



Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 6th August 2025



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

The frosty mornings have certainly made their presence known over the past couple of weeks! Thank you all for your patience and understanding with our late starts. It's been great to see many of you take the opportunity to update your contact details so you receive all our important communication. If your details have recently changed, please let us know at the office so we can ensure you don't miss any updates.

This week we say a fond farewell to Ella and Abby Hampson-Waho, and their parents, Jason and Shirl as they have moved out of the area. We thank the Hampson-Waho whānau for their contribution to our school community over the past five years and wish them all the very best on their new adventures.

It's a busy time for our school! The Senior Learning Team tamariki are preparing for the upcoming Rippa Rugby tournament. Our Kapa Haka group is practicing daily, getting ready for Polyfest. Cross-country training is in full swing, and it's been fantastic to watch our tamariki put in awesome effort with their training each day. They're all making great progress, improving their fitness, and reaching milestones on their maps of New Zealand, which then results in them getting stickers to put on their own certificate in the classroom. If your tamariki haven't told you about this incentive at cross country training, make sure you ask them! It's wonderful to see everyone's determination and pride in their achievements with their training.

Board nominations closed today and we have four nominations for three seats. This means there will be an election. Information regarding this will be sent home within the next week and our school community will be asked to vote for three people to be elected to the board.

Good luck to Kaea Moeke, Lucas Gardiner, Isabella Duder, James Lees and Marcel Rewha as they represent Pine Hill School at the North Zone Cross Country next week. They have been training hard and we know they will give their very best at this event.

Kā mihi - Melissa Ward: Tumuaki/Principal

'Reaching for the Top!'
Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 11th August** and **Monday 15th 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.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

Each term at Pine Hill School we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits allow tamariki to become familiar with our school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the remaining dates for **Term 3** are: **Wednesday 13th August** and **Wednesday 10th 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 Junior Learning Team. 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 (valentina@pinehilldunedin.school.nz).

ENROLMENTS

We have a growing roll at Pine Hill School which is amazing and we welcome new enrolments. 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. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office and appointments can be booked for school visits/tours for whānau through our school website, ringing the office or emailing Melissa.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

These will be held on **Monday 25th August** from 3.15-5.30pm and **Tuesday 26th August** from 2-6.30pm. More information and a booking form will be coming out on Monday next week regarding these. Tamariki will lead a discussion around their learning with you, while their teacher helps guide them. Please make sure you book a conference time when the form comes out.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving awards at our most recent Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team 1	Junior Learning Team 2	Middle Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Responsibility	Malia Lemesia	Kaylani Paul	Eli Caley	Kaea Moeke
Classroom Certificate	Joud Alibrahem	CJ Leef	Iza Abraham	Farah Alibrahem
Attendance Shield	<i>Junior Learning Team 2 and the Senior Learning Team were joint winners with a 93% attendance rate over the last three weeks! Well done!</i>			

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact kaimahi on the following email addresses:

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REMINDERS

Monday 11th August	Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom
Wednesday 13th August	Transition to School, all four year olds
Wednesday 20th August	Rippa Rugby Tournament @ Logan Park Turf - all Senior Learning Team tamariki
Friday 22nd August	Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall
Monday 25th August	Student Led Conferences, 3.15-5.30pm
Tuesday 26th August	Student Led Conferences, 2.00-6.30pm
Wednesday 27th August	Rippa Rugby tournament postponement date
Thursday 28th August	School Cross Country, 12pm
Friday 29th August	School Cross Country postponement date, 12pm
1st-5th September	Polyfest Week - performance day/time TBC
Wednesday 10th September	Transition to School, all four year olds
Thursday 11th September	School Photos
Friday 19th September	Term three school holidays begin at 3pm