



Newsletter 1 - Wednesday 17th February 2021



Kia Ora, Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam

It is great to be back at school. Our students seem happy to be back and it was nice to hear all about what they did in the school holidays. The holidays seem a distant memory now and we are already whizzing through February!

We welcome a number of new students to Pine Hill School. Charleen Nath (year 1), James Lees (year 1), Priya Rewha (year 1) and Nathaniel Marsh (year 2) have joined the Junior Learning Team. Jayven Marsh (year 4) has joined the Middle Learning Team and Tyler Hampson-Waho (year 5) has joined the Senior Learning Team. We hope your families and yourselves enjoy your time with us at Pine Hill School. This brings our school roll to 41 students, with more students predicted to enrol as the year progresses.

We also welcomed Mrs Hazel Astley as the new teacher in the Senior Learning Team (year 5 & 6). Miss Amy Riley is teaching our Junior Learning Team (year 1 & 2) and Miss Renee Hodges is teaching our Middle Learning Team (year 3 & 4).

As I write this newsletter we are still in Level 2 of the Covid-19 Alert Level System. Being in this level a couple of times last year, it made the transition back into it for our school fairly easy. Thank you for everyone's understanding and cooperation with our Alert Level 2 Plan. Our final week of swimming is postponed until term 2 (dates to be confirmed) and I will confirm a date for the Working Bee as soon as possible. I will keep families up to date as information comes to hand regarding Alert Levels via email, text, the Skool Loop app and our school Facebook page.

This year we continue in the Governments \$150 per child donation scheme, which means families are not required to pay for any school trips or activities other than school camp. We are also in the Governments Lunches in Schools Programme until the end of the year. We are very lucky to be in both of these initiatives.

I have some BIG thank yous to give! Thank you very much to Mitre 10 Mega for their generous donation of 12 rakes and three spades for our Working Bee where we are going to be spreading bark on both playgrounds. Thank you also to the Otago Community Trust for their donation towards swimming costs and also Sporting Chance through Sport Otago who have helped fund some of our students fees and footwear for futsal this term. Our Kāhui Ako (Otepoti ki Te Raki) has also given us some C-Pens to use for the term. These pens are being used in our Senior Learning Team to help at reading time. Thank you very much to Rotary South for funding these valuable resources for schools in our Kāhui Ako to borrow. We are extremely grateful to all these organisations for their assistance with a variety of areas at Pine Hill School.

Thank you to all those who came to our Welcome Back to School Picnic and Meet the Teacher meetings on Friday 5th February. We decided to trial this during school time this year (in the afternoon), and what a huge success it was with many families attending! It was a great way for our school community to catch up and meet other families, along with hearing all about classroom programmes. If you have any queries around your child as the year progresses, please contact their classroom teacher in the first instance.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

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 students 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 four are: **Wednesday 24th February, Wednesday 17th March and Wednesday 7th April**. Children 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.

Children are invited to stay for lunch after the in class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Amy at school via email, text or phone.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to go on the school newsletter email tree, please contact Nikola at the school office.



GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

These will be held on **Tuesday 2nd March**. School will be closing at 12.30pm this day and all students are required to go home. Interviews will be from 1-6.30pm. Please keep an eye out for information coming home next week about these.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

The first meeting for this group will be held on **Thursday 25th February** at 3.15pm at school. Last year new office bearers for 2021 were elected at the AGM. Terry Lynch was elected as President, Janine Little was elected Vice President and Katie Butler was elected Treasurer/Secretary (dual role for 2021). We look forward to this group working alongside our school to support us in 2021.

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any children that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. We have a number of students to come in as the year progresses. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your child/ren are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for your child/ren's absence when you contact us. It is part of our Health and Safety policy to know where students are when they're absent.

ASSEMBLY

Our first Assembly is on **Friday 26th February** at 2.30pm in the hall and they will be fortnightly from then on.

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STUDENT SIGN IN/OUT TABLET

Please sign your child in/out of school as and when required on the tablet at the school office. This tablet needs to be used when your child/ren are late to school or they are leaving school before the school day finishes or going to an appointment/coming back. We must have this information on record for Health and Safety reasons. The tablet is really user friendly. We are available to help you use it if you are unsure.

CLASS TIME

Students are expected to be at school by 9am every day. Being at school by 8.45am or earlier (anytime after 8.30am) is ideal as this allows students to get ready for the day and socialise with their peers. Students coming in late are disruptive to the class programme and this can be frustrating to teachers when they have already started the school day. We understand if there are special appointments in school time that cause students to be late to school for example dentist, optometrist, doctor. Please try your very best to make appointments out of school time. Students are required to stay in class until 3pm each day. If you arrive early to collect your child/ren, please wait in the office area or you're welcome to wait in your child's class until the bell rings.

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a Warriors jacket. Some of the other things we have available include: shoes for students, food for morning tea and head lice treatment. Please contact Renee or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on **Wednesday 24th February** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Chairperson) if you are interested in attending this meeting.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb. The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. Please check your child/ren's hair. If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

Our school bank account number is: 12-3150-0057559-00 and the name of the account is **Pine Hill School Board of Trustees**. This is for any payments not included in the donation scheme for example school hats, school camp.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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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!
Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School	Seesaw - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

REMINDERS

Monday 22nd February	<i>Junior and Middle Learning Teams visiting the Art Gallery</i>
Wednesday 24th February	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Wednesday 24th February	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm at school, all welcome</i>
Thursday 25th February	<i>Friends of the School meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Friday 26th February	<i>Senior Learning Team visiting the Art Gallery</i>
Friday 26th February	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Tuesday 2nd March	<i>Cricket coaching, all classes from 9am</i>
Tuesday 2nd March	<i>Goal Setting Interviews, school closing 12.30pm</i>
Wednesday 3rd March	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
Wednesday 10th March	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
Friday 12th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Tuesday 16th March	<i>Whole school trip to Otago Museum for inquiry</i>
Wednesday 17th March	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Wednesday 17th March	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
Thursday 18th March	<i>Have a Go Sports Day - year 5 and 6 females</i>
Monday 22nd March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 24th March	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
Wednesday 24th March	<i>Duffy Books in Homes Theatre show for students</i>
Friday 26th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 2nd April	<i>Good Friday - school CLOSED</i>
Monday 5th April	<i>Easter Monday - school CLOSED</i>
Tuesday 6th April	<i>Easter Tuesday - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 7th April	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Friday 9th April	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 16th April	<i>School holidays begin</i>