



Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 29th July 2026



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

Welcome back to Term 3! It was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces flood through the gates on Monday, and it is clear our tamariki had a refreshing break and are excited to be back with their friends and teachers.

A very special welcome to the new tamariki and whanau joining our school community this term: Charlie Miller in Room 1 (whose older brother Matt is already with us), Soltan Dziri (Year 2), Hazel Guzuzu (Year 2), and siblings Aroha (Year 2) and Kahurangi (Year 3) Richardson. We are thrilled to have you all as part of our school whānau and hope you quickly feel right at home here.

It's an energetic start to the term with daily cross country training already underway. It has been fantastic to see the incredible enthusiasm and effort the tamariki are putting into building their endurance for our school Cross Country event on **Friday 28th August** (postponement date **Monday 31st August**). On the running front, we also want to wish James Lees the absolute best of luck as he represents our school at the North Zone Cross Country on **Tuesday 18th August** - go James!

Our yearly Student Led Conferences are next week on **Monday 3rd August** from 3.15-5.45pm and **Tuesday 4th August** from 1-6.30pm. Confirmation of times have been emailed out. Tamariki must be present at their conferences as they will be leading a discussion with you about their learning, guided by their teacher.

Our Year 2-6 Kapa Haka group is hard at work preparing for Polyfest during the week of **7th September**. We are still waiting on official confirmation for our performance date and time, but keep an eye out for more details coming home soon regarding Polyfest.

You might also notice plenty of action around our grounds as several exciting building upgrades take shape! The old caretaker's shed is currently being reconfigured into a practical storage space for our school bikes and resources, and the PE shed is already looking fantastic with its brand new window and door. Over at the school hall, installation of the new kitchen is underway, and the entire interior, including the foyer, is getting a fresh coat of paint starting this week. Once all these upgrades are complete, we can't wait to showcase the revamped hall, including its new floor, to everyone at a school Assembly later in the term.

A reminder that on **Monday 24th August**, school is closed for a Teacher Only Day where teaching staff will be completing professional development offsite.

Kā mihi - Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 17th August** and **Monday 21st September** at 6pm on Zoom. 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 OLDS: TERM THREE

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the dates for **Term 3** are: **Wednesday 5th August, Wednesday 26th August** and **Wednesday 16th September**. Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10:40am, and then spend the middle block from 11:00am - 12:30pm with the Room 1 tamariki. They are also invited to stay for lunch, with being collected at 1:00pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school, please check the hair of your tamariki. 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. We will contact you so that you can organise treatment if we see head lice or eggs in the hair of your tamariki. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

ENROLMENTS

We welcome new enrolments at Pine Hill School. We are not zoned, which means we are able to take enrolments from all areas. If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

REMINDERS

Monday 3rd August	<i>Student Led Conferences - 3.15-5.45pm (booking information to come next term)</i>
Tuesday 4th August	<i>Student Led Conferences - 1-6.30pm (school closing at 12pm this day)</i>
Wednesday 5th August	<i>Transition to School, all 4 year olds in the area</i>
Friday 7th August	<i>Assembly, 2.20pm in the hall</i>
Monday 17th August	<i>Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom</i>
Monday 24th August	<i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 26th August	<i>Transition to School, all 4 year olds in the area</i>
Thursday 27th August	<i>Assembly, 2.20pm in the hall</i>
Friday 28th August	<i>School Cross Country 12pm</i>
Monday 31st August	<i>School Cross Country postponement date, 12pm</i>
7-11th September	<i>Polyfest Week - our performance date to be confirmed</i>
Wednesday 16th September	<i>Transition to School, all 4 year olds in the area</i>
Friday 18th September	<i>Assembly, 2.20pm in the hall</i>
Monday 21st September	<i>Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Term three holidays begin at 3pm</i>



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