



## Newsletter 12 - Wednesday 9th August 2023



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

With winter comes the dreaded winter bugs. We have had a lot of sickness at school over the last fortnight. Thank you to everyone who has been keeping their sick tamariki home and also being available to pick up sick tamariki from school when we ring! Your support is greatly appreciated as we try to limit the spread of bugs.

We welcome Jasper Saunders, Eva Murphy and Ava and Lucas Gardiner, and their whānau to our school. Jasper, Eva and Ava have joined the Junior Learning Team and Lucas has joined the Senior Learning Team. We hope you all enjoy your time with us and it is great to have you here! Sadly, we farewell Ariana Young-Gray Ward as her whānau has moved. We wish Ariana and her whānau all the best and no doubt, will see them around! Our roll currently stands at 49 tamariki, which is the highest it has been for a very long time, including during my time as principal over the last seven years. The roll growth is fantastic for our awesome school.

Last week, it was announced that Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias, our Junior Learning Team teacher, is pregnant. We are very excited about this news for Valentina and her husband, Tana. Valentina will be finishing her teaching role and going on maternity leave, at the end of the 2023 school year. A replacement teacher for 2024 for the Junior Learning Team will be organised in term four.

Thank you to all parents/caregivers and whānau members who came along to Student Led Conferences last week. After a couple of catch up conferences, we have had 100% attendance from whānau at these, which is absolutely fantastic. Thank you to our wonderful tamariki who were able to talk about their learning and next steps. They also shared their mihimihi with whānau, which is part of our overarching goals around Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our new Learner Profile. Tamariki shared some other work including their 'healthy self'. We really appreciate our home-school partnerships, as these need to be strong for tamariki to be successful with their learning and education. If you have any queries or questions regarding your tamariki at any time, please contact their classroom kaiako (teacher).

Recently we were very lucky to receive a grant of \$2000 from Bendigo Valley to help purchase some structured literacy resources for our Senior Learning Team. We are on our journey with structured literacy at Pine Hill School, with our Junior Learning Team participating in the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) and our Senior Learning Team using the iDeaL approach. Structured literacy approaches emphasize highly explicit and systematic teaching of all important components of literacy. Valentina and myself have just finished our six month training in BSLA through the University of Canterbury. This training brought support and resources for our junior tamariki which was amazing. Miss Hodges is busy on her structured literacy journey with the senior tamariki, supported by our Learning Support Coordinator Jane Wilden. Thank you to Bendigo Valley for their generous support which has enabled these important resources to be purchased for our senior tamariki.

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Melissa Ward - Tumuaiki/Principal*

# School Notices

## **JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE - MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS**

It is wonderful to be back. The JLT have kicked off term 3 with all the enthusiasm and energy required for learning new things. We hope you had a fantastic time during the holidays, which now seems a long time ago!

We are thrilled to welcome five new students to our team and school: Mercy, Farrah, Jasper, Eva and Ava. We cannot wait to learn more about you! Our Junior Learning Team has had a busy week getting back into their routines and have been incredibly supportive of our new tamariki, assisting them with their tasks! These past few weeks have been dedicated to reinforcing our previous knowledge to effectively link it to our literacy and maths. Cross-country training has commenced at our school. Our tamariki are showing great excitement for it each day, to get fitter, stronger, and healthier. Tamariki are putting in their best effort to complete their laps and navigate the South Island map. Every one of our tamariki has a super cool certificate and they earn a sticker every time they reach a specific town/city in NZ!

We have also been learning about healthy living, which aligns perfectly with our daily exercise and lessons on nutritious eating. We appreciate whānau for coming to the Student Led Conferences. Our tamariki worked really hard to share their learning with you. Thank you for all your support whanau!

## **SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE - MISS HODGES**

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday (which now seems so long ago!). The Senior Learning Team has had a fantastic start back to the term. We have three new tamariki in our class - Khushi, Taksh and Lucas. Welcome to Pine Hill School!

We have dived straight into our cross country training to help get fitter, faster and healthier for our school cross country event later in the term. Our cross country programme is super cool because for each lap we run, we get to move around the map of New Zealand. We have to get to certain cities/towns around Aotearoa to earn stickers for our special cross country certificates. We are intrigued to see how far we can make it around the country. Some speedy students have already earned two stickers! Watch this space to see how far we can all go! Our cross country training ties in nicely with our topic for the first half of the term - Healthy Living. Miss Hodges has started her new iDeaL Reading Programme with some of the younger tamariki and we are really enjoying our new reading books and literacy games.

During the first few weeks of the term, tamariki have been working hard and reflecting on their learning for our Student Led Conferences. We created some fantastic Google Slides to share with our whānau. Thank you to all of our family and whanau for coming along to conferences.

## **FUNDRAISING MEETING**

There will be a fundraising meeting on **Thursday 17th August** at 3pm at school. We are looking to hold a Quiz Night in term four (late November) and we will be doing Calendar Art. More information will be talked about at the meeting, so if you are keen to find out more, or help with the Quiz Night, please come to the upcoming meeting!

## **PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

There are board meetings on **Monday 14th August** at 7pm on Zoom and **Monday 11th September** at 6pm at school. 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.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After School Care is up and running at Pine Hill School through Te Kaha Kids. Tamariki can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Please go to [www.tekahakids.com](http://www.tekahakids.com) to register your tamariki.

## ENROLMENTS

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. Appointments can also be made to have a look around our school.

## 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 remaining dates for term three are: **Wednesday 23rd August** and **Wednesday 20th 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 tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

## ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your tamariki are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for their absence when you contact us as we need this information for when we mark our school roll. It is part of our Health and Safety policy to know where tamariki are when they are absent from school.

## WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

<b>School phone number:</b> 03 473 9148	<b>School cell phone number:</b> 027 528 7198
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz">www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a>	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>	

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

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## PINE HILL SCHOOL LEARNER PROFILE

Included with this week's newsletter, is a copy of our new Learner Profile. Please take the time to look over this so you can see what your tamariki are working on as part of their learning journey at Pine Hill School. You will see this up around school and the Te Tiriti o Waitangi dimension was a focus at recent Student Led Conferences.

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country will be held on **Wednesday 30th August** with the postponement date on **Thursday 31st August (please note change of date from Friday 1st September)**. Good luck to Privilege TeAmo who is competing at the North Zone Cross Country event next week.


## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Relating to Others	Charleen Nath	Nagham Al Ashour
Classroom Certificate	Aurora Fishlock-Sawers	Jenna Stanaway

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

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

Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<b>Aurora:</b> L1 - 10min class game x 2 <b>Eli:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Teroina:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Tutanekai:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Charleen:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend	 <b>Nembeka:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Farah:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Faith:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Luke:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Kahli:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Jett:</b> L3 - class ice block party <b>Braxton:</b> L4 - class movie and popcorn

## REMINDERS

Friday 11th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Wednesday 16th August	<i>Wacky Hat Day! Wear/bring your wackiest hat to school!</i>
Wednesday 23rd August	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Thursday 24th August	<i>Whole school trip to the Dunedin Public Library: 1.30-2.30pm</i>
Friday 25th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Tuesday 29th August	<i>Year 6 Cycle Skills Day</i>
Wednesday 30th August	<i>School Cross Country - 11.45am at school (tamariki can go home after)</i>
Thursday 31st August	<i>School Cross Country postponement date - 11.45am at school</i>
Friday 8th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
11th-15th September	<i>Polyfest Week - performance day and time to be confirmed</i>
Wednesday 20th September	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Thursday 21st September	<i>Folk Dance Presentation and optional whānau picnic - 11.45am</i>
Friday 22nd September	<i>Term three holidays begin @ 3pm</i>
Monday 9th October	<i>Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Tuesday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>