



# Newsletter 1 - Wednesday 8th February 2023



*Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste*

It is fantastic to be back into the swing of school for 2023. Everyone has made a fabulous beginning to school and we look forward to another awesome year at Pine Hill School!

We welcome a number of new tamariki and their whānau to our school. Ivy and Privilege TeAmo, Nembeka Ganaii and Alex Sipa have joined the Senior Learning Team and Joseph Sipa has joined the Junior Learning Team. We also welcome Teroina Rewha into the Junior Learning Team. Teiroina has her big sister Priya and big brother Marcel at school. Welcome also to Mr Tim Cook as our kaiako (teacher) in the Senior Learning Team while Miss Hodges is on leave for term one. It is fantastic to have you all join our school community and we know you will enjoy your time with us.

It is great to have our roll growing again and we will be welcoming more tamariki into the Junior Learning Team as they turn 5 throughout 2023.

The weather has certainly played its part in welcoming us all back to school! We have had some very hot days and it has been fantastic to see tamariki wearing their school sunhats with many also opting in to wearing sunscreen that is provided. There is plenty of outside shade at school and tamariki have been utilising this well at break times! Classrooms have been nice and cool, as we are lucky to have air conditioning. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather so they do not overheat and also that they have a full water bottle with them. We do not have water fountains but tamariki are able to refill drink bottles as required.

This afternoon we hold our Meet the Teacher/Orientation afternoon from 3-4pm. This is an opportunity for our school whānau to catch up with each other, along with meeting the kaiako (teacher) who will be teaching their tamariki in 2023. Orientation gives whānau the opportunity to hear all about classroom programmes and ask any questions they may have. We have had a large number of whānau RSVP for this event and we look forward to seeing everyone after school. Tamariki will remain at school and meet their whānau at 3pm. There will be pizza for afternoon tea and it will cater for all dietary requirements.

Please make sure you check the calendar below for key dates.

*Ngā mihi nui*  
*Melissa Ward*

## School Notices

### **PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

This term there are board meetings held on **Monday 20th February** and **Tuesday 22nd March** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along.

Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any of our meetings.

**CARING RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH**

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care is up and running at Pine Hill School through Te Kaha Kids. Tamariki can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. We are excited to have After School Care up and running again. Please go to [www.tekahakids.com](http://www.tekahakids.com) to register your tamariki.

## 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 1st March, Wednesday 15th March** and **Wednesday 29th March**. 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 Valentina Alvarez Farias 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. We have a number of tamariki pre-enrolled already for this year which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

## SCHOOL FINISHING EARLY/TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Friday 10th March**, school will be finishing at **12.30pm** as kaimahi (staff) will be undertaking professional development in the afternoon.

On **Monday 24th April**, school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day. ANZAC Day is on **Tuesday 25th April** and tamariki will be back to school for term two on **Wednesday 26th April**.

## REMINDERS

Wednesday 8th February	<i>Meet the Teacher/Orientation Afternoon, 3-4pm @ school</i>
Friday 17th February	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 20th February	<i>Board of Trustees meeting 6pm at school</i>
Wednesday 1st March	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds</i>
Friday 3rd March	<i>Assembly - 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 10th March	<i>School <b>FINISHING</b> at 12.30pm</i>
Wednesday 15th March	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds</i>
Friday 17th March	<i>Assembly - 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 20th March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school <b>CLOSED</b></i>
Tuesday 22nd March	<i>Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm at school</i>
27th March - 6th April	<i>School swimming lessons @ DNI pool for all tamariki</i>
Wednesday 29th March	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds (10.40-12pm due to swimming)</i>
Thursday 6th April	<i>Term one school holidays begin</i>
Monday 24th April	<i>Teacher Only Day - school <b>CLOSED</b> to students</i>
Tuesday 25th April	<i>ANZAC Day - school <b>CLOSED</b></i>
Wednesday 26th April	<i>Term two begins</i>
Tuesday 13th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>