



Newsletter 1 – Wednesday 13th February 2019



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

It is great to be back at school for the 2019 school year. Coming back to school last week and seeing all of students smiling faces and hearing about their holidays was lovely.

We welcome Anna Craw and Aileen Ramsay into our school as teacher aides and Essie Share as our Senior Learning Team teacher. We also welcome Revelle Rubin (5) and her family into our school and Shahed Alibrahem (5), who has three older sisters here. We hope you all enjoy your time with us at Pine Hill School.

The term has started off with a hiss and a bang! We are busy with school swimming at the moment for the next two weeks. Students need to ensure they have their swimming gear with them every day at school. We had a welcome back to school swim at Moana Pool on Friday and we have Orientation/Meet the Teacher sessions this afternoon and tonight at school. We are running the same sessions over different times with the hope that all of our parents/caregivers can make one session. The session times are as follows: Junior Learning Team 3.15pm and 6pm, Senior Learning Team 3.30pm and 6.15pm. Every family that comes along will go in the draw to win a family pass to Moana Pool. There will be supervision for children available, if they need to come along but the meetings are for parents/caregivers only. These sessions are great opportunities for you to learn about how your child's classroom operates along with meeting Renee or Essie and having the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing lots of you at these sessions.

On Tuesday 26th February we will be holding Goal Setting Interviews. School will be closing at 12.30pm this day and interviews will be held from 1–6.30pm. Please keep an eye out for information about these coming home next week.

Please ensure you check out the reminders on the back of the newsletter. These are all the dates for different events this term.

Assembly will now be held at 2.30pm every second Friday with the first one being held on Friday 1st March, due to school swimming.

This year our school is in Digital Technologies Curriculum Professional Learning Development with two facilitators, Anne Kenneally and Rachel MacNamara from CORE Education. The Digital Technologies Curriculum must be implemented in schools by the beginning of 2020. We have enjoyed two and a half days of professional development in the school holidays, beginning our journey with this professional learning development. Anne and Rachel will be working with both staff and students around this new curriculum. This is really exciting and is going to be fabulous for helping prepare our students for the future.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

TOYS

We have a rule that no toys/special items/treasures are to be brought to school unless it is part of Morning Programme/News (oral language programmes in classes). We would hate special belongings to get broken or lost at school. If students continue to break this rule after being reminded, their toy/special item/treasure will be confiscated from them and returned at the end of the school day. Students have been told numerous times about this rule and we ask that you please remind your children about it. Thank you for your support. Students are allowed to bring their bikes/scooters etc to school to use at break times.

SCHOOL CELL PHONE

A reminder you can use our school cell phone to get messages to us/your children. We will also use it to message you. The number is 027 528 7198. Please include your name and your child/ren's name when you message us.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE/SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a school Facebook Page that is updated regularly. Updates will be made on here about important school related things, for example school events/closures. Search Pine Hill School Dunedin on Facebook and give us a like! Make sure you tell your friends and family too. The Facebook Page is a great way for people to keep in touch with what is happening at school. For more detailed information about our school, please visit our school website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

We appreciate prompt payment for all school related activities. The school bank account number for paying online is 02-0900-0000428-000 (BNZ). Please use your family name and the event/item you are paying for as a reference/code. Cash can also be sent to school for payments of events. Please ensure this comes named so that we know who the money belongs to.

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 pre-enrolled already for this year which is fantastic! 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 phone to inform us.

It is part of our Health and Safety policy for us to know where students are when they are not at school.

NEWSLETTER

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



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 (after 9.15am) 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 8.15am) is ideal as this allows students to get ready for the day. Students coming in late is disruptive to the class programme and can be frustrating to teachers when they have already started the school day. Of course, 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 are welcome to go into your child's classroom and wait for them until the bell rings.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

We have school swimming happening at the moment. Students must come to school every day with their togs, a towel and goggles if they have them. Please ensure swimming fees of \$43 per student are paid by the end of February. Payment plans are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Nikola at the school office if you plan on doing this to pay your swimming fees. Thank you to those who have already paid.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL UPDATE

What a busy time we had fundraising in the last term 2018. The raffle and calendars were both very successful, thanks for your support. The first meeting for Friends of the School will be Monday 25th February 2019 at 3.15pm. This meeting will look at some ideas for fundraising for the year. If you have some ideas come along and share. All welcome. Thanks Kirstyn.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Melissa Ward: Principal	renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Renee Hodges: Junior Learning Team Teacher
essie@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Essie Share: Senior Learning Team Teacher	office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Nikola Ballard: Secretary

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 to keep if they need them, food for morning tea/lunches and head lice treatment. Please contact Essie or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



HEADLICE

Head lice are active in the 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 send a note home to advise you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us.

REMINDERS



11th-22nd February

Wednesday 13th February

Monday 25th February

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Tuesday 26th February

Wednesday 27th February

Friday 1st March

Friday 15th March

Monday 25th March

Friday 29th March

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Friday 12th April

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Monday 29th April

15th-18th October

School Swimming

Orientation/Meet the Teacher Sessions

Senior Learning Team Have a Go Session: Edgar Centre

Friends of the School Meeting, 3.15pm at school

Goal Setting Interviews: school closing at 12.30pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: 6.30pm at school

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

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Otago Anniversary Day - school closed

Duffy Theatre Visit - Pine Hill School: 11am

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

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Term One ends, school holidays begin

Term Two begins

Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau

