



Newsletter 12 - Wednesday 17th August 2022



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste

The shining sun recently has been very much welcomed with open arms! The mornings are getting lighter earlier and daylight in the evenings is stretching out a wee bit longer. These are all great signs that we are on the downward slope from winter!

Welcome back to Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) and Janine Little who were elected for another term onto the Pine Hill School board during the recent triennial elections. We also welcome Amie Hawkins onto the board. Amie is a brand new member and will join the board for her first term. Renee Hodges is welcomed back as the elected staff representative. Kirstyn, Janine and Amie join Dan Tan and Tala Pesa as our parent elected representatives on the board. Thank you to Michael Prasad for his contribution to the Pine Hill School board during his time here.

Unfortunately due to local Mārae losing their Ministry of Education funding, we will not be visiting Puketeraki Mārae at the end of the month as planned. There is a significant cost to this trip, and the funding from the Ministry reduced this immensely. It is very frustrating this funding has been cut as visiting the Mārae is a very important part of our local curriculum. I sincerely hope that in the very near future, this funding cut is reversed to enable schools to attend the rich learning experience that going to a Mārae offers, without the cost being a large impact on school budgets.

On **Monday 26th September**, school will be finishing at 12.30pm. Staff will be undertaking local curriculum professional learning development from 1-4.30pm this day and children need to be collected at 12.30pm. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

There are still a variety of illnesses circulating at the moment. These mainly include the flu, Covid and tummy bugs. Thank you again to our wonderful school community who are so fabulous at keeping their children at home when they are sick. This reduces the spread of bugs and also allows sick children time to recover. It is important that if children are away for consecutive days with sickness, school is informed each day.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a Pine Hill School Board meeting on **Monday 12th September** at 7.15pm on the online platform, Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any of our meetings.

CARING
RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY
AIMING HIGH

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are on **Wednesday 7th September**. There will be the opportunity for family photos on this day. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks regarding photos.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

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 24th August, Wednesday 31st August** and **Wednesday 14th 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 class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Renee Hodges.

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 (JLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
Ella: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ariana: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Autumn: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Marcel: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Max: L4 - class movie and popcorn	<i>No cash ins this time - students are busy saving up for cashing in at higher levels!</i>



EMAIL ADDRESSES

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REMINDERS

Friday 26th August	Life Education Bus at school
Wednesday 7th September	School photos
Thursday 8th September	Whole school trip to Otago Museum for Bugs study
12th-16th September	Polyfest Week (our performance day/time TBC)
Monday 26th September	School finishing at 12.30pm
Friday 30th September	Term 3 school holidays begin at 3pm
Monday 17th October	Term 4 begins from 8.30am
20th/21st October	Senior Learning Team overnight camp @ Otago Museum
Monday 14th November	Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED to students
Thursday 15th December	Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm
Monday 30th January	School starts for 2023