



Newsletter 14 - Wednesday 14th October 2020



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

Welcome back to the final term for 2020. The year has flown by. We have a busy term planned so make sure you check out the reminders on the back of the newsletter so you are up to date with what is happening!

Our recent Education Review Office (ERO) report is now confirmed and will be available to be read on the ERO website in the next week. This report is very positive and recognises all of the hard work that has been undertaken over the last three years. I am very proud of how far Pine Hill School has come and the fabulous place that we are!

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education has recognised our roll growth and we have been funded for a third classroom in 2021. This is really exciting for Pine Hill School. Currently there are two teaching positions advertised to start next year. Appointments to these positions and the year levels teachers will be teaching will be confirmed mid November.

It was wonderful to have some really positive media publicity over the holidays about our school. I have received lots of great feedback about how amazing our school is doing and it is really nice to hear.

Over the school holiday period, the old dental clinic was removed. The area where the dental clinic was has been resown with grass seed and is being looked after to ensure the grass grows. If you are utilising school grounds outside of school time, please keep off this area so that the grass can grow.

This week we were very lucky to have a visit from Rob Thorne in association with the Dunedin Festival of the Arts. The students learnt all about the porotiti and participated in a meditation workshop. Thank you to Simon Vare for organising this for our school and to Rob for coming along and working with us.

This term sees lots of events happening. We have some school camp activity day trips planned for the Senior Learning Team students as their school camp this year was cancelled due to Covid-19, cricket coaching, hockey coaching, squash coaching, transition visit to Dunedin North Intermediate for year 6 students, Halloween Disco, Orange Day Parade for road patrollers, Life Education Bus visit, year 6 flying, Junior Learning Team class trip and our Final Assembly to finish off the 2020 school year. We know the term is going to zoom by.

School reports will be issued for all students towards the end of the term.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

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School Notices

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.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to go on the school newsletter email tree, please contact Nikola at the school office.



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Mid term school trustee elections will be held in December this year. The role of our parent trustees on the board is to provide direction and governance to our school while maintaining a positive and supportive learning environment to all students, their families and our staff. It is a rewarding role and there are plenty of resources available to ensure the best outcomes are achieved.

If you are considering standing for the board and would like more information, please feel free to contact Melissa by phone or email. You can also talk to current members about the role of a board member. Our current members are: Kirstyn Stanaway (chairperson), Monique Pompey, Michael Prasad, Hinewai Broughton, Renee Hodges and Janine Little.

Exact dates for the elections and more information will be coming out over the coming weeks.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were held in the last week of term three. Sample photos and order forms for families will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

The next meeting for our Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin group is on **Tuesday 20th October at 3.15pm at school.** We will be discussing a couple of fundraiser ideas for term four, planning the disco and discussing year 6 flying.

The Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Annual General Meeting is in November and we are really needing people to step up onto the Executive Committee so that we can keep this group going.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting next Tuesday! Childcare provided.

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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.

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any children that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

There are Board of Trustees meetings on Monday 9th November at 7.15pm via Zoom and Monday 7th December at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Chairperson) if you are interested in attending either of these meetings.

MORNING TEA AND WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure children come to school with their morning tea and a water bottle each day. Lunch is provided every day for each student due to us being in the Governments Lunches in Schools Programme until the end of 2021.

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a Warriors jacket. Some of the other things we have available include: shoes for students to keep if they need them, food for morning tea/lunches and head lice treatment.



Please contact Charlie or Nikola at school if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.

ABSENCES

Please ring/text/email the school office and inform us if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for your child's absence when you inform us.

It is part of our Health and Safety policy to know where students are when they're absent from school.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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charlie@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Charlie Parson: Senior Learning Team Teacher	office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Nikola Ballard: School Secretary
principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Melissa Ward: Principal	

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
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

REMINDERS

Friday 16th October	<i>Cricket coaching with Otago Cricket</i>
Tuesday 20th October	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Friday 23rd October	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 23rd October	<i>Squash in Schools coaching</i>
Monday 26th October	<i>Labour Day - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 28th October	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Thursday 29th October	<i>Year 6 Transition Visit - Dunedin North Intermediate</i>
Friday 30th October	<i>Squash in Schools coaching</i>
Friday 30th October	<i>Halloween Disco: 6-7.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 6th November	<i>Squash in Schools coaching</i>
Friday 6th November	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school 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>
Friday 13th November	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching</i>
Wednesday 18th November	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp Activity day</i>
Wednesday 18th November	<i>Strategic Planning Workshop - school community: 5.45pm at school</i>
Thursday 19th November	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp Activity afternoon</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>
Tuesday 8th December	<i>Life Education Bus visit</i>
1st-11th December	<i>Year 6 Flying (weather dependant)</i>
Monday 14th December	<i>Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Filadelfios 5.30pm</i>
Tuesday 15th December	<i>Final Assembly 11am and picnic lunch</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i>Last day of school for 2020 - school finishing at 12.30pm</i>
Wednesday 3rd February	<i>School commences for 2021 for Pine Hill School students at 9am</i>

