



27th March 2025

Principal's Message

What's On...

April

1st Harmony Day Celebration & Community Night
4.45pm—7.00pm



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

22nd Term 2 commences

23rd WCD Girls Soccer Gala Day—selected students only

24th **Curriculum Day no students are required at school on this day.**

25th **ANZAC Day - no students are required at school on this day.**

May

21st-23rd
Year 5 Camp Arrabri Lodge Warburton

Dear Parents/Carers,

FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBER GEORGIA STEPHENSON

On Friday (tomorrow) we say farewell to Ms Stephenson and wish her all the best with the arrival of her baby due early next term. We are all looking forward to meeting the little bundle of joy soon!



HARMONY WEEK Celebration - Tuesday 1st April



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 34 countries other than Australia and speaking 41 Languages other than English. We also proudly acknowledge our indigenous students at the school.

To celebrate Harmony Week and our rich multicultural school community, we will be holding two events, both on Tuesday 1st April.

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 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. Weather pending, we hope to have an assembly at 9.15am on the Sports Field, as the launch of our school Harmony Day celebration. Parents are most welcome to attend. 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 multi-cultural celebration!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY TWILIGHT EVENING Tuesday 1st April from 4.45-7.00pm

We will be holding our school community twilight evening on Tuesday 1st April from 4.45-7.00pm.

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 PPS staff
- great outdoor fun activities supervised by the staff of Proactivity
- face painting
- an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents and staff



Year 6 WCD Winter Sports

Rnd 1: 28th March vs. Glendal PS
Rnd 2: 4th April vs. Glen Waverley
25th April ANZAC Day BYE
Rnd 3: 2nd May vs Glendal PS
Rnd 4: 9th May vs Mt View Blue
Rnd 5: 16th May vs Mt View Yellow
Rnd 6: 23rd May BYE
Rnd 7: 30th May BYE
Rnd 8: 6th June BYE
Rnd 9: 13th June vs Mt View Yellow
Rnd 10: 20th June vs Glen Waverley



PARENTS CLUB

Many thanks to the Parents Club for organising the very successful second-hand uniform sale last week.

Thanks also to the Parents Club for organising the Easter Egg Raffle (to be drawn at the Community Event on Tuesday 1st April)

ANZAC DAY BADGES

Anzac Day badges and wrist bands are now available for students to purchase during each recess at the front of the school office, until the end of term, \$2.00-\$5.00.



END OF TERM 1

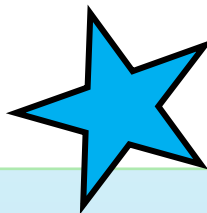
A reminder that Friday 4th April is the last day of term 1. The students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. OSHClub will be operating from 2.30pm. should you require their service.

TERM 2: COMMENCES ON TUESDAY 22ND OF APRIL

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOW DATES ARE STUDENT FREE DAYS AT PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

- **Curriculum Day-** Thursday 24th April (OSHClub will be available for bookings)
- **Anzac Day,** Public Holiday - Friday 25th April

Karen Jenkin
Principal



Colour Fun Run

Thank-you to the Pinewood School Community for the fabulous response to the Fun Run. To all of those who raised money, everyone who came to watch and participate and the wonderful students who enjoyed it so much; we are so very grateful.

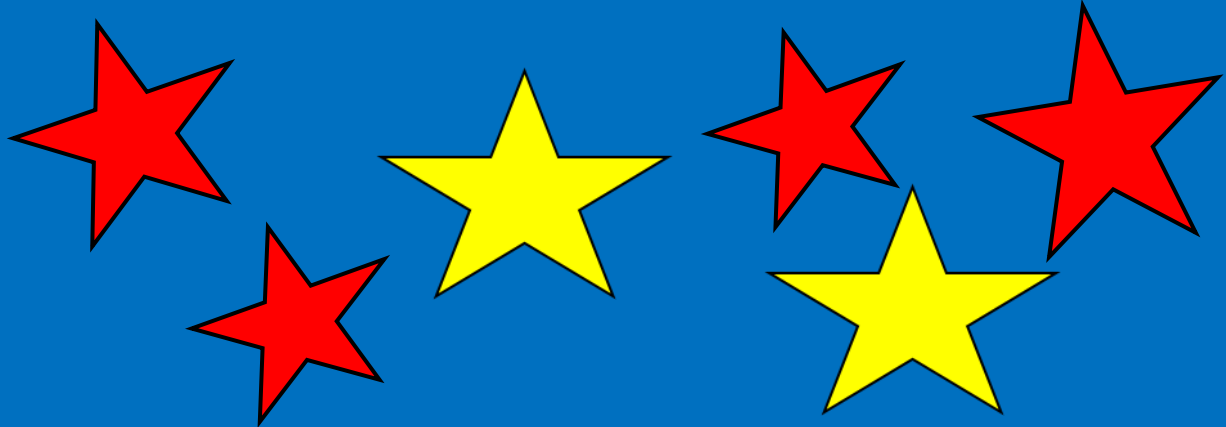


We raised over \$23000 which is an enormous effort and we had so much fun doing it. It is now time to make sure you have ordered your prizes. The prize window will close on the 28th March. You can still raise money until then if you wish.

Once again thank-you to everybody for making this year's Colour Run such a success.

Kind regards,
Sandra McGregor and the SRC





MATIFIC AWARDS

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



PREP – Annabelle PA

YEAR 1 – Hiru 1M

YEAR 2 – Yevin 2F

YEAR 3 – Subhan 3U

YEAR 4 – Diyha 4TK

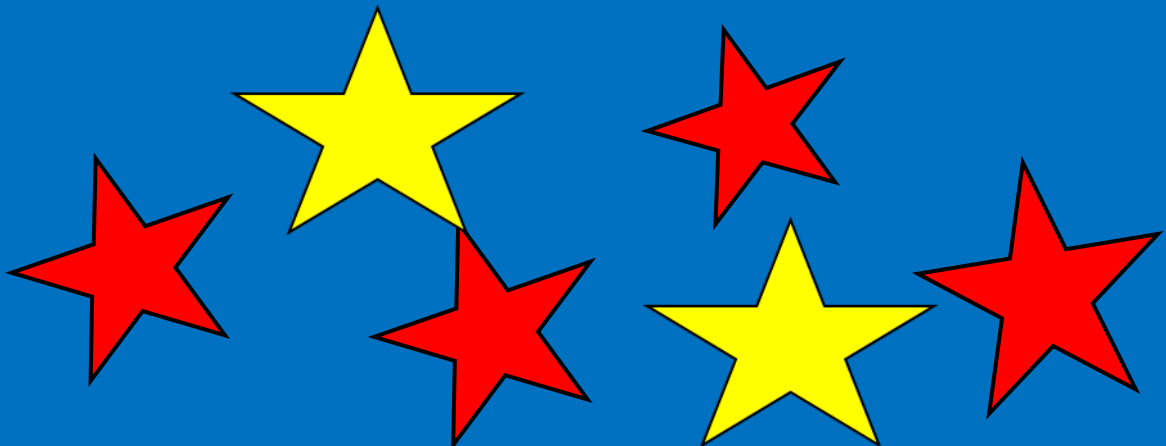
YEAR 5 – Theodore 5C

YEAR 6 – Harry 6K

OUTSTANDING CLASSES:

Junior – 2P

Senior – 4TK





Mushroom Houses

These wonderful mushroom houses really came to life when Year Five students carefully applied their first coat of acrylic paint in the decoration process. 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 Jayden L For doing an amazing job at reading aloud and writing the sentence of the week. Great effort Jayden!

PB Ayon "You've done an amazing job in math this week! Your work on spotting real-life 2D shapes in the environment was excellent and your Shape Monster turned out amazingly. Keep up the great work, Ayon!"

PD Jojo For being a kind and caring friend. You are always willing to help others. What a wonderful friend you are Jojo!

PK Moyao For trying her very best at all classroom activities. Keep up the great work Moyao!

PS Ellie For showing the Pinewood Value of respect. You are always using kind words, listening to others and using your best manners. Well done Ellie!

1M Liam "For demonstrating self-confidence and optimism. Liam has believed in himself and worked to challenge himself. Well done Liam!"

1M Zainab For demonstrating integrity and responsibility. Zainab has taken great care in her activities and worked to be fair and honest with her classmates. Well done Zainab!"

1G Ekam For being a kind and respectful member of our class and caring for your peers. Your bubbly personality is infectious!

1H Liya For her enthusiasm and willingness to try a new activity when we participated in our football clinic this week. Liya followed the rules and had lots of fun! Great effort Liya!

1L Mia For tackling challenging subtraction sums with determination and accuracy. Well done Mia for showing great self-confidence by approaching each challenge with a positive attitude.

1T William For being an excellent helper and for your lovely manners everyday!

2AM Lexie For the excellent effort you put into your Fascinating Friday presentation. It was wonderful to hear you talk about your Guinea Pigs and we loved meeting them too. Well done!

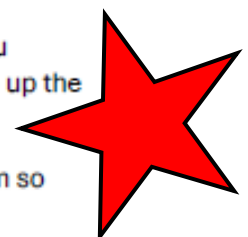
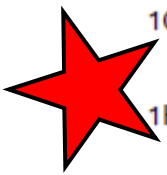
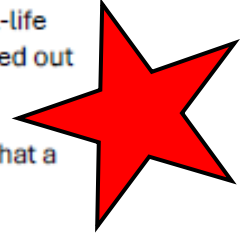
2C Adam For practising the Pinewood value of Respect by using whole body listening and kind, respectful words when speaking. Keep up the lovely work Adam!

2HW Sarina For the fantastic Text-to Text connection you made between the two wombat texts. Your answers showed that you put in a lot of thought, and it was beautifully presented. Awesome work, Sarina!

2M Tara For being an excellent speaker and listener during Fascinating Friday presentations. Tara always asks interesting and thoughtful questions.

2P Miranda For working so hard on your maths this week! It was awesome to see you confidently sharing your doubling knowledge in class discussions. Keep up the great work!

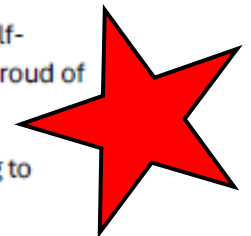
2F Cherry For the fantastic effort she put into her learning snapshot for reading. I'm so proud of you for working independently Cherry!!





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- 3C Althea For going above and beyond to contribute to our classroom, especially by keeping it neat and welcoming. Thank you for your outstanding effort!
- 3D Lucy Great job on presenting a fantastic oral presentation this week! You spoke clearly and engaged your audience very well!
- 3F Kabir For an excellent oral talk on fruit and vegetables. Your presentation was informative, and you effectively engaged your audience with a variety of diagrams. Great work!
- 3H Aiden For completing your oral presentation on germs! You did lots of research on your topic and you overcame your nerves to present. Well done!
- 3I Zaid For demonstrating exceptional achievement drive while completing your class job. You have been diligent, consistent and proactive in your efforts showing great commitment!
- 3U Vrantant For working so hard all week after coming back from his family holiday. Well done for presenting your oral presentation early, too!
- 3J Spencer For participating in the Colour Fun Run demonstrating the school value of optimism. Keep up the enthusiastic attitude, Spencer!
- 4C Rayan For your incredible perseverance and positivity, even in the face of setbacks. Great job on filming 4C's presentations.
- 4H Zoe For showing fabulous improvement with handwriting! Fantastic effort Zoe, well done!
- 4L Sana For your hard work and effort in Maths and Writing this week! You always give your best, and your dedication shines through in everything you do! Keep up the great work!
- 4M Alpana For your incredible recount writing about our mentor text, Coming Home to Country. Your writing was incredibly thoughtful and lyrical. Well done, Alpana!
- 4TK Vedant For your extra efforts to make the classroom a nice place to be. You're always happy to help and volunteer in a way that benefits everyone else. Well done!
- 4B April Congratulations on your enthusiasm when trying different strategies to solve division maths problems. Well done April!
- 5C To everyone in 5C for showing optimism, integrity, responsibility and self-confidence when completing NAPLAN tests. Amazing work! I am very proud of you.
- 5J Austin For contributing 110% into our Proactivity incursion and always coming to school with an optimistic outlook. Keep being you Austin!
- 5H Alex For your wonderful dance moves during our Healthy Living incursion. It was great to watch you channel your energy into positive movements. Well done!
- 5K Simon For putting so much effort into your maths NAPLAN, for consistently coming to me to ask for help and building confidence in class to ask and respond to whole class questions!





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

5MT Grace For being a great helper in the classroom. You are always willing to help your teachers and peers!

6L Pippa For demonstrating great initiatives to fulfill your daily duties as the French Captain. You actively engaged in the Colour Fun Run and Cross Country Training. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

6H Ethan For demonstrating the Pinewood values of responsibility and integrity, by going out of your way to help those around you. You are an asset to 6H and we all love your sense of humour. Well done Ethan.

6O Melody For demonstrating the Pinewood values of responsibility and integrity. You go out of your way to help others and do so with a smile. You are making a positive difference in 6O!

6T Cooper For the outstanding effort you have been putting into your writing. Your willingness to work in your free time and take on feedback to improve your narratives has been fantastic.

6K Luigi I commend Luigi for his persistence and enthusiasm in both his schoolwork and during camp. He consistently puts in his best effort and strives to challenge himself in his learning. Fabulous work Luigi!

ART Vedant 4TK

You demonstrated amazing resilience in art this week and great generosity in helping your classmates paint their clay owl. You completed your clay owl to a high degree of excellence. Thank you and well done!

STEM Jamie 1T

For your excellent efforts experimenting with gravity and forces with paper planes and helicopters. Well done Jamie!

PE All of Year 4

For their outstanding efforts during the T ball unit. Everyone participated beautifully with lots of support and encouragement during our matches. Congratulations to all of year 4!

FRENCH Ella PB

Ella you did such wonderful colouring on your birthday cake colouring. You also wrote your age in French beautifully! Tres bien Ella!

Music Sia PA

For a great effort with her Learning Snapshot this week!



Donations of Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle are appreciated by 28th March. Please hand in donations to the office. Free Entry to the Raffle when you donate.

Pinewood Primary School

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to those who have donated We already have some great prizes for this year's Raffle!

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Pinewood OSHClub

Newsletter

March 2025



What's been happening...

Exciting Transitions & Creativity!

Hello everyone! These past two weeks have been full of exciting transitions, welcoming new children and families into the service and developing positive relationships with the new educators.

In Week 7, we said a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to our Assistant Coordinator Dylan. We wish him the best on his journey!

Week 8's focus was on collaboration and creativity. We listened to the children's voices and made their dreams a reality! The children loved making BLOX Fruits, from Roblox, using cut-out templates. We made DIY Cardboard Armour, a Handprint Mural to celebrate the diversity at OSHClub, and delicious Fairy bread!

The Pinewood OSHClub team includes Alex, Katie, Angelique, Drew and Emily, and a strong pool of casuals. During this transition, we have focused on ensuring consistent staffing in each of our main rooms, so children feel safe, secure and supported. The educators have been developing strong, respectful and reciprocal relationships with the children and families. Feel free to visit our Reading Corner to see all the staff bios.



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Coming Up

- 04 APR** **Last Day of Term 1**
OSHClub is open from 2:30pm
- 07 APR** **Holiday HQ**
Don't forget to book in early for our HHQ!
- 17 APR** **Last Day of HHQ**
Our last day of HHQ before Term 2 begins

OSHClub Superstars!

These OSHClub students have been going ABOVE AND BEYOND when it comes to helping, whether that's with serving Breakfast Club, cleaning and packing up, or volunteering as a Junior Educator. They have been demonstrating the OSHClub and school values well!

Rise then Shine: Valentina, Eshana, Dihejn.
Stay and Play: Zoe B-H, Callum B-H.



Important Information

Sign In & Sign Out

Please make sure that you are coming into service to sign in or out your child on the iPad. Children shouldn't know your codes and they are not to sign themselves in or out.

Toys from Home

Please avoid bringing toys from home to OSHClub and Holiday HQ. This includes Beyblades, Pokémon cards and other trading cards. We often find these can be easily lost or damaged. If any are brought to OSHClub, we will ask that they are kept inside the child's bag.

Absences

Please tell us if your child is picked up early from school or is away, to avoid late cancellation fees.

Holiday HQ Essentials

If your child is attending Holiday HQ, please make sure to pack a water bottle, a hat, food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, and spare clothing if your child is at risk of having accidents. While we aim to provide spares, this cannot be guaranteed.

HOLIDAY HQ GAME ZONE

Holiday HQ Bookings are now open! Book in early to secure your spot for our Monopoly Dreams excursion & fun filled daily themes!
Speak to one of our staff about what is on



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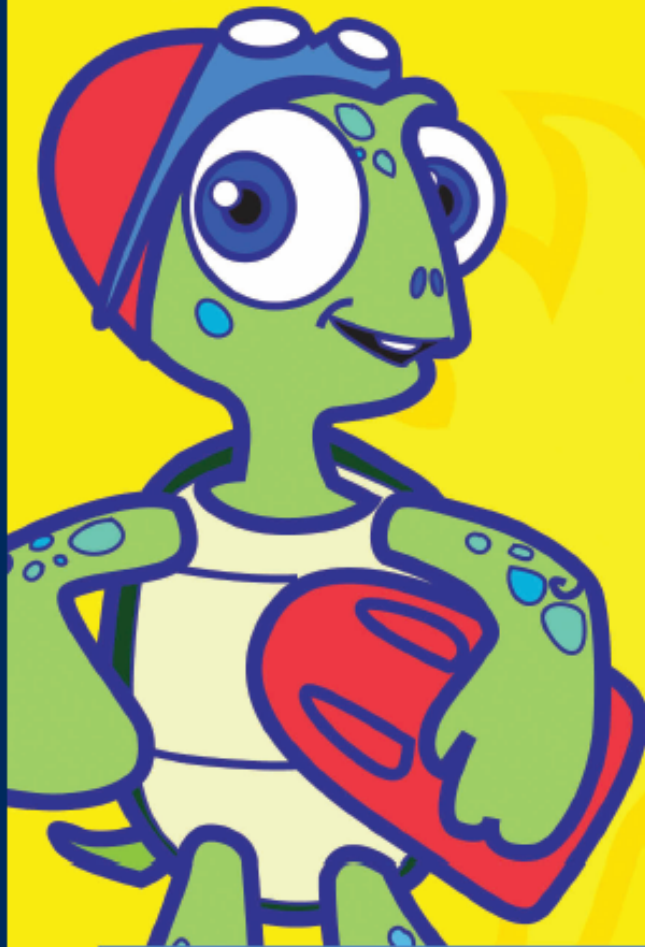
**TINY TOTS (3-5 YEARS)
SATURDAYS 9:00 - 10:00AM**

**RECREATIONAL CLASS (5-10 YEARS)
MONDAYS 4:45 - 5:45PM**

**TINIES (7 YEARS & UNDER)
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