



Newsletter 14 - Wednesday 9th September 2026



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

It was very unfortunate that due to the weather we did not get to hold our annual school cross country this year. It is certainly frustrating when the elements are against us. Our tamariki did a marvellous job with their daily training for this event and we are proud of their efforts with this. We are already looking forward to next year's school cross country event and are hoping that the weather will be on our side!

On a brighter note, we are eagerly looking forward to our Polyfest performance today at 11.18am at Edgar Centre. A massive thank you to our tamariki for their fabulous efforts in preparing for this event, and to Miss Tait Duncan and Miss Ally Ward for all their hard work getting our Kapa Haka group ready. We also extend a special thank you to Hope and Nikita Rewha for helping prepare our tamariki with their facial tattoos at school this morning.

Thank you to our whole community for your support in keeping tamariki home when they are unwell with winter illnesses. There seems to be a lot floating around at the moment, and we are hoping we are finally coming out the other end of it.

It is hard to believe that we only have two and a half weeks of term left! Our classes remain busy with their learning and will be diving into an exciting dance focus for these final few weeks.

Our school Shed has had a fantastic interior remodel and is now housing our bikes. It is looking great inside, and it will look even better on the outside once the exterior is painted over the coming weeks.

*Kā mihi,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting **Monday 21st September** at 6pm on Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along.

Please contact Melissa, or Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any meetings.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS: TERM THREE

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the final date for **Term 3** is: **Wednesday 16th September**. Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10:40am, and then spend the middle block from 11:00am - 12:30pm with the Room 1 tamariki. They are also invited to stay for lunch, with being collected at 1:00pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school, please check the hair of your tamariki. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb. The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. We will contact you so that you can organise treatment if we see head lice or eggs in your tamariki's hair. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving awards at our most recent Assembly:

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
Classroom Certificate	Hudsyn Atkinson	Arlo Caley	Kahu Richardson	James Lees
Principal Awards	Year 1-3: Atom Estrella Thinking		Year 4-6: Zariah Nolia Thinking	
Attendance Shield	Not given out this Assembly due to a lot of sickness affecting attendance in all classes.			



REMINDERS

Wednesday 9th September	Polyfest performance 11.18am Edgar Centre
Wednesday 16th September	Transition to School, all 4 year olds in the area
Wednesday 16th September	School photos
Friday 18th September	Assembly, 2.20pm in the hall
Monday 21st September	Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom
Friday 25th September	Term three holidays begin at 3pm
Monday 12th October	Term four begins, tamariki welcome from 8.30am
Thursday 10th December	Last day of school for 2026
Thursday 28th January 2027	First day of term one 2027, tamariki welcome from 8.30am



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