



## Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 4th August 2021



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

It's been a busy start to the term with daily training for our school cross country well underway and also following along with the Olympic Games. It has been fabulous to see how positive students are with training for the cross country along with doing some wonderful learning around the Olympics. We have also been having a school wide focus on Cook Island Language week this week. Welcome to Hamoudi Al Hassan (year 0) and Amelia Ingley (year 2) who have joined the Junior Learning Team this term. We hope your families and yourselves enjoy your time with us at Pine Hill School.

Well done to Zav Tan from the Junior Learning Team, Ruby Dustow from the Middle Learning Team and Creation Boyd-Tione from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. Classes had been focusing on the key competency of thinking, leading up to these awards. These students use this skill very well at school. Keep up the great efforts.



Our school fence is in the final stages of being finished. We now have the new gates on the vehicle entry/exit and a pedestrian gate beside it on Hislop Street. The last pedestrian gate to go on the Wilkinson Street entry/exit should be completed in the next couple of weeks. The fence looks really good and it will be wonderful to have our school fully secured when the last gate goes on. The vehicle entry gates are locked every night and over the weekends.

The Pine Hill School Board of Trustees welcomes Dan Tan onto the board. Dan has filled the recent general vacancy by selection. We are excited to welcome Dan onto the board and have him join our team.

We have a new teacher, Miss Jenna Smeehuzyen joining the Senior Learning Team from week six of this term until the end of 2021. Jenna will be team teaching with Mrs Hazel Astley. We are excited to welcome Jenna to the team at Pine Hill School.

Last week our Kapa Haka group was finalised for Polyfest, which is later this term. All classes had been participating in Kapa Haka sessions every Friday in term two with Whaea Sherlyn. This has been fantastic and now our Kapa Haka group will be working with her on Fridays and Miss Riley on Tuesday mornings. There will also be someone else helping out the group, playing the guitar, beginning in a few weeks. It is really exciting to have this group up and running and we look forward to seeing their performance at Polyfest later this term. Whaea Sheralyn will go back to working with all students after Polyfest and our Kapa Haka group will take on some performance and leadership roles as and when required.

When picking up your children after school on Hislop Street in a vehicle, please stay off the yellow road markings by the school entrance. A number of people have been parking on these lines and it makes it very hard for teachers to see when they are crossing children. If you do park there, you will be asked to move so please do not be offended by this.

# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had a fantastic and busy start to term 3. We have been learning all about the Olympics and have delved into the significance of the Olympic Flag. Tamariki enjoyed watching some of the Olympic games and loved cheering for New Zealand! We also got to witness New Zealand receive their gold medal which was such a proud moment. For maths we have been exploring shape and have created our own pictures from using a range of different shapes. We have gained a lot of confidence with naming and describing shapes and identifying their attributes. Daily cross country training is going well and everyone is trying their very best! A big warm welcome to Hamoudi who has made a great start to school in the JLT. Welcome also to Amelia who started back with us this week. Well done to Charleen who received our classroom certificate at Assembly.

## MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team has had a wonderful start to term three. We have been learning all about the Olympic Games and didn't actually know a lot about them to begin with. This has meant we have been doing lots of rich learning about the Olympics and have been focusing on how the games have changed over time. The MLT students have been obsessed with following our New Zealand athletes competing throughout the week and loved cheering them on. We were so proud seeing so many New Zealanders receiving medals. We have also had bursts of watching other sports that we have never watched before such as gymnastics, archery and canoeing. Every day we have been training for the upcoming school cross country. On Thursday we had a visit from the lovely Tahu from the Orokonui Ecosanctuary who taught us about the types of things we might see during our trip later this term. Congratulations to Shahed who received our Assembly award last week for working hard towards her learning goals.

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

It has been a sports filled start to term three in SLT. The students have enjoyed connecting with the Olympics and have been very excited to cheer on our athletes in both the rowing and swimming. We have been growing our leadership skills as we joined with both the MLT and JLT to create medals and country flags for our upcoming Mini Olympics. It has been awesome to see the SLT step up and support younger students in group activities. On top of learning about the Olympics, the SLT have taken on the challenge of running around New Zealand as a part of their cross country training. They set goals for how to improve their fitness and have blown me away with the effort they are putting in on their daily runs. Well done to Creation who received our classroom certificate this week at Assembly.

## 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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## HEAD LICE

Please check your children's hair regularly for head lice. If your child has head lice, treatment needs 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.

## CLASS TIME/APPOINTMENTS

Students are expected to be at school by 9am every day. Being at school by 8.45am or earlier (anytime after 8.30am) is ideal as this allows students to get ready for the day and socialise with their friends. Students coming in late is disruptive to the class programme and can be frustrating to teachers when they have already started the school day. We understand if there are special appointments in school time that cause students to be late to school for example dentist, optometrist, doctor. Please try your very best to make appointments out of school time. Depending on the nature of the appointment, if your child has an appointment during the school day, they are expected to come to school after it, or be picked up for the appointment with coming back to school after it. Students are required to stay in class until 3pm each day.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

There are Board of Trustees meetings on **Monday 16th August** at 7.15pm on Zoom and **Monday 13th September** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings 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.

## FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN (FOTS) UPDATE

Our first meeting for this term will be on **Monday 9th August**, 3.15pm at school. We welcome any whanau who are able to attend. Childcare is available. *Thank you, FOTS.*

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student Led Conferences will be held on **Wednesday 11th August from 1-6.30pm**. School will be finishing at **12pm** this day. Booking forms have been sent home on hard copy/emailed out (whichever way you get school information) and are due back by **Thursday 5th August**. Conference times will be sent home on **Friday 6th August**.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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## WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

<b>School phone number:</b> 03 473 9148	<b>School cell phone number:</b> 027 528 7198
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz">www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a>	Search <b>Pine Hill School</b> on <b>Facebook</b> and give us a like!
Download the <b>Skool Loop app</b> from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for <b>Pine Hill School</b>	<b>Seesaw</b> - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

## SPORTS DATES

We will be holding a Mini Olympics on **Wednesday 25th August** (postponement date **Friday 27th August**). The school cross country will be on **Tuesday 7th September** (postponement date **Friday 10th September**). More information to come about these events soon!

## REMINDERS

<b>Monday 9th August</b>	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
<b>Wednesday 11th August</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Wednesday 11th August</b>	<i>Student Led Conferences, <b>school finishing 12pm</b></i>
<b>Friday 13th August</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Wednesday 18th August</b>	<i>Year 5 and 6 football game at school vs Opoho, 12.45pm</i>
<b>Wednesday 25th August</b>	<i>School Mini Olympics (time to be confirmed)</i>
<b>Friday 27th August</b>	<i>School Mini Olympics postponement date</i>
<b>Friday 27th August</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Wednesday 1st September</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Thursday 2nd September</b>	<i>Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trip - whole school</i>
<b>Friday 3rd September</b>	<i>Year 6 Cycle Skills Course - all day at Pine Hill School</i>
<b>Tuesday 7th September</b>	<i>School Cross Country (time to be confirmed)</i>
<b>Wednesday 8th September</b>	<i>Year 5 and 6 football game at school vs NEV School, 12.45pm</i>
<b>Friday 10th September</b>	<i>School Cross Country postponement date</i>
<b>Friday 10th September</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>13th-17th September</b>	<i>Polyfest Week (our performance day/time to be confirmed)</i>
<b>Wednesday 22nd September</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Friday 24th September</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Friday 1st October</b>	<i>School holidays begin</i>
<b>Monday 18th October</b>	<i>Term four begins</i>
<b>Thursday 11th November</b>	<i>School photos, 9am</i>
<b>11th-12th November</b>	<i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM</i>
<b>Monday 22nd November</b>	<i><b>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b></i>

