



13th March 2025

## Principal's Message

**A BIG  
THANK YOU**

### What's On...

#### March

12th-17th NAPLAN Year 3&5

18th School Council -  
Annual General  
meeting

19th Colour Fun Run



25th School Photos

26th Year 3 Market Fresh  
Incursion

#### April

1st Harmony Day  
Celebration &  
Community Night

4th Last day of Term 1 -  
2.30pm dismissal  
The Office closes at  
3pm



#### April

22nd Term 2 commences

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **PARENTS CLUB AGM**

Many thanks to last year's committee members for the vital role they played in raising funds for the school and for providing many enjoyable events for the students to participate in. We would like to particularly thank Vikkie Triantafyllou for the valuable contribution that she has made as President of the Parents Club.

Today, parents held the annual Parent Club AGM at the school.



#### **New position bearers for 2025 are:**

President - Wendy Coppa  
Secretary - Eileen Hayes  
Treasurer - Joanna Forbes

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

We will be conducting the Annual General Meeting of School Council on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ 6.30pm.

Parent members for the 2025 School Council are; Dennis Duval, Aaron Gillet, Ray Wei, Geoff Hayes, Rebecca Fregon, Michelle Ash, Craig Armstrong, and Sheenu Sharma.

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

#### **COLOUR FUN RUN – WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Our *Colour Fun Run* is almost here. Next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Many thanks to Ms Sandra McGregor for organising behind the scenes.

#### **THE FUN COLOUR RUN...it's all about the fun!**

It will be a huge, colourful, mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar. Parents are most welcome to come and support their children and you are welcome to join in if you wish. We will also be doing the Big Slime, where we have a teacher from each year level being slimed!! Please remember to pack some extra clothes for students to change into should they need to.



### Running times

- Year 2, 1H, 1T 9.30-9.50am
- Preps, 1L, 1G, 1M 9.55-10.25am
- Year 4 10.30-11.00am
- Year 3 11.30-12.00pm
- Year 5 12.05-12.35pm
- Year 6 12.40-1.10pm



### SCHOOL COMMUNITY TWILIGHT EVENING - TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL FROM 4.45 - 7.00PM

This year our school community twilight evening will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 4.45 - 7.00pm

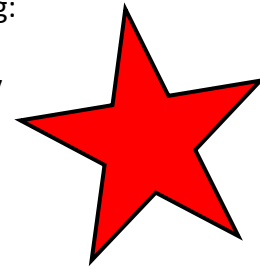
As part of our celebration of Harmony Week, the school will be holding a school community family evening.

So...come along and join in the fun.

All activities are free of cost.

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

- a sausage sizzle, manned by Pinewood Primary School staff
- great outdoor fun activities supervised by the staff of Proactivity
- face painting
- an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents and staff



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the twilight event.

Karen Jenkin  
Principal



## Smile Squad

Smile Squad has now completed their visit to Pinewood PS and has moved on to their next scheduled school. During their time here, they received an overwhelmingly positive response from the school community, and they would like to express their sincere gratitude for the continued cooperation and support. They also mentioned that it was a pleasure ensuring that all students received the care they needed. Smile Squad will return in Term 3 for approximately six weeks to see the remaining 280 students, and at that time, students who were previously seen will be due for their fluoride treatment.

Keep smiling!





## RAISING DIGITAL KIDS – SIMPLE ONLINE SAFETY TIPS AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS

We know how busy family life can be, so we're making online safety simple and actionable for you! We are partnering with the [Cyber Safety Project](#) to access their popular [Tech Safe Parents - 2025 Webinar Series](#).

Across the year, you'll have exclusive access to 5 webinars offering practical tips and guidance about **online safety, cyberbullying, social media, AI and gaming**.

Join the sessions that matter most to your family— simply register for each webinar at <https://cybersafetyproject.com/parents2025/>

Can't make it live? No problem! Recordings will be available to watch at a time that fits your schedule.



### TECH SAFE PARENTS - 2025 WEBINAR SERIES

#### Online Safety Essentials: Keeping Your Kids Safe in the Digital World

Did you know 59% of students have no overnight restrictions? \*

What are our kids getting up to online when we aren't around? Our webinar will teach you how to manage simple parental controls to secure devices and apps, establish safe browsing habits for your family and implement essential safeguards against online threats. We'll guide you step-by-step, offering practical, easy tips you can use right away. Don't miss this chance to learn, ask questions, and feel confident about your child's online safety.

*\*Source: Cyber Safety Project, Teens and Screens 2025 Report*

**Tuesday 18 March 2025, 7.30PM AEDT**

**Register Now:** <https://cybersafetyproject.com/parents2025/>



# Pinewood Primary School

MT WAVERLEY

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

## Tuesday 25th March

Early Bird orders with **FREE DELIVERY**  
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after  
your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.



### SIBLING ORDERS

must be placed prior to  
8am on Tuesday 25th March



Order at [order.schoolpix.com.au](http://order.schoolpix.com.au)

#### Misplaced your order flyer?

Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on **1300 766 055** or [help@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:help@schoolpix.com.au).



# ★ MATIFIC AWARDS ★

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for their wonderful engagement and achievements in Maths this week.



**PREP** – Asher PB

**YEAR 3** – Lyla 3H

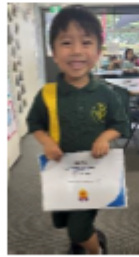
**YEAR 5** – Dhruv 5F

**YEAR 1** – Connor 1M

**YEAR 4** – Ayan 4H

**YEAR 6** – Mason 6L

**YEAR 2** – Hazel 2HW



Helping your kids to do maths at home can be a positive experience.

Here are our top five tips to help you stay calm and carry on!

## 1. LEARNING MATHS IS ABOUT STRATEGIES

Much of the actual maths is the same as what you may have learnt. Although learning maths is becoming more about understanding the reasoning and using a variety of different strategies to do maths. The strategies you learnt at school are still valid too!



Teachers value students using many strategies to solve problems and develop thinking.

## 2. ASK QUESTIONS



You don't have to know the answers! Nor do you have to know how to get there. Just ask questions and let your child think it through. Here are some of our favourites:

- What thinking did you use to get this far?
- What else could you try, is there another way?
- What could a next step be?
- How could you find out more about what to do?
- Do you think others may do something different?

## 3. BE PERSISTENT, LEARN TOGETHER



Maths can be challenging. Rather than saying 'I can't do that', or 'It's too hard', say 'I can't do that yet', or 'We will work it out together'. Research shows parental support is a major factor

for student success at school. Celebrate achieving small steps in solving a problem.

Persist, be supportive and remember to focus on the thinking, not getting answers.

## 4. SEE MATHS EVERYDAY

There is plenty of maths around you to develop numeracy skills, such as calculating, measuring, using numbers, interpreting data and graphs, recognising patterns, and using language to develop mathematical understanding. Ask questions about the maths in activities like cooking, exercise, sport, budgeting and shopping. Playing games is also a fun way to practice and experience maths.



## 5. STAY POSITIVE, KEEP CALM

Don't pass on your baggage... this is not about you! Let your children experience maths positively, we need maths for everyday life, and maths graduates have excellent career opportunities.

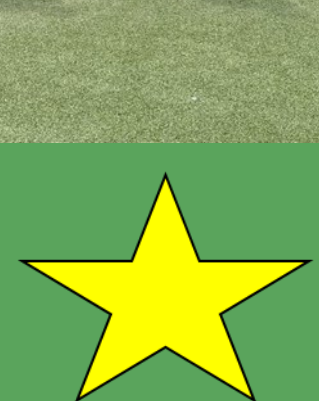
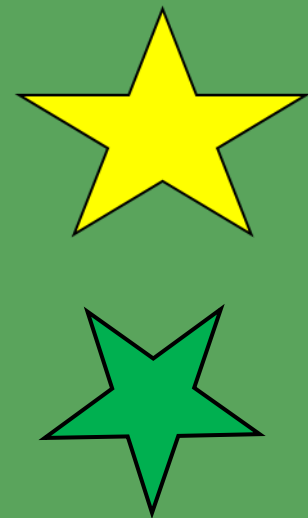
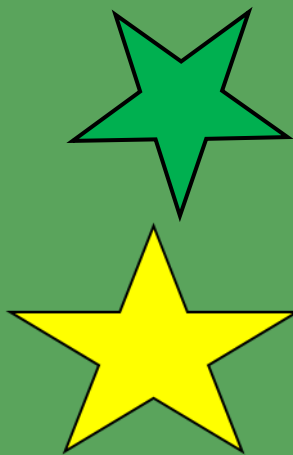
Don't say 'I was never good at maths' or 'I never liked maths'. Maths can, and should be, really fun!





# State Championships

Over the long weekend Cyara K and Nyah T from 4M competed at the Victorian Little Athletics State Championships. Competition was fierce with the top 24 athletes across the state in each event competing to win the title of State Champion. Both girls did an amazing job achieving new personal bests across all their respective Under 10 events. Cyara placed 7th place in the 70m sprint, 15th place in the 100m sprint and 12th in the 200m sprint. Nyah placed 18th in 100m sprint, 14th in the 200m sprint, 12th in the 60m hurdles and 6th place in shot put. Nyah was crowned State Champion in the high jump jumping a whopping 1.2m! Congratulations and well done to both girls, we are extremely proud of our Pinewood athletes!





Dear Parents/Carers,

Our *Colour Fun Run* is almost here. Next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March is the big day. We are all looking forward to a fabulous time.

### Are you Fundraising?

Whilst the emphasis is on enjoyment and having fun at school, we are very grateful to all those who have raised money. There have been some outstanding efforts and any money raised will contribute to resources that make Pinewood the best school to be at. Students can still jump online to make a profile and earn some great prizes. Go to [funrun.com.au](http://funrun.com.au), create a student profile page and share your online fundraising link via SMS, Email and Social Media with your friends and relatives. Congratulations to the children and families who have fundraised already. Your outstanding effort so far has raised over \$10,000. With over 900 students at Pinewood, it would be great to have as many as possible contributing.

### About the Day

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### Donations

Students will be able to fundraise until the 26<sup>th</sup> March, so please make sure you keep sharing your link after the event.

### Prizes

On top of raising money for the school, students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a PRIZE! They can start ordering from the 19<sup>th</sup> March right through until 26<sup>th</sup> March. Remember, ordering online is the best way to ensure you get what you'd like, so please order online.

### On the Day

The *Colour Run* is a whole school event and students are expected to take part even if they are not fundraising, unless they have a medical condition that excludes them from the event. Children will need to wear old light-coloured clothes (white/cream) and an old pair of joggers, sunglasses (optional) and a hat. We also suggest the children bring their school uniform to change into afterwards. Please make sure all clothing items are named.

Thank you for your support of our event! It is fun to have fun!

Sandra McGregor and the Student Representative Council.



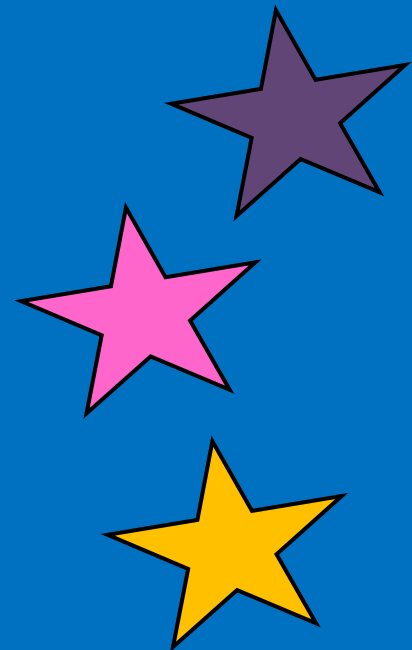
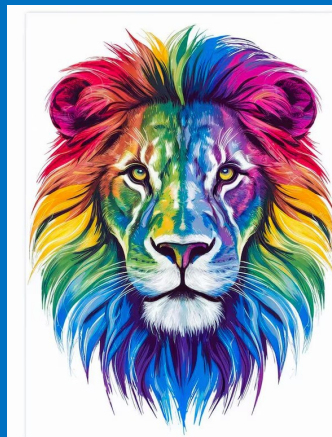
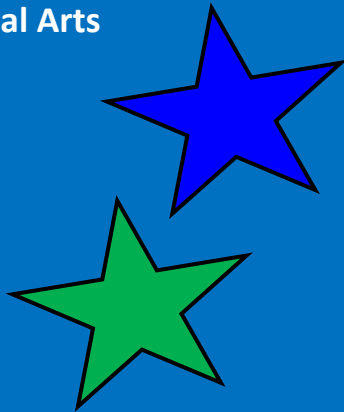
# Clay Houses and Lion Faces

Year Five students have been working on these wonderful clay houses, developing valuable skills in clay sculpture and finishing technique. They have learned how to create effective, sturdy cylinders in clay and are developing their knowledge of clay joining and building principles.

Meanwhile, the Year Four cohort have developed drawing and composition skills in the creation of these fabulous multi-coloured lion faces featuring colourful, textured manes.

Well done to all featured artists.

Ms Francine  
Visual Arts







## 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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

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 (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/policy)).

## 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.

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

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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

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.

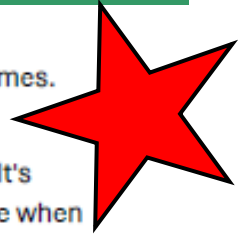
CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years

If you received CSEF in 2024, **THERE IS NO NEED for you TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2025, 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 4th July 2025.**



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- PA Liyana For being such a wonderful and caring friend to your classmates at all times. Keep it up Liyana!
- PB Ella For the outstanding effort you put into all your learning tasks this week. It's wonderful to see you continually giving your best and gaining confidence when facing challenges. Keep up the great work Ella!
- PD Ameliya For being a kind friend and always putting a lot of effort into your work. I am very proud of you Ameliya!
- PK Stella For being a kind and caring student and for always trying her best at all activities. Well done Stella!
- PS Abby For always putting in a lot of care and effort into your work. You always try your best in class. Wonderful work Abby!
- 1G Noor For your effort and persistence towards tasks at school and home, even when you may find them challenging. Keep it up!
- 1H Elijah For paying attention to instructions to ensure he completes tasks accurately. Keep up the great work Elijah!
- 1L Luka For your fantastic writing about our animal tour of the school. Well done for trying your hardest and adding in new vocabulary. Well done Luka!
- 1M Selina For demonstrating self-confidence. Selina has believed in herself and worked hard to organise herself and focus during learning activities. Well done Selina!
- 1T Jamie For your effort and hard work in writing recounts independently. Well done, Jamie!
- 2AM Caleb For your amazing effort to sit nicely and attentively listen during instructions. You have shown wonderful improvement and keep up the great work!
- 2C Zainab For practising the value of self-confidence during her Fantastic Friday presentation. Great effort, Zainab, we all really enjoyed your well prepared quiz!
- 2HW Aaron Aaron, you have shown such responsibility in our lessons, working hard and always making sure you have your things ready for learning! We're very proud of you!
- 2M Anusha For the amazing effort you put into your Fascinating Friday presentation on cars. You were well prepared and shared some interesting facts. Well done!
- 2P Dallas You've done an amazing job putting your best effort into your learning this week. It's wonderful to see your confidence growing, and it's a true reflection of your hard work and determination.
- 2F Shanaya For the amazing presentation you did for Fascinating Friday! You spoke beautifully and we all enjoyed learning how to do a card trick!
- 3C Sebastian SFor consistently putting an amazing effort into all of your class work this week. Keep up the excellent work!





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

3D Richard For always being willing to share your ideas and guide other people around you! Keep up the fantastic work Richard!

3F Elisa For working hard to improve her confidence in solving vertical subtraction problems with regrouping. Keep up the great work, Elisa!

3H Andrew For his hard work in writing. He continually tries his best and correctly follows the structure of the text type we are focusing on. Keep up the great work, Andrew!

3I Harriet For actively contributing to our class discussions and sharing your engaging 'sizzling starts' during narrative writing.

3U Zoe For her excellent work habits and keeping her workbooks so neat. Keep up the fabulous work, Zoe!

3J Meesha For writing a wonderful persuasive piece of writing. Great dedication to your writing, Meesha!

4B Darien For your enthusiasm when learning a new maths game to play with friends. Well done Darien!

4C Joanna For your positive attitude and commitment to your learning. You always put in 100% effort. Well done!

4H Zoe For working very hard to show fabulous improvement with handwriting. Well done Zoe! Superb effort!

4L Rachael For always giving your best effort in your work and keeping your workbooks tidy. You've also been an outstanding SRC member and your kindness as a reliable friend has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the amazing work, Rachael.

4M Cyara For showing our maths dispositions of being a risk taker and having self-belief when learning the multiplication area model. Keep up the great work!

4TK Vienna For ensuring that you finished, and delivered, your brilliant presentation before going on holiday. This showed a lot of initiative. Well done!

5C Theodore For your strong curiosity and eagerness to learn! You extend yourself to take on new challenges, especially during our numeracy lessons. Well done.

5JC Lachy For always trying your ultimate best and being a positive influence on the class. You always use your manners and it does not go unnoticed, well done Lachy!

5F Jerry For always giving your best effort in all that we do in the classroom. Keep up up the amazing work Jerry!

5H Ivy For always giving things a 'red hot go'! It is a pleasure to watch you constantly challenge yourself. I can see your confidence growing each day!

5K Emily For persisting with your persuasive writing and always asking for help when you need. You've also been an outstanding classroom member. Keep up the amazing work Emily!

5MT Kaitee For always being a happy and energetic member of 5MT. Well done!





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

6O Sion For being a responsible leader and making sure your classmates do not leave the room with rubbish. It is a tough job, but you are a super star at it! You are making a positive difference to the environment and in 6O!



6T Leon For your strong contributions during our integrated and wellbeing lessons. It's great to see your engagement and willingness to share your thoughts with the class.



MUSIC Sion Yr 6 For excellent work on her membrane clarinet!

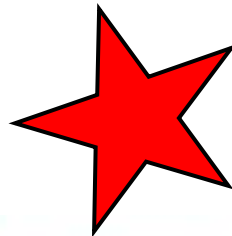
ART Adina Yr 4 For excellence in both clay and painting projects this year. Amazing effort Adina!

STEM Fateh PB For working hard to listen to instructions during STEM lessons and help others with set up and pack up.

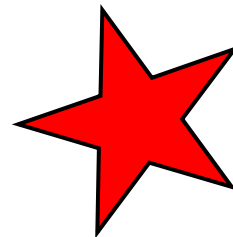
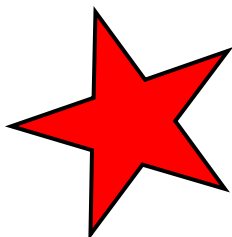
PE Aashi 5F For your wonderful efforts in our first week of the Year 5 Cardio Tennis unit. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

FRENCH All of 5K For putting so much effort into your occupations posters and displaying a lot of pride in your work! You all did such an job, well done!

FRENCH Colton 2C For your outstanding effort in French this year. You listened so well to instructions and completed all of your work, well done Colton!



# GREAT JOB!





**Pinewood Parents Club**

# SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

## FRIDAY 21st MARCH - 3pm



**Located at the Parents Club Shed  
behind the hall!**



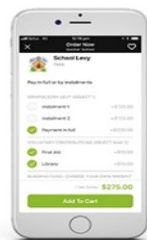


Donations of Easter eggs are appreciated.  
Donate and receive a free entry into the draw. All donations to be sent to the school office by Thursday 27th March.

**Pinewood Primary School**

# EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets \$1.00  
Please return by Friday 28th March.  
Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 1st April at the school community night!



Ready for Pinewood Primary School Parents....  
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# SCHOLASTIC

## Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

**ISSUE 2 OUT NOW!**  
**ORDERS CLOSE: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Issue 2 Highlights:**

- Check out the New Bestsellers starting on page 2.
- We have some great Easter titles just in time for the holidays!
- Scan the QR code to get a peek at the advertised book before you buy!

Keep the REGULAR READING ROLLING with these fan-favourites!

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Included with order confirmation

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WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025

# ASHWOOD REVEALED



Our Open Day and Night, Ashwood Revealed is a great opportunity to see our school.  
Please book online - tours available day and night!

### TOURS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- ✓ 9:15am School Tour
- ✓ 10:15am Principal's Address
- ✓ 11:30am School Tour
- ✓ 5:00pm School Tour
- ✓ 5:30pm School Tour
- ✓ 6:00pm School Tour
- ✓ 6:20pm School Tour
- ✓ 7:00pm Principal's Address



REGISTER ONLINE NOW



\*Based on VCE Results (Average Study Score), \*\*Highest Ranking Local Deary High School for University Pathways in 2024 (Awarded from on Sunday 10 August 2025)





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## Our approved SEAL Program (ACE)

Our highly acclaimed ACE Program is designed to cater for the special educational needs of high ability students. The examination for this program is available to all Grade 6 students seeking entry to the program in 2026.



**Examination Date**  
Saturday 23 August  
2025 at Ashwood  
High School



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Registration opens in July  
2025



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# 2025 WAVERLEY BLUES COME & PLAY

AUSKICK (5YO +) | SUPERKICK (8-12YO) | JUNIORS (8-18YO)

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