



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 6 - Wednesday 8th May 2024



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste, Kumusta, Asalaam alaikum, Hola, Welkam

Welcome back to term two. It's wonderful to have tamariki back, seeing them keen and eager to learn. We welcome five new students into Pine Hill School: Abigail Waho, Oakley Visser, Colter Eurico Pedire and Charlotte Duder join the Junior Learning Team, and Isabella Duder joins the Senior Learning Team. Colter is visiting for two weeks while his whānau is here on holiday from the Philippines. We hope these tamariki and their whānau enjoy their time with us. Sadly, we farewelled Tutankeai Knight-Kepa and his whānau at the end of last term as they moved out of Dunedin. We thank Tutanekai and his whānau for their contribution to our school and wish them all the best.

As the weather gets colder, it is important to ensure your tamariki are dressed appropriately to stay warm and comfortable at school. The classrooms are lovely and warm throughout the day as we have the heatpumps on. Tamariki need to make sure they come to school with jackets and warm clothes each day. We still encourage them to get outside for a play during break times if the weather is ok to do this, which is why they need an extra layer/s to put on. Proper clothing helps prevent illnesses and discomfort associated with exposure to the colder temperatures outside. I do have a limited number of KidsCan soft shell jackets across all sizes available to those whānau who need a jacket for their tamariki and are not in the position to purchase them. Please get in touch if you would like a jacket for your tamariki.

A number of tamariki are arriving late to class in the mornings. Being on time to school not only sets a positive tone for the day, but also fosters a sense of responsibility in our tamariki. Additionally, arriving on time ensures your tamariki does not miss out on valuable instruction time, which is essential for their success and growth at Pine Hill School. Late arrivals also disrupt the learning environment for the tamariki coming in late, as well as the tamariki in class and the teacher. It is important for all tamariki to start the day together as this allows for a smooth transition into lessons and activities planned for the day. Tamariki are welcome at school from 8.30am each day and ideally, they should arrive at school by 8.45am so they have time to unpack, get organised for the school day and have some time with their friends. Continual lateness will be followed up with whānau so please ensure your tamariki is on time to school each day.

The Pine Hill School Board extends a warm welcome to Steph Bryan. Steph was recently selected onto the board and we look forward to working with her.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward - Tumuaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 20th May** at 6pm at school and **Monday 17th June** at 6pm on Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any meetings.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We offer Before School Care five mornings per week from 7.30-8.30am. Tamariki can join any time during this period and the rates are: \$6 per tamariki from 7.30am onwards and \$3 per tamariki from 8am onwards. You can use Before School Care casually, part time or on a full time basis. Please contact the school office for more information, or if you would like to make a booking.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

We have Transition to School visits for all four year olds each term at Pine Hill School. The purpose of these visits is to allow tamariki to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life.

The sessions are held over three different dates each term and the dates for term two are: **Wednesday 12th June, Wednesday 26th June** and **Wednesday 3rd July**. Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10.40am, with spending the middle block from 11am-12.30pm in the Junior Learning Team, experiencing school. Tamariki are invited to stay for lunch after the class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Miss Tara McGoff at school.

ENROLMENTS

We welcome new enrolments at Pine Hill School. We are not zoned, which means we are able to take enrolments from all areas. If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

tara@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Tara McGoff: Junior Learning Team Teacher	scott@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mr Scott Lane: Senior Learning Team Teacher
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6th-17th May	<i>Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme in conjunction with NZ Police - whole school</i>
Friday 10th May	<i>Matariki Show at school, 1.30-2.30pm - whole school</i>
Wednesday 15th May	<i>Senior Learning Team tamariki to Logan Park High School for matinee show 9.30-12pm</i>
Friday 17th May	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 20th May	<i>Board meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Tuesday 21st May	<i>Elgregoe Show at Liberton School, 9.30-10.30am - whole school</i>
Wednesday 22nd May	<i>Whole school trip to Otago Museum for Space theme study</i>
Wednesday 29th May	<i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED to tamariki</i>
Friday 31st May	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 3rd June	<i>King's Birthday - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 7th June	<i>National Young Leaders Day - Miss Ward and two year 6 tamariki</i>
Friday 14th June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Week of 17th June	<i>Matariki Celebration, date and time TBC</i>
Friday 28th June	<i>Matariki Public Holiday - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 3rd July	<i>Mid year school reports sent home</i>
Friday 5th July	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 5th July	<i>Term two school holidays begin</i>