



Newsletter 12 - Wednesday 12th August 2026



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

What a chilly week we had last week! Thank you all so much for your support and understanding around our snow day on Tuesday and the late start on Wednesday. Navigating winter weather can be tricky, and we greatly appreciate your flexibility and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

We are delighted to welcome two Master's students who will be with us until the end of the term: Anindita Chatterjee in Room 3 and Lily Taylor in Room 4. We hope they thoroughly enjoy their placement with our school. Hosting student teachers is a privilege we truly enjoy, as it gives us the opportunity to help build and guide future educators on their journey toward gaining their teaching qualifications.

A massive thank you to everyone who attended our recent Student Led Conferences. We achieved an incredible 100% attendance rate, which truly reflects the strong home-school partnership we share. Please remember that you are welcome to make a time to meet with classroom teachers if there is anything you would like to chat about with them.

Cross country training has been going really well, and tamariki are showing great enthusiasm and effort. A reminder that our school Cross Country event will take place from 12pm on **Friday 28th August** (with a postponement date of **Monday 31st August**). We also wish the absolute best of luck to James Lees as he represents us at the North Zone Cross Country next week - run hard, James!

Finally, our Kapa Haka group is working extremely hard as they prepare for Polyfest during the week of 7th September. They are looking fantastic, and more detailed information regarding Polyfest will be sent home this week.

*Kā mihi
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 17th August** and **Monday 21st 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: TERM THREE

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the remaining dates for **Term 3** are: **Wednesday 26th August** and **Wednesday 16th 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 Room 1 tamariki. 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.

ENROLMENTS

We welcome new enrolments at Pine Hill School. 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 at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
Classroom Certificate	Charlie Miller	Khyrue Brydon-Middleton	Aurora Fishlock-Sawers	Charleen Nath
Principal Awards	Year 1-3: <i>Rātā Houghton Managing self</i>		Year 4-6: <i>Mahi Chaudhary Managing self</i>	
Attendance Shield	<i>Room 3 were the winners with a 97% attendance rate for the first three weeks of school!</i>			



REMINDERS

Monday 17th August	Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom
Monday 24th August	Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED
Wednesday 26th August	Transition to School, all 4 year olds in the area
Thursday 27th August	Assembly, 2.20pm in the hall
Friday 28th August	School Cross Country 12pm
Monday 31st August	School Cross Country postponement date, 12pm
7-11th September	Polyfest Week - our performance date to be confirmed
Wednesday 16th September	Transition to School, all 4 year olds in the area
Friday 18th September	Assembly, 2.20pm in the hall
Monday 21st September	Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom
Friday 25th September	Term three holidays begin at 3pm

