



PINE HILL SCHOOL

'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 13 - Wednesday 23rd August 2023



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

It is hard to believe we are halfway through term three. The mornings being a bit lighter and daylight lasting a wee bit longer at the end of the day, are a great sign we are on the downward slope from winter. Daylight saving is also not very far away!

We still have a bit of sickness floating around. It seems to be coughs and colds, and the flu has been rampant in our Senior Learning Team. Thank you to whānau for keeping tamariki home when they are sick. We appreciate your support as this certainly helps limit the spread of bugs. As you know, there are now no restrictions around Covid. If anyone in your whānau is diagnosed with Covid, it is to be treated like any other sickness, with staying at home if needed. We have plenty of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) at school if anyone needs them. These will be available until the end of the 2023 school year. Please ensure tamariki are coming to school with warm clothes, especially if they have been off school unwell.

Next week we have our school cross country event on **Wednesday 30th August**, beginning at 11.45am. Tamariki have been training hard for this at school and it will be great to conclude all the training with our school event. The postponement date for this is **Thursday 31st August**. Please see more information further on in the newsletter regarding this.

Welcome to Savannah O'Leary who is at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term working in a teacher aide capacity in both classes. She is studying at the Otago Polytechnic and has to do a placement as part of her course. Savannah has fitted in really well at Pine Hill School and we are enjoying having her as part of our team.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility*

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **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.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLD TAMARIKI

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 final date for term three is: **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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After school care is available 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 to register your tamariki.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are happening at school on **Wednesday 6th September**. There is an opportunity for whānau photos this day. Please keep an eye out for more information coming home very soon about school photos.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

There is a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 17th November**. Staff will be undertaking professional development around the new curriculum.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country will begin at **11.45am** on **Wednesday 30th August**. Year 0, 1 & 2 tamariki will run together first doing two laps of the track, followed by year 3 & 4 tamariki doing three laps of the track, followed by year 5 & 6 tamariki doing four laps of the track. Winners in each year group will be presented with a certificate at Assembly on **Friday 8th September**. Whānau/friends are invited to come and watch and have lunch with their tamariki if they would like, at the conclusion of the event. Tamariki are expected to stay at school for the afternoon.

REMINDERS

Friday 25th August

Tuesday 29th August

Wednesday 30th August

Thursday 31st August

Wednesday 6th September

Friday 8th September

Monday 11th September

11th-15th September

Wednesday 20th September

Thursday 21st September

Friday 22nd September

Monday 9th October

Friday 27th October

Friday 17th November

Tuesday 12th December

Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall

Year 6 Cycle Skills Day

School Cross Country - 11.45am at school (tamariki can go home after)

School Cross Country postponement date - 11.45am at school

School photos

Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall

Life Education Bus visit

Polyfest Week - performance day and time to be confirmed

Transition to School - all four year old tamariki

Folk Dance Presentation and optional whānau picnic - 11.45am

Term three holidays begin @ 3pm

Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am

Halloween Disco at school: 5.30-7pm

Teacher Only Day

Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year