



Newsletter 13 – Wednesday 4th September 2019



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

What lovely weather we have experienced over the last few days! A brilliant way to welcome Spring and we hope to see this fabulous weather lasting.

Well done to Revelle Rubin from the Junior Learning Team and Bella Stefani from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. Throughout the last two weeks classes had been focusing on the key competency of thinking for these awards. It is great to hear how Revelle and Bella use thinking skills throughout their day, not just for the benefit of themselves, but for others. Congratulations, we are very proud of you both.



Yesterday I received a phone call from the Ministry of Education to inform me that from the beginning of term two 2020 until the end of 2021, Pine Hill School students will be receiving free lunches as part of the Governments Lunches in Schools programme. There will be 50 schools across New Zealand involved in this at the time we are in the prototype programme. The lunch programme will be planned with the school and every student's dietary requirements will be catered for. This is very exciting for our students and families as there are eight schools in Dunedin in the programme and a couple in Southland, and these are the only schools in the South Island involved. As more information comes to hand about the programme, I will keep you informed.

The Pine Hill School Board of Trustees has granted Renee Hodges leave for the last seven days of term three so she can travel overseas with her partner Mike to visit family and tour around. While Renee is away, Yolanda Schaumann will be teaching the Junior Learning Team for Thursday and Friday of week 9, and I will be teaching them for the last week of term three. We wish Renee and Mike all the best with their travels and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures in term four!

Our Board of Trustees is really excited about the growing roll at Pine Hill School. We want to see the roll continue to grow and it is great to see that people moving to our area are choosing Pine Hill School as the place of education for their children. There is lots of great chat out there in our school and the wider community about our school which is lovely to hear. Our school really is fabulous, with being a wonderful place of education for children and an awesome place for our staff to work. In the near future the board will be undertaking a pamphlet drop in the Pine Hill area to advertise our school. We will be looking for adults to help with this and some students from the Senior Learning Team will also be involved. Keep an eye out for more information about this in the coming newsletters.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

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JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning team have been practicing our Folk Dancing over the last few weeks. We were so excited to perform at Assembly and did such an amazing job of our dance. Over the last week we started learning about packaging for our topic study. We were shocked to see the amount of packaging in our lunchboxes. Only two students had no packaging in their lunch box out of the whole class. We will be looking into ways to use less packaging and help our environment. On Tuesday we went on our trip to the Royal Albatross Centre and it blew our socks off! We got to learn all about the albatross and spy on some albatross chicks, see a lazy seal having a nap on the beach and we even got to have a look at the Little Blue Penguins nesting in their boxes! How lucky were we to get this trip?!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team did such an outstanding job of their performance at Assembly on Friday with their Folk Dance! All that practice was worth it because each of us performed really well on the day! Yesterday we went to the Royal Albatross Centre and it was brilliant. We were so lucky to be able to go to such a fantastic place. We saw some baby albatross and each of us got to plant a native bush down on Pilots Beach. The penguin scientist told us that they are trying to make Pilots Beach a safer and better place for the Little Blue Penguins. The educator told us that there are over 300 nesting boxes there for them! We even got to see two little penguins nesting in one of the boxes. We couldn't believe that we got to see the Little Blue Penguins up so closely. Lucky us!

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora. At this week's meeting we discussed the upcoming disco on Friday 13th September from 6-7.30pm at school. The entry fee is \$3 per student and this includes entry and snack food. The disco is for Pine Hill School students only and the \$3 entry fee can be prepaid to Nikola at the school office. If there are any parents/guardians that would like to help set up the disco after Assembly next Friday, that would be great. Please meet in the hall at 3pm. We will also require people to help tidy up at the end. The next meeting of Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin is on Tuesday 22nd October at 3.15pm at school. Thank you, Ann Miller.

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 last date for term three is: **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	Faith Miller	Maram Al Hassan
Classroom Certificates	Chloe Prasad	Aya Alibrahem



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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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY

Pine Hill School Board of Trustees – Casual Vacancy for Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Pine Hill School Board of Trustees

11 Hislop Street

Liberton

DUNEDIN 9010

by 5pm Tuesday 1st October 2019.

LITERACY EVENING

Tomorrow night we have our Literacy Evening. Thank you very much to all those that have RSVPd for this event. If you haven't yet, it isn't too late! Please contact the school office to inform Nikola of numbers from your family that will be attending. The evening will begin at 5.45pm with pizza for dinner, followed by a supervised movie for children at 6pm while adults move into hear about 'all things literacy' with Renee, Essie and Melissa.

We look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow night, continuing to build our strong school/community partnership.

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
Khalid Talbot: level one – 10 minute class activity Nagham Al Ashour: level two – prize box Sham Alibrahem: level two – prize box Ruby Dustow: level two – prize box Mohammad Zarzar: level four – movie and popcorn Bianka Talbot: level four – morning tea with Miss Ward Stella MacGillivray: level four – morning tea with Miss Ward Chloe Prasad: level four – morning tea with Miss Ward	Quinn Morris: level one – 10 minutes free time Ryley Prasad: level two – prize box Brooke Chettleburgh: level two – prize box Pax Talbot: level two – prize box Zackery Still: level four – swim/slide pass Bella Stefani: level four – class movie and popcorn Creation Boyd-Tione: level four – pizza party Maram Al Hassan: level four – pizza party

Board of Trustees Member Profile – Janine Little: Parent Representative

Hi my name is Janine little and I'm a new member of the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees. My husband Tim and I have one child at school, Luke who is in year 2 in the Junior Learning Team and Kahli, who starts next year. I want to meet more of the parents and guardians, and engage in our wider community. I became a board member to help make sure our awesome school is the best place it can be for all of our students and I look forward to continuing to work alongside Melissa and the board to ensure this happens.



UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On Thursday 12th September we will be attending a free concert by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra at the Town Hall. This special event is to mark Tuia 250 and will explore a musical journey with Taonga Pūoro specialist Horomona Horo and singer song-writer Maisey Rika. The bus for this trip is fully funded.

Classes are busy studying packaging for technology. On Monday 23rd September we will be making beeswax wraps with trained professionals. Every student will get to take home a beeswax wrap and we are very excited about this activity!

On Thursday 26th September, the whole school will be going on a trip to the Dunedin Public Library. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about how the library works along with experiencing it. If your child is a member, please ensure they have their membership card with them this day as they might like to issue books. There will be a cost of \$3 per student for this trip to cover the bus cost.

On Friday 27th September we will be having more hands on Digital Technologies sessions with Rach McNamara from CORE Education.

Our students are very lucky with the experiences they get while being at Pine Hill School and we are thrilled that as a school, we can offer these.

REMINDERS

Thursday 5th September

Thursday 12th September

Friday 13th September

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Monday 16th September

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Wednesday 18th September

Monday 23rd September

Thursday 26th September

Friday 27th September

Friday 27th September

Monday 14th October

15th-18th October

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Literacy Evening, 5.45pm at school

NZ Symphony Orchestra Show, Town Hall: 1.30-2.30pm

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

School Disco, 6pm in the School Hall

Year 6 Cycle Skills

Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school

Transition to School visit for all four year olds

Beeswax wrap making

School trip to the Dunedin Public Library

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

Term three ends

Term four begins

Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau

Production, Final Assembly and picnic lunch at school

School closes for 2019, 12.30pm

School commences for Pine Hill School students at 9am

