



## Newsletter 13 - Wednesday 1st September 2021



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

Well the last two weeks have certainly been unplanned! Dreaded Covid is back and this Delta strain is highly contagious. Hopefully we can get through level 3 quickly and be back at school soon.

A big, warm welcome to Miss Jenna Smeehuyzen who has joined us at Pine Hill School and is team teaching with Mrs Astley in the Senior Learning Team until the end of the year. It is awesome to have you on board Jenna, and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Thank you school whānau for your continued support with distance learning while we have moved through the Alert Levels. It all happened extremely fast, and we were only able to get devices and hard copy work out to students that needed these things, today. The online platforms that students can use at home include: Seesaw (all classes), Reading Eggs (all classes), Epic (all classes) Mathletics (MLT/SLT), Studyladder (JLT/MLT), and Zoom (all classes). I have also emailed out some activity tables with lots of different things on them students can do and there are the home learning TV channels that students can watch. Teachers are holding Zoom meetings 2 or 3 times a week and all information about these meetings is emailed to whānau email addresses we have on file, and also posted to students' class Seesaw accounts. Teachers send the Zoom meeting information the day before the meetings. If you are not receiving this information, please send them an email or myself, or text me on the school cell phone. It has been really great to see a number of students joining the optional class Zoom meetings. These are a neat way for everyone to catch up with one another, informally. Teachers have been doing some cool activities with students on Zoom and they are all enjoying seeing one another, finding out what everyone has been doing over lockdown. If your child has not managed to make it to a class Zoom yet, then I really encourage you to get them to join them when they are on.

It has been lovely to see the sun a fair bit during lockdown. Unfortunately our school Mini Olympics have been cancelled and we have rescheduled the School Cross Country to the last week of term 3. The dates set for this are: **Tuesday 28th September** and the postponement date is **Thursday 30th September**. The event will begin at 2pm and more information about it will come out closer to the time. Polyfest has been postponed until the week of **18th-22nd October** (week one, term four).

This is a shorter than usual newsletter due to lockdown. I hope it finds you all well and I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Teachers are available to assist you with anything from 8.30am-5pm weekdays and I am available on my email and the school cell phone anytime you need. Please let us know if we can help in anyway.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

**CARING RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH**

# School Notices

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care will soon be on offer at Pine Hill School, to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. It is fantastic to be able to offer this service to whānau. Mana Before and After School Care will be the outside providers running this programme and it will be known as 'Pine Hill Mana'. I have heard very positive things about their programmes and we are excited to get this up and running, most likely in term four. Whānau are able to enrol their children now by going to [www.manaafterschoolcare.com](http://www.manaafterschoolcare.com) and clicking on the 'Click To Enrol' tab. Enrolling for specific days/times for term four will be added to the site soon, so please keep an eye on it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing [mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com](mailto:mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com) or myself.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday 13th September** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

## FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any enrolments, please contact school and let us know. Having this information is really important for planning the future.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

<a href="mailto:amy@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">amy@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Amy Riley: Junior Learning Team Teacher	<a href="mailto:renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Renee Hodges: Middle Learning Team Teacher
<a href="mailto:hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Hazel Astley: Senior Learning Team Teacher	<a href="mailto:jenna@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">jenna@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Jenna Smeehuizen: Senior Learning Team Teacher
<a href="mailto:office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary	<a href="mailto:principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Melissa Ward: Principal

## 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>	<b>Seesaw</b> - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

## SCHOOLDOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term, policies are up for review and at times, whānau are able to review a policy/ies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for the appropriate policy/ies. If you have any questions or would like to review the policy/ies on paper, please contact Melissa at school. Policies up for review this term are: ***Concerns and Complaints and Behaviour Management.***

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website  
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## REMINDERS

<b>Friday 10th September</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Wednesday 22nd September</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Friday 24th September</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Tuesday 28th September</b>	<i>School Cross Country, 2pm at school</i>
<b>Thursday 30th September</b>	<i>School Cross Country postponement date</i>
<b>Friday 1st October</b>	<i>School holidays begin</i>
<b>Monday 18th October</b>	<i>Term four begins</i>
<b>18th-22nd October</b>	<i>Polyfest Week (our performance day/time to be confirmed)</i>
<b>Thursday 11th November</b>	<i>School photos, 9am</i>
<b>11th-12th November</b>	<i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM</i>
<b>Monday 22nd November</b>	<b><i>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</i></b>
<b>Thursday 16th December</b>	<i>Last day of school for 2021, school closes at 12.30pm</i>

