



Newsletter 14 - Wednesday 11th September 2024



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

This week, we are excited to welcome 5-year-old Atom Estrella to the Junior Learning Team and extend a warm welcome to his whānau as they join our school community. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

Thank you everyone for attending our school cross country event recently and for your enthusiastic support of the children; your presence and encouragement were a very important part of the event. We were thrilled to see our tamariki giving their races their very best efforts, after all the training they had done throughout the first six weeks of the term.

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Garry Ramsay, who devoted many years as a dedicated caretaker at Pine Hill School. Aileen, Garry's wife, is our current caretaker and Garry was always helping her out with caretaker jobs around school. He was incredibly friendly, with a beaming grin and he would chat to me about the positive changes around the school, from property to the growing roll, during my time as tumuaki. His kindness and hard work will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with Aileen and her extended family during this incredibly difficult time.

We are thrilled about our upcoming Polyfest performance on Thursday (tomorrow) and incredibly proud of the hard work the tamariki have put in to prepare. A special thank you to Scott Lane and Tara McGoff for their dedication and effort in guiding the group and ensuring the performance will be a memorable success. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the event on Thursday. The performance is scheduled for **11.48am**, however it can run 20 minutes early. If you intend on going along to watch, please make sure you are there by **11.20am** to ensure you do not miss us.

As term four is fast approaching, we have several exciting events to look forward to! The first two weeks from **14-25th October** will kick off with our school swimming program at Dunedin North Intermediate Pool. Following that, we're gearing up for the Port Line Athletics Day on **Tuesday 22nd October**, where our tamariki will have the opportunity to showcase their athletic talents and cheer each other on in a range of events. Unfortunately swimming and athletics double up on Tuesday 22nd October, however tamariki will get nine swimming lessons in over the two week period. More information about school swimming and athletics will come out soon. To wrap up the term, we hope to be hosting a spooktacular evening of excitement at our annual Halloween disco on **Friday 1st November**. We are needing whānau support to organise the disco, before we confirm it will definitely be happening. Please see further on in the newsletter for information regarding this. It's going to be a fantastic term four filled with energy and excitement!

A reminder that there is no cost to whānau for school educational activities outside the classroom that are during the day, due to us being part of the Government Donation Scheme.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

School Notices

HALLOWEEN DISCO

We would love to have our Halloween Disco in term four for Pine Hill School tamariki only! This event is a huge highlight for our tamariki and something they talk about with excitement for weeks. This event can only go ahead if whānau members step up and help organise it. The date we are aiming to have this event is **Friday 1st November from 6-7.30pm in the hall**. If you are keen to help organise the disco, a meeting will be held at school on **Tuesday 15th October (first Tuesday of term four) at 3.15pm** in the Senior Learning Team to get things organised! We will need help with setting up on the Friday during the day and supervision at the disco. We hope to see you all there!

ENROLMENTS

We welcome new enrolments at Pine Hill School. We are not zoned, which means we are able to take enrolments from all areas. If you know of or have any tamariki 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, especially as the 2024 school year is coming to a swift end! Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

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REMINDERS

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 20th September	<i>Harold and the Life Education Bus visit</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>
14th-25th October	<i>School swimming lessons for all tamariki at Dunedin North Intermediate Pool</i>
Tuesday 15th October	<i>Disco organisation meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Tuesday 22nd October	<i>Athletics Day with the Portline schools at The Caledonian</i>
Monday 4th November	<i>Teacher Only day, school CLOSED to tamariki</i>
Friday 6th December	<i>Year 6 Big Day Out - to celebrate their time at Pine Hill School ending</i>
Thursday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly, 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>

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