



Newsletter 13 - Wednesday 16th September 2020



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

This is the last newsletter for term three. It is quite hard to believe how fast the term has gone. We have spent the majority of it in Level 2 of the Covid-19 Alert Level System and I thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding during this time. Fingers crossed we get back to level 1 very soon.

Well done to Blaide Mason from the Junior Learning Team and Rowan Burgess from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. Over the last two weeks we have been focusing on our school value of aiming high. Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work.



It is really important to notify school if your child is absent or happens to be running late. We are becoming increasingly frustrated with having to chase families to find out where students are when they are not presenting for school. You need to text, email or phone us before 9am to notify us of any absences. Nikola works part time and she is spending a huge amount of her time trying to locate students who have not presented for school. As part of our health and safety policy, we have to know where students are when they are not at school and we need this information to mark the school rolls. I can not stress enough the importance of notifying us of absences, and the reason. Appointments for students should be made outside of school time. We understand that dental/doctor/optometrist/specialist appointments, for example, may be during school hours which is fine. We do however expect that students come to school after their appointment or come to school, are picked up for their appointment and then return to school. Students can not be having the whole day off school when they have an appointment that takes up a small part of the day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with these matters.

The Board of Trustees have received the draft ERO report from the visit that was undertaken a few weeks ago by the Education Review Office. This report is very positive and we look forward to sharing it with our community when it is confirmed in the coming weeks.

If you see some activity around the school over the upcoming holidays, it is because the old dental clinic is being removed. The Ministry of Education has organised for this building to be removed as it is no longer used.

Thank you for all of your support throughout term three. Have a safe, restful holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the final term of the 2020 school year.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had another busy two weeks at school. Miss Hodges and Miss Riley have been so impressed with the student agency we are seeing during learning time. We have been continuing to learn and practice our rakau skills. We have been working on keeping the same beat and some students have even been working with a buddy to pass the rakau to the beat which is so tricky! Last week at Assembly we performed our Rakau song 'E Papa Waiari' and the JLT students blew the rest of the school away with their singing and excellent timing. Don't forget to check this performance out on our class Seesaw! Last Friday we had our pyjama and hot chocolate party for Sham's PB4L prize. We decided to surprise Miss Riley by writing her cards to say some kind things about her and practice our letter writing skills. We have also been working on the days of the week in Māori and celebrated Tongan language week. Sophia wore a beautiful Tongan dress to school to share with us and taught the class how to say hi in Tongan.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team has been hard at work these past two weeks! We have been focusing on describing during writing time and Miss Parson has been blown away by the beautiful work tamariki have been doing during this time. For maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division strategies. Lots of the tamariki's independent work has been posted to Seesaw, so please check this out and either like/comment on your child's work! For inquiry the seniors have been busy creating posters for various places around Dunedin to inform visitors about what you can do in our city. For Te Reo Māori we have been learning the months of the year and all about the weather, which we have been incorporating into our roll time to make sure we get lots of practise in! Last Friday the year 6 students enjoyed participating in BikeReady cycle skills.

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 dates for term four are: **Wednesday 28th October, Wednesday 11th November and Wednesday 25th November.** 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being held on Wednesday 23rd September. Information has been sent home about these. Please ensure students are dressed tidy for photos and have their hair tidy. Photos begin at 1pm with family photos first. If you are wanting family photos, please send this information back to Nikola by Friday 18th September.

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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	Farah Alibrahem	Fadia Matar
Classroom Certificates	Olivia Prasad	Yazan Al Hassan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY - BOARD CHAIR

Kia ora koutou, greetings all. Our latest Board of Trustees meeting was held on 14/09/2020 at school. We had a visit from Chris Morris who works for the Ministry of Education and has been working alongside the school throughout the longitudinal ERO review. He was reporting to us about student achievement data. The data is showing that students are making progress in their learning. This information coupled with an excellent visit from the Education Review Office, is making for very positive outcomes for Pine Hill School. When ERO were in the school a few weeks back, they were very pleased with the leadership from Melissa and evidence of the hard work being put in from all staff. We will have the confirmed ERO report in the very near future, which just cements what a great place our school is for students to receive a well rounded education. We are part of the Ōtepoti ki te Raki Kahui Ako, which is a cluster of learning institutes from North Dunedin, working together to share knowledge and resources amongst the group with working towards common goals. Part of this is that we get a Learning Support Coordinator who comes into school and supports the teaching staff, with learning support. Supporting students learning and engagement is something that Pine Hill is thriving in, with a holistic approach to children. This is another area for the school to feel proud in, for the work they're doing. We will be holding staggered (mid term) elections for the Board of Trustees next term. If you are thinking about becoming a board member, please come along to a Board meeting so you can see what we are about, or chat to a current board member.

This latest meeting was full of positives that are happening at school. Thank you to Melissa and the staff at school for all your hard work. ***Kirstyn Stanaway - Chairperson.***

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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School	Seesaw - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information



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
<p>Sophia Fangupo: level two - 20mins Ako Time with a friend Kāhu Gordon: level three - class ice block party Marcel Rewha: level four - class movie and popcorn Nox Somnium: level four - hot chip party Ruby Dustow: level four - pizza party with two friends Jensen Pesa: level four - pizza party with two friends</p>	<p>Harlow Madizyn: level two - prize box Aya Alibrahem: level two - prize box Faida Matar: level two - prize box Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey: level two - 20 mins free time with a friend Creation Boyd-Tione: level three - class ice block party Dylan Sudol: level three - morning tea with teachers Rowan Burgess: level four - hot chip party Clichē Boyd-Tione: level four - Moana Pool double pass Saja Alibrahem: level four - class movie and popcorn</p>

REMINDERS

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 1pm</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>
Tuesday 20th October	<i>Friends of the School meeting - time to be confirmed</i>
Wednesday 28th October	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Friday 30th October	<i>School Disco - Halloween theme: 6-7.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 9th November	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.15pm on the Zoom platform</i>
Wednesday 11th November	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Wednesday 18th November	<i>Strategic Planning Workshop - school community: 5.45pm at school</i>
Wednesday 25th November	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Monday 7th December	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i>Last day of school for 2020</i>