



Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 3rd August 2022



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste

Welcome back to Term 3. It is nice to finally see some sun this week after the incredible amount of rain we had over the holidays and first week back.

We welcome Mila Driver into the Junior Learning Team. Mila's big sister Autumn is a member of our school already. We hope you enjoy your time with us at school Mila. All the best to Nox Somnium at his new school.

Nominations for Board Elections closed today at midday. Nikola Ballard our Returning Officer will be in touch with our school community about next steps regarding elections in the very near future.

Term three looks busy and we have lots of exciting learning planned for our students! This begins with a learning focus for the first couple of weeks of school around the Commonwealth Games. We also have the Life Education Bus visiting and a trip to Otago Museum for our study around Bugs later in August. The whole school will be going on a trip to Puketeraki Mārae in week six and are busy learning their mihimihi and all about Mārae protocol. Tomuri continues working with our Kapa Haka group and they will be performing at Polyfest in mid September. The Polytech students are still in school doing sports with our students on Fridays. Our students are incredibly lucky with the experiences they get at our school.

There is still quite a bit of sickness around. Thank you to all of our amazing senior students for wearing their masks each day. We are extremely appreciative of our families who keep their children at home when they are unwell. This has really helped with minimising the spread of bugs. Covid can hit people more than once so it is really important that if you or your children have any symptoms, you do a RAT test. I have RAT tests and face masks available at school if families need, please just get in touch. I had Covid in the school holidays and it certainly was not a nice experience! Covid affects people in many different ways which is why keeping vigilant and RAT testing if you have any symptoms, is key. Staff and visitors at school are masked and we continue with other health measures in place. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette and appropriate physical distancing whenever we can.

As we are not running our usual term three interviews this term due to the amount of sickness around, please get in touch with your child's classroom teacher if you have any worries or concerns. We pride ourselves on our communication and relationships with our families and appreciate hearing from parents/guardians when the need arises.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had a fantastic week back at school to start off Term 3. We have been learning some challenging new skills on Seesaw during our reading programme so that we can add photos and images from Google to our Seesaw posts. During writing time, we have been doing lots of buddy writing together and working on our research skills. We have been researching lots of interesting topics by using our iPads and Chromebooks to find the right information on Google. Our year 3 students and some of our year 2 students have been supportive buddies by helping the younger students in our class with their writing and research skills. It is very beneficial for us to build our tuakana-teina relationships so that we can all support each other with our learning. Our highlight of the week was when Scout from the Winter Challenge came to school and made us some delicious hot milos. We certainly needed a hot treat to warm us up with the horrible weather we had last week! Don't forget to check your child's Seesaw and feel free to post anything exciting from at home your child might like to share with us. This week, Zav shared his phenomenal piano skills with us - check it out!!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

It is great to be back and start Term 3! This year is going by really quick! We are excited to come back with lots of energy and enthusiasm to keep learning and continue working on our self-management.

The Senior Learning Team have started the term with new challenges in their reading tasks and maths activities and have been working really hard to get them done. Our tamariki have started learning more about 'persuasive writing' and they cannot wait to start working on their debate which will include all sorts of teamwork, research and giving their opinions and thoughts. As a class, we have created a 'Learning Environment Agreement' where all the students had the chance to share their opinion on how we can continue to make our classroom a great and focused environment to work in. It has made a huge improvement on the volume of work produced by our tamariki and their concentration. We had a quick visit from Scout from the Winter Challenge and had some tasty milo! We are so lucky!

The Commonwealth Games are on and we are learning about them! We began with our prior knowledge and continued with some research and discussions about its rich history and purpose. We are looking forward to learning lots of new things this term!

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

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 24th August, Wednesday 31st August** and **Wednesday 21st 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 class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Renee Hodges at school.

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a free jacket. Some of the other things we have available for free include: shoes for students, food for morning tea and head lice treatment. Please contact school if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any enrolments, please contact school and let us know. Having this information is really important for planning for the future.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are Pine Hill School Board meetings on **Monday 15th August** and **Monday 12th September** at 7.15pm on the online platform, Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

The Pine Hill School Board has approved two Teacher Only Days for 2022. The date for the remaining Teacher Only Day is **Monday 14th November**. School is closed to students on this day. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

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.

ABSENCES AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

Please ensure you contact the office with any absences for your children. We have to know where students are when they are absent. If your child is sick for consecutive days, you must inform us of their absence each day they are away. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you need to collect your child during the day, please let us know and we will have your child waiting at the office for you.

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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
Rawia: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Charleen: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend James L: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend	<i>No cash ins this time!</i>



REMINDERS

Friday 26th August
 Tuesday 30th August
 Wednesday 7th September
 Thursday 8th September
 12th-16th September
 Friday 30th September
 Monday 17th October
 20th/21st October
 Monday 14th November
 Thursday 15th December

Life Education Bus at school
Whole school trip to Puketeraki Mārae
Board Triennial Elections
Whole school trip to Otago Museum for Bugs study
Polyfest Week (our performance day/time TBC)
Term 3 school holidays begin at 3pm
Term 4 begins from 8.30am
Senior Learning Team overnight camp @ Otago Museum
*Teacher Only Day - school **CLOSED** to students*
Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm

Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School for your child?



AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- Sporting and cultural groups
- Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes
- Before and after school care
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment



Get in touch!



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