



Newsletter 1 - Wednesday 5th February 2025



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

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful summer. It is exciting to kick off another fantastic year of learning, growth, and new opportunities at Pine Hill School!

We welcome a number of new and returning tamariki to our school. Dea Nolial (year 1), Hope Burgess-Wells (year 1) and Rawan Al Husein (year 2) have joined the Junior Learning Team. Welcome back to Ariana Young-Gray Ward (year 4) in the Middle Learning Team and Mia Ingley (year 6) in the Senior Learning Team. Welcome also to Muhamad Al Husein (year 5) who joins the Senior Learning Team. Our school roll begins the year at 54 tamariki which is awesome! A big welcome also to Miss Ally Ward who is team teaching with Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias in the Junior Learning Team, Miss Tait Duncan who is our Middle Learning Team kaiako (teacher) and Miss Olivia Culbert who is our Senior Learning Team kaiako. Jemima Hunter is teacher aiding and we welcome her to our school too. It is fabulous to have you all with us and we hope you enjoy your time at Pine Hill School.

Our new school sign is up on the corner of Hislop Street and Pine Hill Road. It looks absolutely fantastic and was the last part of our school rebranding project. We absolutely love our new colours, vision and logo! A huge thanks to Tash Chignell from BITE Creative who I worked alongside throughout the design process. She has done an amazing job and it has been neat to hear lots of wonderful comments and feedback about our rebranding.

On **Thursday 13th February**, we have our Meet the Teacher/Orientation afternoon from 3-4.15pm. Information has been emailed and sent home on hard copy about this. Please ensure you RSVP by **Monday 10th February** for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing lots of you at this event.

We will be holding Goal Setting Interviews on **Monday 3rd** and **Tuesday 4th March**. On Monday there will be times available from 3.30-5.45pm and on Tuesday there will be times available from 2-7.30pm (*please note a change in plans for Tuesday, from the note that went home last week*). All tamariki will stay at school this afternoon and can go home with whānau if their interview is before 3pm. Tamariki must be present at their interview. More information to come about Goal Setting Interviews in a few weeks.

A reminder that school is closed on **Thursday 6th February** to observe Waitangi Day and we are also closed on **Friday 7th February** for a Teacher Only Day. Kaimahi (staff) will be participating in professional development around the new maths curriculum with schools from our area, at Dunedin North Intermediate.

Ngā mihi nui, Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal

'Reaching for the Top!'
Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 24th February** at 6pm at school and **Monday 31st March** 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.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits will allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the dates for **Term 1** are: **Wednesday 26th of February, Wednesday 12th of March, and Wednesday 2nd of April.** Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10:40am, and then spend the middle block from 11:00am - 12:30pm with the Junior Learning Team. They are also invited to stay for lunch, with being collected at 1:00pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Miss Ally Ward at school.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have Before School Care available every Monday to Friday morning from 7.30-8.30am. Please text the school phone or email the office to tell us if you require this service. Bookings can be taken up until the day before and the cost is \$6 per child, before 8am and \$3 per child after 8am. The earlier the notice, the better.

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
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EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact Kaimahi on the following email addresses:

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REMINDERS

Thursday 6th February	<i>Waitangi Day - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 7th February	<i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 21st February	<i>Beach Education - St Kilda Beach 9.30-2.30pm</i>
Monday 24th February	<i>Board meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Friday 28th February	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 3rd March	<i>Goal Setting Interviews - 3.30-5.45pm</i>
Tuesday 4th March	<i>Goal Setting Interviews - 2-7.30pm</i>
Friday 14th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 24th March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 28th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 31st March	<i>Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom</i>
Friday 11th April	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Friday 11th April	<i>Term one school holidays begin</i>
Monday 28th April	<i>Term two begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>