



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 1 - Wednesday 7th February 2024



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

It is great to see everyone back at school after the summer holiday break! It seems everyone is excited to be back and into the swing of school.

Welcome to Ella Lees who joins us as a year 1 in the Junior Learning Team. Ella's big brother James is in the Senior Learning Team and I am sure she will enjoy her time with us. We also welcome Miss Tara McGoff and Mr Scott Lane to our teaching staff. Tara is teaching the Junior Learning Team and Scott is teaching our Senior Learning Team tamariki. It is great to have Tara and Scott joining us and I know they are enjoying their new jobs. Miss Renee Hodges will be welcomed back a day a fortnight as she will be teaching the Junior Learning Team while Miss McGoff is on release. Sadly we farewell the Tan family as they have relocated to North Canterbury and we wish them all the best.

Congratulations to Mrs Alvarez Fairas and her husband Tana who welcomed baby Rafael into their whānau two weeks ago. I have been to visit and everyone is doing well. Rafael is adorable and Mrs Alvarez Farias will be up to visit with him at some stage later this term.

Next **Monday, 12th February**, we have our Meet the Teacher/Orientation afternoon from 3-4pm. Information has been emailed and sent home on hard copy about this. Please ensure you RSVP by **Thursday** for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing lots of you at this event.

We will be holding Goal Setting Interviews on **Monday 26th February from 1-7pm**. School will close at 12pm this day and all tamariki need to go home. More information will be sent home about this next week.

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

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 19th February** at 6pm at school and **Monday 18th 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

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 one are: **Wednesday 28th February, Wednesday 13th March** and **Wednesday 3rd April**. 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

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.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have Before School Care available every weekday 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, per hour. The earlier the notice, the better.

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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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 us on the following email addresses:

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REMINDERS

Monday 12th February	<i>Meet the Teacher/Orientation event: 3-4pm at school</i>
Friday 23rd February	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 26th February	<i>Goal Setting Interviews (1-7pm), school finishing at 12pm</i>
Friday 8th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Friday 22nd March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 25th March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 29th March	<i>Good Friday - school CLOSED</i>
Monday 1st April	<i>Easter Monday - school CLOSED</i>
Monday 2nd April	<i>Easter Tuesday - school CLOSED (a school holiday)</i>
Friday 5th April	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Friday 12th April	<i>Term one school holidays begin</i>