



## Newsletter 13 - Wednesday 28th August 2024



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

We look forward to holding our school cross country event on Friday beginning with the first race at 11.45am. Please be aware, all gates will be closed and locked from 11.30am. Tamariki sit on chairs in the carpark waiting on their races and the track runs past both gate entry points. We need to have them locked so that people can not walk across the track. Please ensure you are at school by 11.30am if you are wanting to watch the races inside the school perimeter. There will be seats on the field for spectators to sit on. Please do **not** sit on the seats along the finish line. These are for the tamariki to sit on after they have finished their races so they can support other competitors. Whānau are welcome to stay for an optional picnic lunch with their tamariki. If they are not staying for a picnic lunch, tamariki can go home with their whānau after the last race as they are all expected to stay and support other runners. If you are taking your tamariki home, please find a staff member to tell so we can cross them off our roll for the afternoon. Tamariki have been training really hard for this event and we look forward to having lots of support for them at the event on Friday!

It is fantastic to have Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias back at school, team teaching in the Junior Learning Team with Miss Tara McGoff, four days a week due to roll growth. Our school roll is currently sitting at 52 tamariki with more to come before the end of 2024. It is amazing to see our school roll growing, and this growth is predicted to continue into the future. Pine Hill School is a wonderful school and if you are interested in enrolling your tamariki, please get in touch via the school office.

Welcome to Avery Hunter and Emily Stewart from Otago Polytechnic, who are doing their workplace practice practicum at school this term from Monday-Wednesday each week. Emily is teacher aiding in the Junior Learning Team and Avery is teacher aiding in the Senior Learning Team. Welcome also to Jemima Hunter who is doing some part time teacher aide work in the Senior Learning Team. It is great to have Avery, Emily and Jemima as part of our team and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

In a couple of weeks, we have our Polyfest performance at the Edgar Centre. Our group (all year 2-6 tamariki) performs on **Thursday 12th September at 11.48am**. Our tamariki have been practising very hard and we are extremely thankful to Mr Scott Lane for leading our group, supported by Miss Tara McGoff. Please ensure you send your tamariki's uniform requirements to school, which you can find further on in the newsletter, by **Wednesday 4th September**. If you have any issues with sourcing uniform requirements, please contact Scott at school. We are very excited to showcase our new tatua (belts) and tipare (headbands) at our Polyfest performance.

Accompanying the school newsletter today is our *'Guidelines for a Parents/Guardians with a Concern'* document. We send this out twice a year with the newsletter to ensure everyone knows the process if they have a concern.

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Melissa Ward  
Tumuaki/Principal*

# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE - MISS MCGOFF & MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS

Wow, it's hard to believe we're already halfway through the term! Welcome to Iza, Ian, Malia, Kaylani and their whānau. We are loving having you in the Junior Learning Team and can't wait to continue working with you all. Welcome also to Mrs Alvarez Farias who is back team teaching in the JLT, four days a week with Miss McGoff. We've been busy with a lot of different learning opportunities for our tamariki. Our focus on the Olympics has been a highlight. We've explored the different sports, celebrated New Zealand athletes, and learned about the Olympic rings. Tamariki have also designed their own olympic uniforms. In health, we've been focusing on healthy living. The tamariki have loved learning about the different food groups within the food pyramid and have designed their own healthy plates. In maths, we've been focusing on our basic facts and this week are exploring the world of transformation in geometry. The tamariki have absolutely loved cross country practise this term. They've been eagerly collecting stickers at key points on the map of NZ and are excited for our school cross country on Friday!

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE: MR LANE

We started the term putting a lot of thought into our learning for our Student Led Conferences. Everyone should be proud of the maturity shown by the SLT tamariki and the way they conducted themselves during this time. We started our theme topic on the Olympics by looking at some famous New Zealand Olympians and the sports that are played. It's not over yet however as we still have the Paralympics to study. Germs have no chance in the SLT! The tamariki have been busy brainstorming what a hygiene superhero looks like and the adventures they would get up to. Heroes like Soapman, Tidygirl and Toothguy are here to keep us healthy and safe! All of this learning is going on around our usual structured literacy programme, while in maths we have been using family of facts while practising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are excited for our school cross country on Friday and can't wait to see everyone *'reaching for the top!'*

## KAPA HAKA UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR POLYFEST

Could you please send along the required uniform to school by **Wednesday 4th September**. Please ensure it comes to school in a named bag. All year 2-6 tamariki are in our Kapa Haka group for Polyfest. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Lane at school. **Boys:** *black t-shirt and black shorts.* **Girls:** *black t-shirt and black active wear tights.*

## REMINDERS

Friday 30th August	<i>School Cross Country, 11.45am at school (<b>gates closed and locked at 11.30am</b>)</i>
Monday 2nd September	<i>School Cross country postponement date, 11.45am at school</i>
Wednesday 4th September	<i>School photos 9am</i>
Wednesday 4th September	<i>Polyfest uniform requirements due to school</i>
Wednesday 11th September	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Thursday 12th September	<i>Polyfest Performance 11.48am at the Edgar Centre, whole school going</i>
Friday 13th September	<i>Assembly. 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Assembly. 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Term three school holidays being at 3pm</i>
Monday 14th October	<i>Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Monday 4th November	<i>Teacher Only day, school <b>CLOSED</b> to tamariki</i>
Thursday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly, 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>

***Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility***