



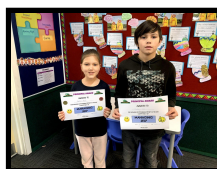
Newsletter 12 - Wednesday 2nd September 2020



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

It has been a mixed bag of weather over the last few days! It was lovely to have a warm few days over the long weekend we had, but crazy to see snow on the hills on Tuesday morning! Good job we are accustomed to the weird weather patterns we get here in Dunedin! On the upside, it is nice to say winter is officially over as Tuesday marked the first day of Spring.

Congratulations to Asma Abdi from the Junior Learning Team and Zackery Still from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. The focus for these awards over the last two weeks had been on the key competency of managing self. It was lovely to hear how well Asma and Zackery manage themselves at school from their classroom teachers. Well done and keep up the fabulous work.



Last week we had the Education Review Office (ERO) visit our school for a review. Pine Hill School has been on a longitudinal review since February 2018 - 14 weeks after I walked into the school as Principal and has had goals and objectives to work on. We have had ERO in the school working for 9 out of the last 11 school terms and the review last week was to get us off the longitudinal review and back onto a normal cycle. Greg Tucker and Mark Bell from Christchurch carried out the review of our school over two days and were extremely impressed by what they saw. Greg and Mark were blown away by the rich environment we provide for our students and how far we have come since the 2018 review. They acknowledged how hard I have worked as a leader, with my team, to successfully achieve the aims and objectives that were set in place by the 2018 review. We look forward to receiving our new ERO report in the coming weeks, moving back to a normal review cycle.

I am excited to announce that due to some extra funding being made available to our school, Amy Riley who team teaches in the Junior Learning Team with Renee Hodges, has been made full time until the end of the school year. Amy has been working part time in the Junior Learning Team and I am thrilled to be able to employ Amy full time for the remainder of the school year as she is a fabulous teacher. Our Junior Learning Team students are lucky to have two wonderful teachers in their classroom. Amy is entitled to a day a week release due to being a beginning teacher and this day will be Fridays. Renee will take the class herself this day. This funding has also allowed me to employ a release teacher to do our Senior Learning Team teacher, Charlie Parson's release one day per week that I have currently been doing. Gemma Matsopoulos will be doing this release on Mondays.

I have also been successful with some funding applications to employ another teacher aide. Sura Obeidat who has previously worked in our school a few years ago, has accepted this position and will be working 18 hours per week across both classes. Welcome to Sura!

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Over the past two weeks the Junior Learning Team have been working extra hard and have got stuck into lots of new learning! We are very excited to welcome Max into the JLT. He has already made a fantastic start here at Pine Hill School. In music, we have been learning how to play with the Rakau and have been discovering its importance and significance to Māori culture and history. The students have been really engaged with their inquiry and are starting to find and sort out the information we have gathered about Dunedin. We are learning so much about our beautiful city! This week we have been looking into the Mayor of Dunedin and the different qualities and roles he has. We are going to start writing our own letters to him and are hoping he pays us a visit so we can give them to him! During our assembly last week, the students presented their beautiful artwork, inspired by a lady called Laurel Burch who picked up the passion for painting after suffering through some serious health issues. The children loved learning about her and taking inspiration from her amazing talent!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Over the past two weeks the Senior Learning team has been very busy. We have been working on our report writing. The students presented their reports about Dunedin at last week's assembly, and overall I was very impressed by the effort the SLT students have put into their work. During maths time we have been practising our addition and subtraction strategies. We have been using Seesaw for some of our independent work during maths time, so be sure to check out your child's Seesaw to see what they have been learning! While Miss Parson was on release last week, Mrs M has been teaching the SLT about telling the time. The SLT have made their own clocks to practise. Tamariki have also created collage art based on Oliver Jeffers work. These amazing pieces are now on display in our classroom.

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 remaining date for term three is: **Wednesday 16th 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 or Renee at school via email, text or phone.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE

Our Fundraising BBQ on Saturday 5th September at Mitre 10 Mega has been **cancelled** due to still being at level 2 of the Covid-19 Alert Levels. The next Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting is **Tuesday 15th September** at 3.15pm at school. We will be discussing fundraising ideas for term four.

Supervision is provided for children if parents need it. See you all at the meeting!

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Sophia Fangupo	Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey
Classroom Certificates	Braxton Arthur-Jones	Bella Stefani

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday 14th September at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Chairperson) if you are interested in attending this meeting.

ATTENDANCE

We realise it has been a very interesting year with Covid-19 in regards to attendance. We really appreciate families keeping their children away when they are sick as this limits the spread of bugs to others. This week we have included a notice with the newsletter that focuses on absences and lateness and how these can add up over a child's lifetime at school. Sickness has affected some students attendance rates which is very understandable. However, if your child is not sick or away for a valid reason for example bereavement, they must be at school. School is a safe place for students to be and it is imperative, they are here when they are able to be. Sometimes doctor/dental appointments happen during the day which is acceptable, however it is expected students come to school before or after these appointments. When appointments can be, it is expected they will be made outside of school time. Students also need to be on time to school each day. Consistent absences with no valid reason and lateness will be followed up on.

SCHOOLDocs

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review these policies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for these policies. You have all term to review the policy. If you have any questions or would like to review paper copies, please contact Melissa at school. Policy review this term for whanau is: Learning Support.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

KAPA HAKA TEACHER

We are looking for a Kapa Haka teacher for our school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this, please contact Melissa at school. We are keen to get this group up and running again as soon as possible.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

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

Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Blaide Mason: level one - 10mins free time with a friend Olivia Prasad: level two - prize box Shahed Alibrahem: level two - prize box Asma Abdi: level two - prize box Faith Miller: level two - prize box Mohammad Zarzar: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Jett Wilson: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Jenna Stanaway: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Ossian Gordon: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Chloe Prasad: level three - morning tea with teachers Farah Alibrahem: level four - hot chip party Sham Alibrahem: level four - class pj & hot chocolate party	Harlow Maidzyn: level one - 10mins free time with a friend Bella Stefani: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Zackery Still: level two - prize box Zackery Still: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Andrew Pesa: level three - class ice block party Ryley Prasad: level four - pizza party with two friends Sol Somnium: level four - pizza party with two friends

REMINDERS

Friday 11th September	<i>Bike Safety Sessions at school: year 6 students</i>
Friday 11th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 14th September	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Monday 14th September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Tuesday 15th September	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting, 3.15pm school</i>
Wednesday 16th September	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 17th September	<i>Harold and the Life Education Bus visit</i>
Monday 21st September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 23rd September	<i>School Photos 1.30pm (please note change of date and time)</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Term three school holidays begin</i>
Monday 12th October	<i>Term four begins</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i>School summer holidays begin</i>

