



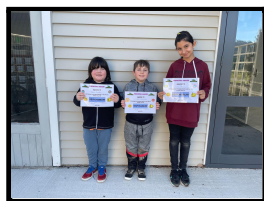
Newsletter 10 - Wednesday 7th July 2021



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

It is hard to believe that this is the last week of term 2. The term has flown by and it certainly has been another busy one. Mid-year school reports are being sent home today and student led conferences are on Wednesday 11th August. More information to come about student led conferences in term 3.

Congratulations to Kāhu Gordon from the Junior Learning Team, Nox Somnium from the Middle Learning Team and Fadia Matar from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. Over the last two weeks, classes had been focusing on our school value of responsibility. These three students certainly reflect this value very well. Well done on being extremely responsible students at Pine Hill School.



Due to some excellent neighbourhood watch, a group of youths have been identified as the people causing some of the issues at school recently. This matter has been referred to the Police and the youths are being spoken to. If you see any behaviour that is unsafe or concerns you out of school time, do not hesitate to contact the Police on the 105 number, or myself. I can be contacted through the school Facebook Page, or via the school cell phone (number is in the newsletter). If you are around over the holidays, please keep an eye on our school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Cheese Roll fundraiser. It was a very big task which was completed over a day and a half. Thank you also to all those who supported the fundraiser by purchasing cheese rolls.

Next term, Pine Hill School begins a journey of looking at our local curriculum and doing a refresh on this. A local curriculum refresh was one of our targeted next steps from our recent Education Review Office (ERO) review. We have been accepted into a centrally funded professional learning development contract by the Ministry of Education that goes for 80 hours over the next year. Earlier this term I submitted a very large application for this professional learning development and I am absolutely thrilled that we have been accepted into this. I look forward to working with Rach McNamara from CORE Education on this journey.

Thank you to all those that came along on Friday to our Matariki sharing. Students were really excited to share their new learnings and it was great to see lots of people here supporting this.

School holidays begin on Friday at 3pm and we are back to school on Monday 26th July from 8.30am for students. I hope all of our students manage to have some time to relax over the break and we look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had a busy end to term 2 and have been learning all about Matariki. Tamariki created their own questions about Matariki and spent time researching the answers with a buddy. We also created our own collage of a star and painted a background of a night sky. We learnt all about blending and how we could use this technique to gently transition from one colour to another. It was great to share all of our learning with our whanau at our special Assembly celebrating Matariki. We were very lucky to have two history students from the University of Otago visit and teach us more about the past. Tamariki learnt all about what life was like 100 years ago and explored different objects from the past. Well done Olivia for receiving the classroom certificate this week! Have a great holiday!

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team have had a fantastic and busy end to term 2. Our biggest highlight was visiting Olveston and making our own butter for fairy bread. Last week we had two wonderful visitors from the University of Otago who taught us more about the past. We have been busy putting all of our inquiry learning together, researching to answer our own wonderings and questions. We have all created a presentation with a buddy that we are really proud of. We loved learning more about Matariki and sharing our learning with our family and whanau at our special Assembly. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us. Well done to Grace who received our class award at Assembly. We hope everyone has a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school for term 3.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team has been busy learning about Matariki. We have been learning about the stories behind each of the seven Matariki stars and have created Matariki kites representing each of the seven stars. We really enjoyed sharing these with whanau last Friday. We have explored games of chance to develop an understanding of probability and have expressed the likelihood of something happening using fractions. We were lucky to have Paulien and Rachel, who are graduate history students from Otago University, come to share their knowledge about what life was like for students 100 years ago. We learnt that there has been a school in Pine hill for over 150 years! Well done Fadia for receiving the classroom certificate this week. Have a relaxing holiday!

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 the dates for term three are: **Wednesday 11th August, Wednesday 1st September and Wednesday 22nd 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 at school via email, text or phone.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have recently cashed in their reward tickets in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:



Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
Ella: L1 - 10min class game Charleen: L1 - 10min class game Kahu: L2 - 10min free time Max: L2 - 10min free time Autumn: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Olivia: L2 - prize box Farah: L2 - prize box Marcel: L3 -class ice block party Kahli: L3 - morning tea with teachers & 2 friends James M: L4 - class movie and popcorn	Mazyad: L2 - 10min free time with a friend Ruby: L2 - 10min free time with a friend Jenna: L2 - 10min free time with a friend Shahed: L3 - 20min free time with a friend Grace: L4 - class movie and popcorn Nox: L4 - class movie and popcorn	Saja: L3 - morning tea with teachers & 2 friends Ryley: L3 - morning tea with teachers & 2 friends Yazan: L4 - pizza party with 2 friends Creation: L4 - pizza party with 2 friends

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at 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 contact you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN (FOTS) UPDATE

Our Friends of Pine Hill School group have been working tirelessly over the last couple weeks to fill a massive order of cheese rolls. As this was our first time doing it, there were lots of learning curves but overall this has been a great success. A big thank you to everyone who was able to help with this fundraiser as it would not have been possible without your time and energy. A big thanks to Dunedin North Intermediate who provided us with the use of their kitchen to make the cheese rolls. A huge thank you also, to Brendan at New World Gardens for sourcing the items needed for this fundraiser and donating some of these. We have enjoyed being able to raise some funds for the school as well as developing some important relationships for the future. In total, we raised around \$1100. Our next meeting will be on Monday the 9th of August and we welcome any whanau who are able to attend.

Thank you, FOTS.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE - KIRSTYN STANAWAY: PRESIDING MEMBER

Kia ora koutou. Our last Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday 21st June 2021, via the Zoom platform. Over the course of this meeting, we were presented with a SENCO report, which describes how the school is meeting the learning needs for all learners. It informs us if there are students who need additional support and how their needs are being met. This report was positive and it is great to see the support in place for learners. We discussed the ideas of how we can increase the school roll and the school will do a 'pamphlet drop' about what is great about our school early in term 3. We talked about having a platform, so whānau can get to know our Board of Trustees members and there will be something about this available in term 3. The school is running really well at the moment, which is great to see. Thank you to Melissa and staff for the great job you do for our school, and children. Pine Hill School is a great place to send children for many reasons. Please share all the positives with prospective whānau. If anyone is interested in attending Board of Trustees meetings, please feel free to get in touch with Melissa or myself for details. Enjoy the holiday break! *Nga mihi, Kirstyn*

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday 16th August** at 7.15pm on Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The School Council is well underway and we have been getting stuck into different projects to help our school and community. We have had fortnightly meetings where we discuss and organise events. The School has participated in the Octocan Can Donations recently, for the Food Bank. We believe it is important to help support people in need. A big thank you to all of the families who donated a can/s for this event. We have also helped set up and organise the cheese roll fundraiser by communicating with New World to get supplies. There are a lot of exciting projects coming up that we will be planning and organising and we look forward to making our school an even better place!

Kahli, Zav, Jensen, Luke, Bella and Fadia: School Council Members

REMINDERS

Wednesday 7th July	<i>Mid year student reports sent home</i>
Friday 9th July	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Monday 26th July	<i>Term three begins</i>
Monday 9th August	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Wednesday 11th August	<i>Student Led Conferences beginning 1pm, school closing 12.30pm</i>
Thursday 11th November	<i>School photos: 9am</i>
11th-12th November	<i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM</i>
Monday 22nd November	<i>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</i>

