



Newsletter 12 - Wednesday 21st August 2019



Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

I am at school around 7.30am or earlier each day and it is very pleasing to be arriving in daylight! This is a sure sign that winter is on its way out and Spring is just around the corner.

Congratulations to Jenna Stanaway from the Junior Learning Team and Tanga Va Tiatoa from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. Over the last two weeks classes had been focusing on our school value of honesty for these awards. Jenna and Tanga both reflect this school value extremely well in all they do. Well done to you both and keep up the wonderful work.



Teaching staff have been really busy doing professional learning development around writing as this is a target area in our annual plan for 2019. This has involved things like: introducing phonics programmes to each class, moderating writing, teachers observing teachers in other schools deliver writing programmes, using Seesaw, myself modelling writing, appraisal goals around writing, teaching as inquiry around writing, introducing new initiatives into classrooms to help students with their writing for example editing cards, working with Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour around writing and our Digital Technology Professional Learning Development has had a focus around using devices for writing. As you can see we have been very busy! All of this has been and continues to be beneficial for both students and teachers as we work hard to lift our student achievement around writing. We will be having a Literacy Evening on Thursday 5th September. Students are welcome to come along and there will be a shared dinner of pizza to begin the evening. Dinner will be from 5.45pm with the evening starting at 6pm and it will go for approximately one hour while children watch a movie. We will be having a focus around reading and writing and this will be a great opportunity for you to get tips on how to help with reading and writing at home. More information about this evening will come home next week but please mark this date on your calendar!

It has been decided that at Pine Hill School we will participate in Polyfest every second year and on the alternate year we will be doing a small whole school production. This year we will be doing a production to conclude the school year and it will be based around Christmas. We are a small school and as you can imagine with having a small staff, doing both of these events every year is not sustainable. Thank you for your understanding with this and we can't wait for the production!

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have been learning about a very interesting artist named Pablo Picasso. We looked at a range of different pieces of artwork by him and decided we wanted to try his style of art ourselves. We created some crazy faces based on Picasso's art style called 'cubism'. We are so happy with how our artwork turned out and will be proudly showing them off in our classroom. This week we have also been over to visit our friends at Family Ties. We had so much fun helping the kindergarten children and enjoyed exploring and playing with them. Don't forget to keep an eye out on Seesaw for all of the exciting things happening in our class!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team have begun learning a special folk dance as part of dance this term. It is called the Muckle Flugga and it is really testing our coordination skills. We can't wait to share the dance in Assembly next week. Hopefully the adults at Assembly will join in with us! Last week we learnt a lot about adjectives and verbs. When we add adjectives and verbs to our writing it makes our writing sound more interesting. This week we are very lucky to be having a visit from the Marine Studies Centre of the University of Otago Aquavan. The Aquavan is specially designed to transport marine species and we can't wait to see what is inside!

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora. My name is Ann Miller I have been elected Chairperson for our Friends of the School group. Thank you to Kirstyn for all the hard work you have done. At our last meeting on 13th August we discussed the school disco which will be held on Friday 13th September from 6 - 7.30pm. This is for students of Pine Hill School only. We will be looking for people to help organise this so please let me know if you are keen to help out. The Mitre 10 BBQ that was held on the 23rd June raised \$643.50 which was a fabulous result. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September at 3.15pm at school and everyone is welcome. Thank you, Ann.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM THREE

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 28th August and Wednesday 18th 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 Renee at school via email or phoning.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Nagham Al Ashour	Dylan Sudol
Classroom Certificates	Luciana Hotton	Jasper Lo Tam



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SCHOOL EVENTS

Tomorrow, the Senior Learning Team is having a visit from the Otago University Marine Studies Centre Aquavan. The team have been taking the aquavan to inland schools visiting a variety of river catchment areas last year and earlier this year and it has been very well received. There is a set programme that the team run with students about river catchments, estuaries, the coast, and how these are connected. Thank you very much to the Curious Minds Grant for funding this visit.

On Tuesday 3rd September our school will be visiting the Royal Albatross Centre at Taiaroa Head. Thanks to Val Braumann sponsor and the Ministry of Education (LEOTC) this day is fully funded and covers the cost of a full day education programme and bus transportation to the Royal Albatross Colony. The students will be participating in an education programme along with engaging in environmental action (eg. planting, weeding, bird counts). Thank you very much to Val and the Ministry of Education for funding this trip for our whole school.

Our students are truly lucky with the opportunities they get at Pine Hill School and these two fabulous events are part of a wide variety of experiences students get.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are on Friday 30th August at 9.30am. Family photo consent forms need to be sent back to school by Wednesday 28th August. Please ensure students are looking their very best for school photos. Order forms will be sent home when we receive them, after photos are taken.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

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



Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Bianka Talbot: level two – prize box Luciana Hotton: level two – prize box Luke Little: level two – prize box	Dustin Still: level two – prize box

Board of Trustees Member Profile – Renee Hodges: Staff Representative

Hello, my name is Renee Hodges and I am the new staff representative for the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees. I have been teaching for almost five years now and this is my second year teaching in the Junior Learning Team at Pine Hill School. I feel very privileged to be a teacher at our wonderful school and am extremely passionate about making our school the best place it can be for our students. I am excited to get more involved in our school and the wider community by working closely with Melissa and our other board members to support our students.



Board of Trustees Update – Kirstyn Stanaway: Board Chairperson

Kia ora koutou. Our latest board meeting was the 14th August 2019. In this meeting Chris Morris, the Student Achievement Functioner from the Ministry of Education came along and reported on work he has been doing with the staff and students of Pine Hill School. It was great to hear his findings about what is happening around this at school. He said the student achievement was trending in the right direction for children to be working at their required curriculum levels, and the time factor of when this happens is not necessarily known, but the trend in the right direction for our students is the main thing, which is great. Chris also mentioned that the school was a hidden treasure and that the work Melissa and the staff are doing is excellent and he enjoys being at the school, seeing what is happening, which was awesome to hear. Following on from the great feedback we heard from Chris, we learnt about the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme that the school is involved in. The team is working on the tier 2 stage, with students and families, to support student behaviour, so that learning can be achieved. This programme has many positives with it. We had a report on our English Language Learners, where there has been great progress in students learning, confidence and attitude, due to the programme Anna does with the students and the work classroom teachers are doing. We have had some areas of the school upgraded, with the office/staffroom area being painted and new carpet in Nikola's office, the Junior Learning Team and Senior Learning Team kiva area. Melissa's office has also had a makeover with some new furniture and has been all painted. Finally, I just wanted to mention about the positives that we have in the school and it is thanks to the staff at Pine Hill School and our families/whanau. Recently we had the Health and Physical Education consultation put out to families, an outstanding 86% of families/whanau responded to this! There was 100% attendance from families/whanau at Student Led Conferences. This increasing engagement in the school is something everyone can be proud of and is a goal in our strategic and annual plans. Thank you, Kirstyn.

REMINDERS

Thursday 22nd August	<i>Aquavan visit to Senior Learning Team</i>
Wednesday 28th August	<i>Transition to School visit for all four year olds</i>
Friday 30th August	<i>School photos with McRobie Photography, 9.30am</i>
Friday 30th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall - folk dancing</i>
Tuesday 3rd September	<i>School trip to Royal Albatross Centre at Tairaoa Head</i>
Tuesday 3rd September	<i>Friends of the School Meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Thursday 5th September	<i>Literacy Evening, 5.45pm at school</i>
Friday 13th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Friday 13th September	<i>School Disco, 6pm in the School Hall</i>
Monday 16th September	<i>Year 6 Cycle Skills</i>
Tuesday 17th September	<i>Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Wednesday 18th September	<i>Transition to School visit for all four year olds</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Term three ends</i>
Monday 14th October	<i>Term four begins</i>
15th-18th October	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau</i>