



Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 19 August 2020



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

It has been a seamless move back into level 2 for us here at Pine Hill School. A big thank you to our school community for being so understanding and adaptive to moving back to the guidelines that were in place when we returned to school from lockdown.

A few key guidelines to remember are: students are to stay at home if they are sick, handwashing is the best defence and we do this on a regular basis at school, parents are only able to enter the school grounds in an emergency, students are to be dropped off and picked up from the Hislop St entrance or the Wilkinson St entrance closest to Pine Hill Road and no visitors are able to come to Assembly. We have had to postpone a number of planned school trips to do with our inquiry unit on Dunedin, along with some sports coaching visits, until we are back to level 1. This is a real shame but we must do what is best at a time like this to ensure everyone involved with our school is safe. Currently we are in alert level 2 until Wednesday 26th August at 11.59pm and we look forward to the outcome of the alert level review on Friday 21st August.

Well done to Stella MacGillivray from the Junior Learning Team and Saja Alibrahem from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. The focus for these awards over the last two weeks had been around our school value of caring. Stella and Saja are such caring students in our school and it was lovely to recognise this by way of these students receiving principal awards.



Last week teaching staff started their professional learning development journey with Rach McNamara from CORE Education around using digital fluency in reading and writing. We are all very excited to be participating in this and we are looking forward to lots of new learning. Rach is working with us for the next year as we have 40 hours of professional learning development to use during this time. The new learnings are going to be hugely beneficial to teaching staff, support staff and students.

Our students are really enjoying the weekly visits from Jayde, Izzy and Cam from the Otago Polytechnic Institute of Sport. We are extremely lucky to have these visits with these three sporting gurus and our students look forward to them each week.

On Monday 31st August, Pine Hill School will be **closed**. The Board of Trustees has supported me in closing the school so that everyone can have a long weekend as there are no long weekends this term. It is great to be able to have this weekend built into our school term to acknowledge the importance of well-being, so staff and students can have an extra day to rejuvenate during a busy term, and also a very disruptive year.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have been really impressing Miss Hodges and Miss Riley over the past two weeks and are loving being back into normal routines and programmes. We have been learning about Mihimihi and why these are so important in Māori culture. We have all written our own Mihimihi and have been practicing hard to learn how to correctly read and pronounce them. Some of us were even brave enough to share them at our assembly last week. We have also been loving our new inquiry topic; Dunedin: A Pretty Good Plan D - What's in Our Backyard? We have been learning all about Dunedin and the JLT are already extremely engaged with their learning. So far we have been finding out what everyone knows about Dunedin and posing any wonderings we have so we can learn more. We have just started learning more about some chosen places around Dunedin such as Larnach's Castle and Mount Cargill. Remember to log into Seesaw to see what your child has been learning about?

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Over the past two weeks the Senior Learning Team has been stuck into lots of new learning for Term 3. For inquiry, we have been researching Dunedin. Each student has chosen a different place/thing to research within Dunedin and will be writing a report on this topic in the coming weeks. During maths time we have been working hard on refining our addition and subtraction strategies. I am very impressed with the tamariki's attitude towards giving new strategies a go during this time. We have also been working hard on saying our numbers in te reo Māori from 1-1000. The SLT has embraced the challenge and we have had heaps of fun working out how to say each number using place value houses and playing cards. Be sure to check out what your child has been learning about this term on Seesaw!

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 remaining date for term three is: **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.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE

Our Fundraising BBQ on Saturday 5th September at Mitre 10 Mega has been **cancelled** due to too much uncertainty around Covid-19 and also we did not have enough helpers. The next Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting is Tuesday 1st September at 3.15pm at school. We will be discussing fundraising ideas for term four. Supervision is provided for children if parents need it. See you all at the meeting!

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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	Jenna Stanaway	Ryley Prasad
Classroom Certificates	Luke Little	Fadia Matar

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on 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 this meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY - BOARD CHAIR

Kia ora koutou. Our latest Board of Trustees meeting was held on 10/08/2020 via Zoom. It was wonderful to hear that at the recent Parent/Teacher Interviews, the school had 100% attendance from families, which is amazing! The roll is looking good at 45, also with a few more students to add to this number before the end of the year. Families and friends; please continue to share the great work and stories that are coming out of Pine Hill School. This all helps to encourage future students and families to attend our school. Later this month the Education Review Office is in the school to complete their review of how things are going. The school has been on a 1-2 year review since 2018, 14 weeks after Melissa arrived and we are looking forward to ERO visiting, seeing all the hard work that Melissa and the team have done since the last review. On behalf of the school and the Board, we really appreciate what you are doing for our children and we know you are doing great things for Pine Hill School. Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday 14th September 2020 at school. People interested are welcome to attend, just get in touch with Melissa or myself. ***Thank you, Kirstyn Stanaway.***

SCHOOLDOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review these policies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for these policies. You have all term to review the policy. If you have any questions or would like to review paper copies, please contact Melissa at school. Policy review this term for whanau is: Learning Support.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

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.



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	Senior Learning Team
<p>Zav Tan: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Kahli Little: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Sterling Rubin: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Mazyad Al Hassan: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Braxton Arthur-Jones: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Balide Mason: level two - prize box Kaea Moeke: level three - class ice block party Revelle Rubin: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Luke Little: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Naghham Al Ashour: level three - morning tea with teachers Stella MacGillivray: level four - Moana Pool pass</p>	<p>Jasper Lo Tam: level one - 10mins free time with a friend Jasper Lo Tam: level one - class game for 10mins Yazan Al Hassan: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Dylan Sudol: level three - class ice block party</p>

REMINDERS

Monday 24th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 28th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 31st August	<i>School CLOSED</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>
Wednesday 23rd September	<i>School Photos 1.30pm (please note change of date and time)</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>

