







# Newsletter 15 - Wednesday 26th October 2022

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

Hopefully everyone had a nice break over the term three holidays. The year seems to have flown by and the summer holiday break will be here before we know it! We have a lot to pack in before the end of the year.

CARING Respect

Last Thursday and Friday, the Senior Learning Team had their overnight camp at Otago Museum. This was a fabulous experience that the students enjoyed. On Thursday they had lots of awesome activities at the Museum while they stayed overnight and on Friday, they had a swim at Moana Pool followed by a fish n' chip lunch at Woodhaugh Gardens. Thank you to Mrs Alvarez Farias for all her organisation with camp, Kirstyn Stanaway who stayed overnight with the group and Nikola Ballard, Jasmine Ackroyd and Bruce Stanaway who provided transport on Friday. Camps at Pine Hill School will now happen on a three yearly cycle in the Senior Learning Team and will always be an overnight camp at Otago Museum. This means the next school camp will be in 2025. Every child will get the opportunity to experience an overnight camp once, during their time at Pine Hill School.

Staffing and classroom makeups for 2023 have been confirmed. Mrs Hazel Astley is currently on maternity leave and will not be returning to Pine Hill School. She has resigned from her teaching position to focus on being a mum. Thank you Hazel for your contribution to our school during your time here. In 2023, Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias will be teaching the year 0-3 students in the Junior Learning Team and Miss Renee Hodges will be teaching the year 4-6 students in the Senior Learning Team. Renee is away on leave in term one and we are currently recruiting for a teacher to take the Senior Learning Team while she is away. I will inform our community when an appointment for this term one position is made.

We are excited to welcome back school Assemblies starting this week. They will be held on **Friday 28th October, Friday 11th November** and **Friday 25th November**. They will be at 2.30pm and are usually in the school hall. This week's Assembly will be in the Senior Learning Team due to the disco being set up in the hall in the afternoon. Our Final Assembly where we farewell our year 6 students will be held on **Wednesday 14th December** at 11am.

Ngā mihi nui Melissa Ward

# School Notices

#### PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Pine Hill School Board meetings are on **Monday 7th November** and **Wednesday 7th December** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along.

Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any of our meetings.



#### SCHOOL DISCO

The school disco is on this **Friday 28th October** from 6-7.30pm in the school hall. Students are to be dropped off at 6pm and picked up at 7.30pm. Thanks to Bruce, Jane, Chanel, Jasmine, Jason and Ammie W who are helping with the set up and/or supervision of the disco. A reminder, no parents other than the organised helpers on the night, are to attend the disco.

### **TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS**

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 two different dates this term on **Wednesday 9th November** and **Wednesday 16th 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 class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Renee Hodges.

#### HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school. 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. **Please check your child/ren's hair regularly.** If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment. <u>ALL</u> long hair <u>MUST</u> be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

## **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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Teacher	Teacher
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#### REMINDERS

Friday 28th October Friday 28th October	<i>Year 6 Cycle Skills @ school with BikeSchool instructors</i> Assembly, 2.30pm in the Senior Learning Team
Friday 11th November	Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall
Monday 14th November	Teacher Only Day - school <b>CLOSED</b> to students
Friday 25th November	Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall
Friday 2nd December	Beach Education Day, St Kilda Beach for the whole school
Wednesday 14th December	Final Assembly, 11am in the school hall
Thursday 15th December	Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm
Monday 30th January	School starts for 2023