



Newsletter 10 - Wednesday 28th June 2023



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste, Kumusta, Asalaam alaikum, Hola, Welkam

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for term 2 which means we are halfway through the school year. We have managed to fit in a lot of exciting learning this term, in what seems to have been a fast-paced term!

The Board of Trustees welcomes Garthruth Ganaii onto the board. Garthruth and her husband Francis have Nembeka in the Senior Learning Team. It is great to have Garthruth joining the board and we look forward to her working with us. Sadly, we farewell Tala Pesa from the board. Tala's contribution to the board during her time as a member was very much appreciated and we wish her all the best for the future.

Today Zav, Sham, Shahed, Kahli, Jensen, Mia, Grace, Nembeka, Ivy and Stella from the Senior Learning Team, represented Pine Hill School in the international Sing Up Day Event at Tūhura Otago Museum. Our tamariki joined up with hundreds of other tamariki to sing a selection of songs to celebrate the international Sing Up Day. One of these songs was written by our very talented Kapa Haka tutor, Tomuri Spicer. His song was one of three chosen from around the world, after he was commissioned to write a song for the Sing Up Day Event. Tomuri's song was released to participating schools this term, along with a song from Wales and a song from South Africa. This is amazing for Tomuri and we were proud to support him by participating in this awesome event! Thank you to Miss Hodges for preparing our very talented group of singers for this international Sing Up Day.

Today we hold our first ever Matariki Celebration. This will be an annual event and we are excited to have a group of tamariki from Family Ties Educare joining us. Thank you to everyone who came along for the optional whānau picnic and to all those that came along to the celebration. It is really important to come together as a community for events like this. Thank you to the teachers and staff from Family Ties Educare and Pine Hill School for preparing the tamariki for this event, and for organising it. And thank you to all tamariki involved for making the event amazing!

Over the upcoming holiday break, there will be arborist work happening around the school. All four sides of the school will be getting tidied up, inside and outside the fence. Some trees will also be removed. This work will make the grounds look much tidier, which will be great.

Next term we'll begin cross country training in preparation for our school cross country event on **Wednesday 30th August (postponement date Friday 1st September)**. This will involve tamariki training every day around our cross country course on school grounds. Training will start on the first Wednesday back in term 3 and tamariki need to ensure they have suitable footwear for training in each day.

I hope your tamariki have a nice holiday break. Next term looks to be full on. Hopefully they get some time to rest up to ensure they are refreshed for the second half of the school year. We will see everyone back on **Monday 17th July** from 8.30am

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 24th July** at 7pm on Zoom, **Monday 14th August** at 7pm on Zoom and **Monday 11th September** 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 Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any meetings.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLD TAMARIKI

We have Transition to School visits for all four year old tamariki 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 three are: **Wednesday 2nd August, Wednesday 23rd August** and **Wednesday 20th September**. 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 tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be a fundraising meeting on **Thursday 17th August** at 3pm at school. We are looking to hold a Quiz Night in term four (late November) and we will be doing Calendar Art. This is where tamariki create a drawing at school in their classes and then it can be printed onto things like calendars/diaries and whānau can purchase these, with our school getting a percentage of the profits. More information will be talked about at the meeting, so if you are keen to find out more, or help with the Quiz Night, please come to the upcoming meeting!

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student Led Conferences between whānau, teachers and tamariki, will be held on **Thursday 3rd August** from 1-7pm at school. School will finish at 12.30pm this day. More information will come home about these early in term three, but please put this date into your diaries.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Caring	Mahi Chaudhary	Mia Ingley
Principal Award - Aiming High	James Lees	Stella MacGillivray
Classroom Certificate	Parua Ellison	Faith Miller
Classroom Certificate	Zain Chaudhary	Naghham Al Ashour



REMINDERS

Friday 30th June

Monday 17th July

Thursday 3rd August

Tuesday 12th December

Term two school holidays begin at 3pm

Term three begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am

Student Led Conferences, 1-7pm. School closing at 12.30pm

Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year