



Newsletter 14 - Wednesday 15th September 2021



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

It is really nice to be back at school and see everyone. Last Thursday lots of smiling faces greeted Nikola and myself at the school gates and the excitement of students catching up with one another was evident with the amount of chatter happening in and outside of the classroom. We are extremely grateful to be back to school safely under level 2 and thank you for your cooperation with our Alert Level 2 plan. Our thoughts are with Auckland and we hope it is safe enough for them to move down alert levels soon.

Unfortunately we have made the decision to not attend Polyfest this year which at this stage, has been postponed until week 1 of term 4. We do not feel we have enough time to be ready to perform to the best of our ability due to the amount of time lost over lockdown and the limited amount of time we have until the performance. Our Kapa Haka group will continue weekly lessons with Whāea Sheralyn and we look forward to them performing at some school events in term 4.

Thank you to those whānau who have enrolled their children in before and after school care. This is due to begin in term four. Please ensure you get your children enrolled in this if you have not already done so as spaces are limited. There is information further on in the newsletter about before and after school care.

Term three is coming to a quick end with there being two and a half weeks left. We have rescheduled the school cross country to Tuesday 28th September at 2pm with the postponement date of Thursday 30th September at 2pm. It is great to be able to hold this event as the students have been training really hard for it at school. A number of events that were scheduled for this term have been cancelled due to the lockdown. We hope to get to the Ecosanctuary next term if we get back to Alert Level 1.

We will not be joining in with North East Valley School for athletic sports in term four. The lockdown has forced schools to move events on their school calendars, which means North East Valley will not be holding athletic sports this year. We look forward to being able to join in with them for this event in 2022.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team participated in lots of exciting activities during lockdown. It was wonderful to see so many tamariki attend our Zoom sessions where we played lots of fun games and listened to stories read by Miss Riley. The JLT have had a great start to school and have settled in well. Over the past couple of days, we have been reflecting on our wellbeing and have created a whare to represent our Hauora. We made a brainstorm of all the lockdown activities we participated in with our whanau and looked at how these activities related to the different aspects of our wellbeing. It was lovely to hear about all the wonderful activities tamariki did with their whanau during lockdown. JLT tamariki helped with baking, played lots of games, went on bike rides and some even learnt how to play a musical instrument!

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team did some fantastic activities during lockdown, whether it was helping whanau with cooking and baking, exercising and walking around Pine Hill or having a go at online learning activities. Our highlight was catching up with our friends and Miss Hodges on Zoom every few days. We loved showing off our crazy hair, sharing news and our lockdown creations and playing Kahoot quizzes. The MLT and Miss Hodges are thrilled to be back at school after a long three weeks of lockdown. Over the last few days we have been settling back into school and reminding ourselves of all the different level two rules we need to follow to keep everyone happy, healthy and safe at school. We have been enjoying this beautiful spring weather and decided to create some spring artwork. We will share these with our whanau on Seesaw when they are completed.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

Over lockdown the SLT loved catching up with their teachers and friends on Zoom meetings, playing memory games, Kahoot quizzes and sharing their pets. We are very excited to welcome Miss Smeehuyzen to our class and are enjoying having two teachers helping us with our learning! The SLT are very happy to be back at school. We have jumped right into our weekly routines as if we never left. Over the past couple of days we have begun exploring the relationship between 2D and 3D shapes by drawing the different 2D views of 3D shapes. We have baked lolly cake and have finished off our Olympic art using watercolour paint and pencils. Over the next few weeks we will be working on a passion project as a part of our living healthy unit.

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 remaining date for term three is: **Wednesday 22nd 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 Amy Riley at school via email, text or phone.

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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 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 or myself.

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 for the future.

PINE HILL SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL


The Pine Hill School Student Council has been catching up on what needs to be done at school. We have made a suggestion box for each class so that students in JLT, MLT and SLT can share ideas with us to bring up at our council meetings. We are looking forward to electing two new members, one each from the MLT and SLT, to join the student council in the very near future.

We love being on the School Council and can not wait to add another two members.

Kahli, Zav, Jensen, Luke, Fadia, Bella - School Council Members

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have recently cashed in their reward tickets in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:

Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT) 
Noone has cashed in this time around!	Mohammad: L1 - 10min class game Ruby: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Jenna: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Stella: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Luke: L2 - 20min free time with a friend	Bella: L4 - hot chip party with two friends

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REMINDERS

Monday 20th September
Wednesday 22nd September
Friday 24th September
Tuesday 28th September
Friday 1st October
Monday 18th October
Thursday 11th November
11th-12th November
Monday 22nd November
Thursday 16th December

Board of Trustees meeting 6pm at school (Zoom if we are level 2)
Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall (pending we are at Alert Level 1)
Cross Country, 2pm at school (postponement Thursday 30th)
School holidays begin
Term four begins
School photos, 9am
Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM
Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Last day of school for 2021, school closes at 12.30pm

Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School
for your child?



AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Three fantastic classrooms operating
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- Sporting and cultural groups
- Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes
- Before and after school care
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment

Get in touch!

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