



Newsletter 1 - Wednesday 19th February 2020



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

It is wonderful to be back at school for 2020. Coming back to school and seeing all of the students smiling faces and hearing about their holidays was lovely. It is great to see everyone looking refreshed and raring to go for term one.

We have started the school year with seven new students, which is fantastic for our school roll. Kahli Little (year 1), Sterling Rubin (year 1), Zav Tan (year 1), Nox Somnium (year 3), Sophia Fangupo (year 3), Sol Somnium (year 5) and Fadia Matar (year 5) have joined our school. We hope your families and yourselves all enjoy your time with us at Pine Hill School. This brings our school roll to 40 students, with more students predicted to enrol as the year progresses.

We also welcomed Miss Charlie Parson as the new teacher in the Senior Learning Team. It is great to have Charlie on board with us here at Pine Hill School.

The term has started off flat stick, as per usual. We are busy with school swimming at the moment, with this being week two of lessons. On Friday we are off to St Kilda beach for our biennial Beach Education Day. Thank you very much to all the adult assistants who have helped out with swimming and are helping out with Beach Education.

We are thrilled to be in the Governments \$150 per child donation scheme this year, which means families are not required to pay for any school trips or activities other than school camp.

On Wednesday 11th March 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 in the next couple of week.

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

Our first Assembly for 2020 will be on Friday 28th February at 2.30pm. Assemblies will then be fortnightly from this date. There is one minor change to this schedule, with the last Assembly for term one being on Thursday 9th April due to Good Friday.

Thank you to all those who came to our Welcome Back to School BBQ and Orientation/Meet the Teacher last Wednesday night. This was a lovely evening, mixing and mingling with our school families. Orientation meetings are always key to beginning the school year as this is a good way to hear about your child's classroom programmes and ask any questions to Renee or Charlie. If you missed these meetings and you have any questions about anything to do with school, please directly contact your child's classroom teacher.

School Notices

TOYS

We have a rule that no toys/special items/treasures are to be brought to school unless it is part of 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/SKOOL LOOP APP/SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a school Facebook Page that is updated regularly. Search Pine Hill School Dunedin on Facebook and give us a like! We are also on the Skool Loop app. Download this app from your app store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School to get instant updates about school happenings and our newsletter. For more detailed information about our school, please visit our school website at: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz

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 to know where students are when they're absent

NEWSLETTER

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



FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

The first Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin (PTA) meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 3.15pm at school. All welcome.

CARING
RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY
AIMING HIGH

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 8.15am) 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.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM ONE

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 dates for term one are: **Wednesday 11th March, Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 8th 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 Renee at school via email or phoning.

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 Charlie or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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CHANGE OF SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

We have moved our school banking to ASB Bank. The bank account number is: 12-3150-0057559-00 and the name of the account is: Pine Hill School Board of Trustees. Any online payments over and above the School Donation Scheme e.g. school camp fees and sports fees, need to be paid into this account. Thank you.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE - KRISTYN STANAWAY: CHAIRPERSON

Kia ora koutou. Welcome back to existing families and welcome to new families that have joined our school at the start of this term. The board of trustees had their final meeting for 2019 on 3rd December. In this meeting we had feedback from Wayne Facer, who was the appraiser for Melissa over the course of the year. Melissa did really well in her yearly appraisal which was excellent to hear and as always we feel very lucky to have such a great Principal. In this meeting we also heard from Chris Morris who provided feedback on the student's progression in learning. He is also another person who is very happy about the teaching, learning, achievement and culture that is happening at Pine Hill School, which again is awesome to hear. Thanks to all staff for their role in this.

There are some exciting initiatives that are happening this year, including the \$150 donation scheme and the Lunches in Schools programme starting in term 2, which the board support and think are great ideas.

Finally, thanks to families who keep supporting the school. We have mentioned in the past about the possibility of growing the school to have a third classroom. We need 51 students for this third classroom. With all the positive feedback and great initiatives the school is providing, we hope to achieve this goal sometime in the near future. Thanks to all those who attended the Welcome Back to School BBQ and Orientation evening. It was wonderful to see this so well supported and it was great to catch up with families. Thanks Kirstyn Stanaway - BOT Chairperson.

REMINDERS



10th-20th February

Friday 21st February

Wednesday 26th February

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Friday 28th February

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 11th March

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Friday 13th March

Wednesday 18th March

Monday 23rd March

Wed 25th-Fri 27th March

Wednesday 8th April

Thursday 9th April

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Tuesday 28th April

School Swimming

Beach Education Day - St Kilda Beach

Trip to Otago Museum for inquiry on Life Cycles

Board of Trustees meeting: 6pm at school

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

Friends of Pine Hill School meeting, 3.15pm at school

Transition to School, all four year olds

Goal Setting Interviews: school closing at 12.30pm

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

Transition to School, all four year olds

Otago Anniversary Day - School CLOSED

Senior Learning Team Camp

Transition to School, all four year olds

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

School holidays begin

Term two begins, 9am