



Newsletter 10 - Wednesday 05 August 2020



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

The warmer days recently have been very welcomed after a run of frosty weather. Spring is not too far away and I am certainly counting down the days!

Congratulations to Sterling Rubin from the Junior Learning Team and Creation Boyd-Tione from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. Since returning to school we had been focusing on the key competency of relating to others for these awards. Sterling and Creation reflect this value extremely well and it was lovely to hear examples of this from their teachers. Keep up the wonderful work.



Thank you very much to all of our families for attending Parent/Teacher interviews last week. We had 100% attendance at these which is absolutely fantastic. Using the Zoom platform for some interviews worked well and it was great to be able to offer this option for parents. We pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have built with our families and every family coming to interviews is a true reflection of this. I really enjoyed sitting in the office catching up with parents as they came and went for their interviews. Renee, Amy and Charlie found the interviews extremely valuable and appreciated the opportunity to catch up with parents and talk about how their child's learning is going at school, with looking at where to next. The next reporting to parents will be written school reports in December. If you have any queries in relation to your child, please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.

On Saturday 5th September we have the Friends of Pine Hill School fundraising BBQ at Mitre 10 Mega. We will be needing as much help as possible from our school community for this event. More information will be coming out about this to families in the next fortnight but in the meantime, please mark this important date in your calendars.

Thank you very much to Constable Emily Plew who was in school for the first two weeks of term helping to implement the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme to our students. This programme is taught every second year and is a very important part of our health education curriculum delivery plan.

This term for inquiry we are studying Dunedin: A Pretty Good Plan D - What's in Our Backyard? We thought this was very timely with what is happening in the world with Covid-19. There are whole school trips to Larnach's Castle and Toitu Museum coming up as part of the finding out section of the inquiry process. Studying our city for inquiry is going to be valuable and exciting for our students as Dunedin has a rich history and lots of interesting places to visit.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had an incredible start to Term 3 and have been doing some awesome learning. It's been great seeing the students return with excitement and enthusiasm for the new term! Last week we had our Parent/Teacher interviews. These were an amazing opportunity for both of us teachers to meet with parents to share the progress students have been making! It was great to reflect on their learning and discuss their next steps for this term. Thank you all for coming and joining us for these. We have finished our Keeping Ourselves Safe unit with Constable Emily. The students really enjoyed this unit and have learnt how to apply a range of safety skills when interacting with others. We are looking forward to diving into our new inquiry unit, focussing on Dunedin. This will be a fantastic opportunity to discover more about the place we live. Make sure to check out all of our awesome learning on Seesaw!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

We have hit the ground running in the SLT this term! It has been great to see tamariki coming back from school holidays eager to get back into their learning. A huge thank you to all whānau for attending interviews last week. It was great to share students' successes so far this year, and communicate about what their next steps are for this term. Over the past two weeks the SLT have been investigating fairy tales for our reading and writing programme. It has been wonderful to see the students getting creative with writing their own fairy tales. For maths we have been learning about perimeter and area. Last week tamariki were investigating the perimeter and area of their names. It was great to see students problem solving skills during this time.

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 dates for term three are: **Wednesday 19th August, Wednesday 2nd September and Wednesday 16th September.** 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 or Renee 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.



KAPA HAKA TEACHER

We are looking for a Kapa Haka teacher for our school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this, please contact Melissa at school. We are keen to get this group up and running again as soon as possible.

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Blaide Mason	Jasper Lo Tam
Classroom Certificates	Zav Tan	Andrew Pesa

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

There are Board of Trustees meetings on Monday 10th of August at 7.15pm via Zoom and Monday 14th September at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings 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 either of these meetings.

MORNING TEA AND WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure children come to school with their morning tea and a water bottle each day. Lunch is provided every day for each student due to us being in the Governments Lunches in Schools Programme until the end of 2021.

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 and head lice treatment. Please contact Miss Parson or Nikola at the office if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are on Friday 28th August at 9am, including optional family photos. Information will be sent out to parents about these in the next couple of weeks.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE

Our Fundraising BBQ is on Saturday 5th September at Mitre 10 Mega. We need a lot of help for this so please ensure you fill out the note/google form that has been sent out to indicate when you can help. Due to health and safety children are not able to attend this event. The next meeting is Tuesday 1st September. See you there!

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

Wednesday 5th August	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching for both classes at school</i>
Friday 7th August	<i>Elgregoe Magician Show at Liberton School - whole school</i>
Monday 10th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Monday 10th August	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.15pm on Zoom</i>
Wednesday 12th August	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching for both classes at school</i>
Friday 14th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 17th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 19th August	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 20th August	<i>Larnach Castle whole school trip for Inquiry study on Dunedin</i>
Monday 24th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 28th August	<i>School Photos 9am</i>
Friday 28th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 31st August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 2nd September	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Saturday 5th September	<i>Friends of the School Fundraising BBQ - Mitre 10 Mega</i>
Monday 7th September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 11th September	<i>Bike Safety Sessions at school: year 6 students</i>
Friday 11th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 14th September	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Monday 14th September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 16th September	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 17th September	<i>Harold and the Life Education Bus visit</i>
Monday 21st September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Term three school holidays begin</i>
Monday 12th October	<i>Term four begins</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i>School summer holidays begin</i>

