



PINE HILL SCHOOL

'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 15 - Wednesday 20th September 2023



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

The term seems to have flown by! School holidays begin this Friday for two weeks. Tamariki have had a busy term and we hope they manage to have a nice, restful break before the final school term of 2023.

Thank you to those that took the time to fill out the recent health consultation survey that was sent out. Your feedback will be taken on board when we plan our health programmes for the next two years.

We look forward to seeing lots of people at our Folk Dancing Celebration tomorrow, starting at 12pm in the hall. Tamariki have been working hard on learning their class dances and look forward to sharing these with you. Whānau are welcome to bring their own lunch and stay and have this with their tamariki at the conclusion of the event, around 12.30pm.

A reminder that nominations for Board of Trustees Midterm Elections close on **Wednesday 11th October**. All information regarding Midterm Elections was sent home last week.

Christmas Bumper Raffle fundraiser tickets and information have been sent home. Thank you to our whānau for your support with this. All monies raised will be put back into our school for our tamariki.

School begins for term four on Monday 9th October. We will see tamariki at school from 8.30am.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility*

School Notices

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLD TAMARIKI

We have Transition to School visits for all four year old tamariki each term at Pine Hill School. The purpose of these visits is to allow tamariki to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life. The sessions are held over two different dates in term four and the dates are: **Wednesday 25th October** and **Wednesday 15th November**. Tamariki 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. Tamariki are invited to stay for lunch until 1pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After school care is available at Pine Hill School through Te Kaha Kids. Tamariki can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Please go to www.tekahakids.com to register.

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 them! This event can only go ahead if parents/whānau members step up and help organise it. The date we are aiming to have this event is **Friday 27th October 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 10th October (first Tuesday of term four) at 3.15pm** in the staffroom to get things organised! We will need help with setting up the disco on the Friday during the day and supervision at it. We hope to see you all at the meeting!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is taking place from **30th of October-10th November**. A Book Fair is when there are books set up at school and you are able to purchase them. You are able to view books for purchase from 8.30-9am and from 3-3.30pm on weekdays during these dates in our spare classroom beside the office. **Cash only** can be accepted if you are wishing to purchase books. Books make great Christmas presents and proceeds from all purchases are put back into our school so we can buy books for our library. On **Friday 10th November** there is an optional Book Character Dress Up Day. Tamariki are welcome to come dressed as a book character of choice. We will need volunteers to set the Book Fair up the week before this starts and we will also need help to man the Book Fair from 3-3.30pm. We will be asking for helpers early next term. We appreciate your support with our Book Fair and we hope to see you all there!

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

It has been very busy in the last few weeks in the JLT. We are so proud of our tamariki for their great effort at cross country! They all did amazing! We have been learning about fire safety and practicing what to do in case of a fire. We were excited to have Matt (firefighter) visit us this week to teach us more about fire safety. In the JLT we were so lucky to have Harold the Giraffe visit. For some of us, it was our first time experiencing this and we loved it! We were able to learn more about 'Healthy Living'. Our tamariki have been working really hard this term in all learning areas so we wish everybody nothing but a well deserved holiday!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

Term 3 has been wonderful and busy for the Senior Learning Team. The tamariki thrived and pushed themselves endlessly throughout our cross country training and it certainly paid off on the day. Lots of us managed to get around the whole of New Zealand on our maps too! Last week we got to visit our friend Harold inside the Life Education Bus. We learned more about healthy eating and fueling our bodies with nutritious food, water and sleep. We have been loving our new maths tasks and working with Miss Harper from the Kāhui Ako who has been teaching us some engaging ideas and new games. In our afternoons we have been practicing our folk dances and can't wait to share these with you all on Thursday. Have a nice holiday!

REMINDERS

Thursday 21st September	<i>Folk Dance Celebration and optional whānau picnic - 12pm</i>
Friday 22nd September	<i>Term three holidays begin at 3pm</i>
Monday 9th October	<i>Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Tuesday 10th October	<i>Disco organisation meeting at school - 3.15pm</i>
Wednesday 11th October	<i>Nominations for Board of Trustees Midterm Elections close at 12 noon</i>
30th October-10th November	<i>Scholastic Book Fair at school</i>
Friday 27th October	<i>Halloween Disco at school: 6-7.30pm (to be confirmed)</i>
Friday 17th November	<i>Teacher Only Day</i>
Tuesday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly at 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>
Tuesday 30th January 2024	<i>First day of school for 2024, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>