



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 26th July 2023



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

Welcome back to term three! It is great to see everyone back at school. Tamariki (children) seem to be refreshed and ready for another busy term at Pine Hill School!

We have had four new tamariki start school since we have been back. Welcome to Mercy Fa'alave and Farrah Sipa who have joined the Junior Learning Team as five year olds. Mercy has his big sister Grace in the Senior Learning Team and Farrah has her big brothers Joseph in the Junior Learning Team and Alex in the Senior Learning Team. Taksh and Khushi Patel have joined us in the Senior Learning Team. Taksh is year 4 and Khushi is year 6. They have recently arrived from India and we welcome Taksh, Khushi and their whānau (family) into Pine Hill School. We hope everyone enjoys their time with us at Pine Hill School.

As you know, over the last couple of years we have been working on refreshing our values and vision through our Local Curriculum Professional Learning Development we have been doing with CORE Education and our facilitator, Jo Barr. We used feedback from a large number of school stakeholders we collected over the last couple of years to help with this refresh, including from whānau, friends of the school, tamariki, kaimahi (staff) and other visitors we have to the school on regular occasions. Last week we finalised our values and our new vision. The school values are *Aiming High, Respect* and *Responsibility*. These are three of the four values we already had and they are really important to our school, which was evident from all the feedback gathered. We have removed caring as we believe this fits nicely into the three other values. Our new vision is *'Reaching for the Top!'* which incorporates Mount Cargill (Kapukataumahaka). We are wanting everyone at Pine Hill School to reach for the highest they can with their education and themselves as a person, just like when climbing a mountain, you are aiming to get to the top! Refreshing our values and vision was a process that was going to take a long time to sort as it is not something that can be done overnight. We are thrilled to be at this end point and now have these finalised. Feedback received also helped us form our new Learner Profile that is up around school which identifies dimensions, overarching goals and what these look like in our Junior and Senior Learning Teams. The Learner Profile will be used in class with tamariki and one of the dimensions will be a focus point at our upcoming Student Led Conferences. The process now is to have a plan to rebrand with our refreshed values and vision. You will notice small things changing, like on the newsletter with the values and the vision. Next year I will be rebranding our school logo and we will be changing our school colours from yellow and green to something new and fresh! The process around rebranding will take awhile to implement and it is great to already be on the way with this.

Cross country training has started and it is really neat to see how enthusiastic and positive our tamariki are towards this. We have an incentive programme going for training, where tamariki each have a map of New Zealand and they have cities/towns to run to and when they reach them, they get a sticker to go on their certificate on the wall. This programme allows tamariki to run at their own pace and everyone achieves stickers at their ability level. Our school cross country will be held on **Wednesday 30th August** and it will start at 11.45am. The postponement date is **Friday 1st September**.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward - Tumauaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **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. 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, kaimahi (teachers) and tamariki, will be held on **Thursday 3rd August** from 1-7pm at school. School will finish at **12pm** this day. Times for conferences will be sent home on Thursday. Please contact school if you haven't sent back your form for a time for your tamariki's conference and we will get this organised for you.

REMINDERS

Friday 28th July	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Wednesday 2nd August	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Thursday 3rd August	<i>Student Led Conferences, 1-7pm. School closing at 12pm.</i>
Friday 11th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Wednesday 23rd August	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Friday 25th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Tuesday 29th August	<i>Year 6 Cycle Skills Day</i>
Wednesday 30th August	<i>School Cross Country - 11.45am at school (tamariki can go home after)</i>
Friday 1st September	<i>School Cross Country postponement date - 11.45am at school</i>
Friday 8th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
11th-15th September	<i>Polyfest Week - performance day and time to be confirmed</i>
Wednesday 20th September	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Thursday 21st September	<i>Folk Dance Presentation and optional whānau picnic - 11.45am</i>
Friday 22nd September	<i>Term three holidays begin @ 3pm</i>
Monday 9th October	<i>Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Tuesday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>