 AUSTRALIAN CENSUS- some interesting facts...**

#### **Country of birth and ancestry**

Australia has a rich mix of cultural backgrounds and heritage, with the number of people living in Australia who were born overseas continuing to increase.

The proportion of Australian residents that are born overseas (first generation) or have a parent born overseas (second generation) has moved above 50 per cent (51.5 per cent).

The top five most reported ancestries in the 2021 Census followed previous trends and included English at 33.0 per cent, Australian at 29.9 per cent, Irish at 9.5 per cent, Scottish at 8.6 per cent and Chinese at 5.5 per cent.

#### **Language and growth communities**

Australia continues to be a culturally and linguistically diverse country with the growth of communities from Nepal, India, Pakistan, Iraq and the Philippines.

The use of languages at home reflects our changing communities:

Mandarin continues to be the most common language other than English with 685,274 people using Mandarin at home.

This is followed by Arabic (367,159 people), Vietnamese (320,758 people), and Cantonese (295,281 people).

Punjabi had the largest increase, with the 2021 Census showing 239,033 people using Punjabi at home.

Nepali featured in the top five languages used at home in both ACT (1.3 per cent) and Tasmania (1.3 per cent)



#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The School Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 6.30 pm.

#### **REMINDER: DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS - SEE POLICY**

Pinewood Primary School is part of a community where the benefits of pet ownership are valued. The school's primary duty of care is to our students, staff and school community. Some children have a fear of dogs and students need to feel safe whilst on school grounds. This policy outlines the responsibilities of dog owners and/or handlers within the school grounds, excluding dogs specifically trained to enhance or support learning, mobility or disability.

It has come to our attention that some community members are bringing their dog/s onsite. However, some dog owners are not picking up their dog's excrement before they leave the school grounds. This is making it most unpleasant for students who inadvertently step in the dog's excrement during a PE lesson or during recess.



Karen Jenkin  
Principal



# HARMONY DAY

## Celebrating cultural diversity at Pinewood PS



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.



# YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS ROUND 4

LAST FRIDAY, STUDENTS FROM YEAR 6 AT PINWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL TOOK PART IN ROUND 4 OF INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS AGAINST MOUNT VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL. PINWOOD HOSTED HOT SHOTS TENNIS AND CRICKET. THE REST OF OUR TEAMS ALL JUMPED ON BUSES AND PLAYED AWAY AT MOUNT VIEW PS, EXCEPT FOR OUR SOFTBALL TEAMS, WHO PLAYED AT THE JELLS PARK SOFTBALL DIAMONDS.

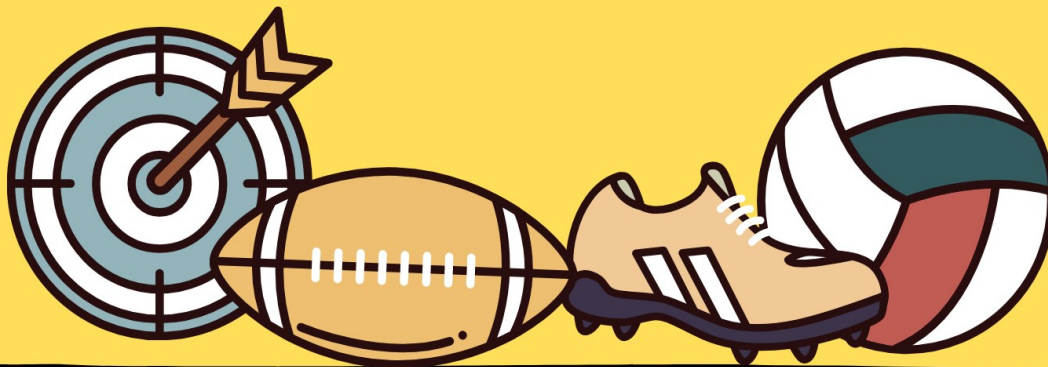


A BIG THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR PARENT HELPERS, WHOSE SUPPORT HAS BEEN INVALUABLE AND IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE PINWOOD COMMUNITY.

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR BOYS CRICKET AND TENNIS TEAMS, AS WELL AS THE ROUNDERS TEAM, WHO ABSOLUTELY DOMINATED THEIR EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATED THE PINWOOD VALUES OF RESPECT, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND INTEGRITY THROUGHOUT THEIR MATCHES.

**GO PINWOOD!**

Round 4 Results		
Sport	Pinewood	Mount View (LJ)
Basketball Boys	4	38
Basketball Girls	2	27
Cricket Boys A	199	58
Cricket Boys B	79	34
Cricket Girls	90	96
Hot Shots Tennis Boys	7	3
Hot Shots Tennis Girls	4	8
Rounders Mixed	14	10
Softball Boys	5	6
Softball Girls	4	6
Volleyball Mixed	1	2
Volleyball Girls	0	3





## ***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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 [funrun.com.au](https://funrun.com.au). The class with the most profiles by the 28<sup>th</sup> February will all get a Superdooper!

**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.

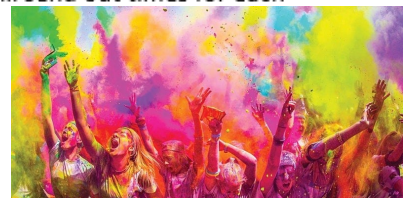
Prizes **MUST** be ordered between the **20<sup>th</sup> March** and **28<sup>th</sup> March**. Simply visit [funrun.com.au](https://funrun.com.au) to create/log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, 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





# SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT SHOUTOUTS!

Over the long weekend, three of our outstanding students participated in the 2024 Coles Little Athletics State Championships.

Showcasing exceptional talent, these students placed in the top 20 for most of their events, which has earned them the following rankings in Victoria for their age groups as follows:

## **Nyah 3L**

- High Jump - 3rd
- 60m Hurdles - 8th
- 70m - 18th
- 100m - 21st
- 200m - 17th

## **Cyara 3L**

- 70m - 7th
- 100m - 6th
- 200m - 8th

## **Shaassvi 6P**

- Shotput - 5th



**What an achievement!**

The school community is very proud of you and we look forward to watching your sporting successes in the future.





# Rainbow Serpents

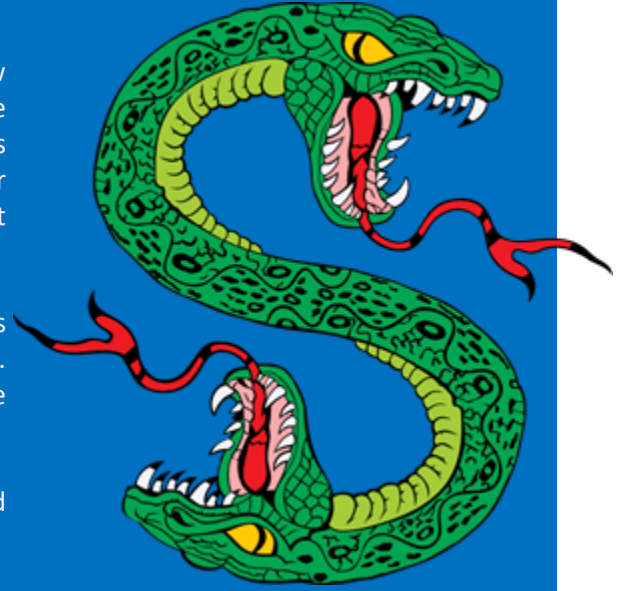
## RAINBOW SERPENTS

The Year Two cohort created these vivid and striking rainbow serpents using fluorescent pastels and coloured food dye. The backgrounds were created by capturing crayon texture rubbings and painting over the top in coloured food dye. Yarn was later applied around the rainbow serpents in bands, creating a contrast between the painted cardboard and textiles.

In Indigenous Australian cultures the Rainbow Serpent represents one of the great and powerful forces of nature and spirit. Connected to the water, the Rainbow Serpent is the great life giver and protector of water, which is his spiritual home.

Congratulations to all the featured artists who are represented below.

Ms Francine and Mr Barrett  
Visual Arts





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Kristi McVee | Child Abuse Prevention & Education

**6 MAR 2024**



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Daniel Principe | Collective Shout

**30 APR 2024**



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Justine Kiely-Scott | Sex Education Australia

**1 MAY 2024**



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Andrew Kinch | GameAware

**30 JUL 2024**



## Building Digital Resilience

Ash Manuel | Growing With Gratitude

**3 SEPT 2024**



## My First Mobile Device

Luca Gennai | Cyber Safety Project

**22 OCT 2024**

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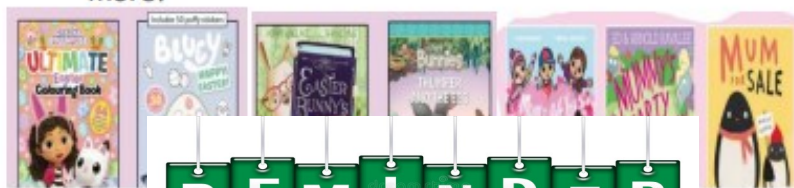
# SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs

**ISSUE 2 IS NOW OUT!**  
**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY. NO CASH ORDERS PLEASE.**

Each term, there are two issues released for Book Club!  
There are some great offers once again in Issue 2!

Highlights include:

- Easter gift ideas with the Easter holidays coming up.
- Books about Mums with Mother's Day in Term 2 – ONLY \$5
- AMAZING VALUE with BOX SETS like Pig the Pug, Olivia's Scribbles, Wings of Fire, Captain Underpants and many more!



**RE M I N D E R**

**BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Just a reminder if parents spent \$35 or more on a single order online in Issue 1 they will now have a **\$5 credit** on their LOOP account that they can apply to their Issue 2 order!





## 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*



*Bakers Delight*  
We're for real.

# Hot Cross Buns

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 child's class.

*Orders open 29th Feb and close  
2pm Thur 20th March.*

\$10 for a bag of 6



Delivery date:

Prep - Grade 2 - Monday 25th March

Grade 3 - Grade 6 - Tuesday 26th March



PARENTS CLUB  
***DRESS AS YOUR  
FAVOURITE SINGER,  
BAND OR INSTRUMENT***

Wednesday  
**27** March



**A GOLD COIN DONATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**



# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 22 March 2024

IT'S SO FUN!



RIDE2 SCHOOL  
ride2school.com.au



## ACTIVE TRAVEL & THE ENVIRONMENT

Not only is active travel good for your health, it's good for the environment too! Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school means there are fewer cars on the road, which results in a:



Reduction in noise pollution



Reduction in energy use



Reduction in carbon emissions

For every kilometre you actively travel instead of driving, you save 243.8 grams of carbon emissions. But what does that actually mean?

On National Ride2School Day 2023, students across Australia saved 29 tonnes of CO2 by actively travelling to school - the equivalent of planting 202 trees.

That's only one day. Imagine if we did that every day of the school year. Over a year we'd save more than 5,700 tonnes of CO2 - the equivalent of planting 40,000 trees!

Here are some other ways your school can get involved to make an environmental impact:

- Create a student environmental group or 'Green Team'
- Encourage 'nude' lunchboxes with zero waste
- Start a school veggie garden or compost bin
- Encourage 'Part Way is Okay' for families who live too far to actively travel the whole way

RIDE2 SCHOOL

## FUN TEAM SPORTS TO GET KIDS ACTIVE!

WEEKDAY AFTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS - FORM A TEAM AND NOMINATE NOW!

**ACTION BOX HILL INDOOR SPORTS**

**ACTION FUTSAL FRIDAYS**

**ACTION BOX HILL INDOOR SPORTS**

**INDOOR CRICKET MON or TUES**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COME'N'TRY SESSIONS

9th & 10th April

BOOK VIA WEBSITE

WINTER SEASON 2024

SCHOOL TERMS 2 & 3

GRADES 3/4 & 5/6

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[www.boxhillindoorsports.com.au](http://www.boxhillindoorsports.com.au)

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14th March 2024  
pinewood-ps.vic.edu.au



We've released a draft concept plan for a new playspace at Pinewood Reserve, and we want to hear from you - the local community who uses it.

Drop in for a chat at our on-site session to share your feedback:

 **Thursday 21 March 2024**

 **4pm-4.30pm**

 **Pinewood Reserve Playspace, Mount Waverley**

Can't make it? You can also share your ideas online by **8 April 2024**:



 [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/pinewood-reserve](https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/pinewood-reserve)  
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# **“Play Ball”** **this Winter**



**JUNIOR “Come & Try” & Registration Day**

**Saturday March 16th & 23rd**  
**9:00am - 10:30am**

**BOYS & GIRLS**

**T-BALL - ROOKIE BALL - UNDER 13 - UNDER 15**

**W WEVERLEY**  
Baseball Club

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For further details contact Adrian : 0438 983 388

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