



Newsletter 14 – Wednesday 18th September 2019



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

This is the last newsletter for term three. It is really scary to think there are only 11.5 weeks of school left for 2019! We have lots to fit in for the remainder of the 2019 school year.

Congratulations to Ossian Gordon from the Junior Learning Team and Summer Hotton from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly last week. Over the last two weeks, each class had a focus around our very important school value of responsibility for these awards. Ossian and Summer are both very responsible students and we are incredibly lucky to have them at Pine Hill School.



I have been really impressed with how engaged our school families have been this year in regards to community consultation that has been sent out along with coming to school related events. These events have included our Cultural Celebration and Goal Setting Interviews in term one, Seesaw sessions in term two and Student Led Conferences and our Literacy Evening in term three. There will be another scheduled event for term four – please watch this space! We have had events throughout a variety of different times of the day and it has been great to see the support we are getting for these events. Even though there has been quite a bit of sickness through the school at different times throughout the year which has stopped some people attending, they still had intentions of coming and supporting us. This Friday a Parent Consultation Survey will be coming home on hard copy and digital copy for our families to fill in. This will help the Board of Trustees with strategic planning that we undertake in term four. All families that return this consultation will go into the draw to win a \$30 New World voucher.

On Monday 11th November there will be a Teacher Only Day at school. This means students get a long weekend and do not come to school this day, but staff will be at school working. As part of our new Collective Agreements, we have been allocated eight teacher only days to use over the next three years that we do not have to make up at the end of the year. I have allocated one of these days for term four this year so teachers can use this day for writing end of year school reports.

As this is the last newsletter for term three, I'd like to thank everyone for their support of our fabulous school this term and wish our students and families a nice break. We also wish Miss Hodges and her partner Mike all the best as they leave today for their travels overseas. We know they will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures upon their return.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had an action packed two weeks. We loved having the Duffy Role Model – Denzel Laumatia-Paki come and speak to us about the importance of reading. We also enjoyed our trip to watch the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and loved joining in with 'Nga Iwi E' at the end of the performance. One of our new favourite parts of the week is Ako time. We have been having so much fun exploring and learning using a range of different devices with our buddies in the SLT. Miss Hodges is really going to miss everyone while she is away and cannot wait to see us all again next term.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team have been really enjoying Ako time with the Junior Learning Team. We have learnt a lot about what it means to debug – we are getting very good at fixing mistakes on our own during Ako. There are lots of new apps on the iPads so we have been exploring those and we are so lucky to now have a set of Beebots at school. We can't believe that the term is nearly over. We have a very exciting week planned for next week while Miss Hodges is away which includes making beeswax wraps and a trip to the Dunedin Public Library. We all hope that Miss Hodges has a fantastic trip and we will look forward to seeing her again in term 4.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora. Thank you very much for your understanding around postponing the school disco until November due to the amount of sickness in the school. We will be in touch and let you know a date when it has been confirmed. Thank you, Ann Miller.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME – TERM FOUR

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 30th October, Wednesday 13th November and Wednesday 27th 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 Renee at school.

SCHOOL TRIP

On Thursday 26th September we are going on a school trip to the Dunedin Public Library. There is a cost of \$3 per student. Please pay for your children before we go.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Stella MacGillivray	Zackery Still
Classroom Certificates	Amelia Ingley	Rowan Burgess



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WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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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

\$150 DONATION SCHEME CONSULTATION

Please ensure you fill out the consultation for the \$150 Donation Scheme that was sent home on Tuesday, by **Friday 27th September** (last day of term three).

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

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by 5pm Tuesday 1st October 2019.

PINE HILL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

In term four classes will be busy preparing for The Pine Hill School Christmas Variety Show that will be presented on Tuesday 17th December at 11am. This show will encompass students presenting a small Christmas item in groups. Our Final Assembly, where end of year awards are presented, will be held after the show and the day will conclude with a family picnic at 12.30pm for lunch. This will be the last official day for 2019 however students are welcome to come to school on Wednesday 18th December to help clean up and school will close at 12.30pm this day. Please mark this date in your calendars! We can not wait to share this show with you all!

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
Luciana Hotton: level two – prize box Damian Dillon-Ross-Green: level two – prize box Faith Miller: level two – prize box Shahed Alibrahem: level four – class movie Shahed Alibrahem: level four – class movie	Dylan Sudol: level one – class game Edward Ritchie: level two – prize box

REMINDERS

Wednesday 18th September

Friday 20th September

Monday 23rd September

Thursday 26th September

Friday 27th September

Friday 27th September

Monday 14th October

15th-18th October

Monday 11th November

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Transition to School visit for all four year olds

Year 6 Cycle Skills

Beeswax wrap making

School trip to the Dunedin Public Library, \$3 per student

Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall

Term three ends

Term four begins

Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau

Teacher Only Day

PHS Variety Show, Final Assembly & picnic lunch at school

School closes for 2019, 12.30pm (attendance optional)

School commences for Pine Hill School students at 9am

At Pine Hill School we have:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Two fantastic classrooms operating
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- Interesting, engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment



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