



Newsletter 11 - Wednesday 31st July 2024



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

It is great to be back, refreshed and ready to go for the third term of the school year. It is quite hard to believe we are over halfway through the 2024 school year. Classes are busy with their learning focuses for the term and everyone seems happy to be back!

Welcome to Malia Lemesia and her whānau who have joined us at Pine Hill School. Malia is in the Junior Learning Team and we hope Malia and her whānau enjoy their time with us.

We have welcomed eight Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLBs) onto our school site. They have moved up to base themselves in our school, from Dunedin North Intermediate. They support schools in the north end with tamariki who need extra support with their learning or behaviour. As part of their relocation, our library block has undergone a significant redevelopment. Our old library is now new RTLB offices and we have a new library where the old art room was. We also have new toilets in the hall, and a good majority of the interior has been painted and recarpeted. There is also double glazing on the whole front side of this block. It looks absolutely fantastic and we are thrilled with the outcome. It is great to have the RTLBs up here with us and they are loving their new office block.

This term we are studying Healthy Living and the Olympics as part of our theme topics. We are also into our cross country training every day (when the weather allows!), preparing for our school cross country on Friday 30th August (postponement Monday 2nd September). Our tamariki are enjoying their cross country training at school, working their way around their maps of New Zealand, earning stickers when they reach certain cities/towns. Each lap of our school track represents a dash on their map and the race is on to get those stickers that are put on their individual certificates on display in classrooms. Kaimahi (staff) have been blown away by the positivity and enthusiasm tamariki are showing during cross country training each day. Well done everyone and keep up the awesome mahi! Good luck to Lucas Gardiner, Isabella Duder and Marcel Rewha who will be representing Pine Hill School at the North Zone Cross Country on Tuesday 13th August at Chingford Park. This event is for year 5 and 6 runners and the top ten runners in each event will qualify for the Otago Cross Country to be held in Dunedin later in the term. Lucas, Isabella and Marcel are very capable runners and have been training really hard at school. We are very proud to have the four of them representing Pine Hill School at the North Zone event and wish them all the best. Later this term we will also be participating in Polyfest. More information to come about this when we receive it.

With the RTLBs based on site, school parking on Hislop Street at pick up time can be limited. It is really important that when you pick up your tamariki, you park correctly. Please be mindful of yellow lines and park in the correct direction on the street. We have tamariki crossing the road so following parking rules is really important. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We look forward to meeting with everyone next week for Student Led Conferences. Times have been emailed out today, or will be coming home on hard copy, however you receive school information. A reminder **school closes at 12pm on Tuesday 6th August** and all tamariki need to go home.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward - Tumuaki/Principal

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 12th August** and **Monday 9th 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

We have Transition to School visits for all four year old tamariki each term at Pine Hill School. The purpose of these visits is to allow tamariki 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 7th August, Wednesday 21st August** and **Wednesday 11th September**. Tamariki 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. Tamariki 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 Miss Tara McGoff at school.

AWARDS

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



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Managing Self	Oakley Visser	Mia Ingley
Classroom Certificate	Zain Chaudhary	Lucas Gardiner
Term Two Caught Being Good Behaviour Awards	Eva Murphy Mahi Chaudhary Eli Caley	Max Gale-Hargreaves Ella Hampson-Waho Shahed Alibrahem

REMINDERS

Friday 2nd August	<i>Assembly 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 5th August	<i>Student Led Conferences: 3.15-5.30pm</i>
Tuesday 6th August	<i>Student Led Conferences: 1-6.30pm (school closing at 12pm)</i>
Wednesday 7th August	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Tuesday 13th August	<i>North Zone Cross Country (three tamariki) 10am at Chingford Park</i>
Friday 16th August	<i>Assembly. 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Wednesday 21st August	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Friday 30th August	<i>School Cross Country, 11.45am at school</i>
Monday 2nd September	<i>School Cross country postponement date, 11.45am at school</i>
9th-13th September	<i>Polyfest week (our performance day/time to be confirmed)</i>
Wednesday 11th September	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Friday 13th September	<i>Assembly. 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Assembly. 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Term three school holidays being at 3pm</i>
Monday 14th October	<i>Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Thursday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly, 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>