# PINE HILL SCHOOL

'A Community of Learners'





# Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 7th August 2019

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao



What a chilly start to the week we had! Thank you very much to everyone for your cooperation with our late start. Safety of staff and students is paramount. Information regarding our late start was text out, posted on our school Facebook page, emailed, announced on Classic Hits radio and sent out on our Skool Loop app. If you did not receive the information about school having a late start on Monday, you need to contact Nikola at the school office and give her your updated details.

This week we welcomed Damian Dillon-Ross-Green and his family to Pine Hill School. Damian has come to us from Carisbrook School and has joined the Junior Learning Team as he is six years old. We are sure Damian and his family will enjoy their time with us at our wonderful school. Our school roll is now 41 students.

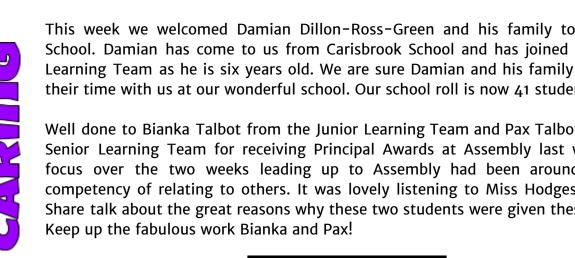
Well done to Bianka Talbot from the Junior Learning Team and Pax Talbot from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. The focus over the two weeks leading up to Assembly had been around the key competency of relating to others. It was lovely listening to Miss Hodges and Miss Share talk about the great reasons why these two students were given these awards.



It has been really impressive to see how well our school community has been engaged with their children's schooling recently. We had 86% of families respond to our recent Health and Physical Education Consultation and we have 100% of families booked in for Student Led Conferences today. This is fantastic, especially as increasing engagement with families is one of our big strategic goals over the next three years in our School Charter. Thank you very much to our school families for this active participation. We look forward to this continuing moving forward.

Thank you to everyone for coming to Student Led Conferences today. These conferences with your child and their classroom teacher are a wonderful way to hear about what is happening for your child at school and looking at where to next. It is also extremely powerful listening to your child talk about their learning. Seesaw has been a wonderful addition to our school, with family being able to see their child's learning online. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure about Seesaw and require further information.

Ngā mihi nui Melissa Ward



# School Notices

# **JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE**

The Junior Learning Team have had a great start back at school. We are lucky to have three new students join us! They are Faith, Amelia and Damian. All three have settled into our school really well and have made lots of new friends. Last week we went on a trip to the Dunedin Public Library for the NZ Book Awards. We got to listen to four different authors and it was fantastic! This week we are reflecting on our learning so far this year and setting goals for Term 3. We are looking forward to sharing these with our families this week at our Student Led Conferences.

# SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team have had an awesome start back after the holidays. It has already been a busy couple of weeks! We have welcomed Dylan into our school this term. She is an excellent addition to our classroom! For health we have been talking about grief and how it comes in many different forms. Each of us have made a Bag of Love so that we can be reminded of things we love when we are grieving or going through a hard time. Last week we started preparing for Student Led Conferences by setting goals and talking about our learning so far. We are all excited to share our goals with our families when we welcome them into our classroom for the conferences today.

# FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE

Our next Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin will be held on Wednesday 14th August, 3.15pm at school.

With Kirstyn being elected as chair of the board, she will be stepping down from the role of President of the Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Group. We will be looking for someone to replace her, if you think you would be keen on this role, please come along to the meeting or talk to Melissa at school.

# TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM THREE

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 14th August, Wednesday 28th August and Wednesday 18th 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 Renee at school via email or phoning.

# HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There was some excellent feedback received from our recent Health and Physical Education Community Consultation. The feedback was positive with what we are currently doing in our programmes and other feedback provided will be taken into consideration when planning our upcoming health and physical education units. Thank you very much to everyone who filled in the consultation.



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# **AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving classroom awards at assembly in the last week of term two:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team	Q
Duffy Award	Cliché Boyd-Tione	Rowan Burgess	
Classroom Certificates	Jett Wilson	Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey	

# **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

<u>principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</u> Melissa Ward: Principal	renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Renee Hodges: Junior Learning Team Teacher
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# **ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!**

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	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> .	Seesaw - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

# **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

We are very lucky to have Tash Richards, Public Health Nurse visiting every fortnight on a Tuesday from 10.30-11am. If you have anything that you would like to talk to Tash about in regards to your children and their health, please let Melissa know at school and she will arrange a time for you to catch up with Tash.

# SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS - SWISS

Katie Baumler, Social Worker in Schools, is in our school every Tuesday. If you think there is something that you would like to discuss with Katie in relation to your child, please let Melissa know at school. We are extremely lucky to have this service available to our school as there are very few schools across Otago who get this.

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS - TERM THREE**

There are Board of Trustees meetings on Wednesday 14th of August & Tuesday 17th September at 6pm in the Junior Learning Team. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

#### **CLOTHING**

Please ensure all your child's clothing items are named. This makes it easier for us to get clothing back to its owner when it is found. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the Salvation Army at the end of each term. Please check the lost and found cupboard at the school office if you are missing clothing items.



# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have recently cashed in their reward tickets for different levels in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:

Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Revelle Rubin: level four - class movie	Quinn Morris: level two – prize box Jaedyn Prasad: level two – prize box

#### **KIDSCAN**

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



# **ABSENCES**

Please ring/text the school office and inform us if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for your their absence when you get in touch to advise us. It is policy for us to know where students are when they are not at school.

# REMINDERS

Wednesday 7th August **Thursday 8th August Tuesday 13th August Wednesday 14th August** Wednesday 14th August **Thursday 15th August** Friday 16th August **Wednesday 21st August** Wednesday 28th August Friday 30th August Friday 30th August Friday 13th September Friday 13th September **Monday 16th September** Tuesday 17th September Wednesday 18th September Friday 27th September Friday 27th September **Monday 14th October** 15th-18th October

Student Led Conferences, school finishing 12.30pm Year 6 students visiting Dunedin North Intermediate Friends of the School meeting, 3.15pm at school Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school Transition to School visit for all four year olds Senior Learning Team Camp meeting, 3.15pm at school Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall Kahurangi Dance Show, Liberton School 9am Transition to School visit for all four year olds School photos with McRobie Photography, 9.30am Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall School Disco Year 6 Cycle Skills Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school Transition to School visit for all four year olds Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall Term three ends Term four begins Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau

