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Newsletter 15 - Wednesday 28th October 2020

Kia Ora, Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam

I hope you all managed to enjoy some of the sunshine we were lucky to have over the long weekend!

Well done to Kaea Moeke from the Junior Learning Team and Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. The focus for these awards over the last two weeks had been around our school value of responsibility. Kaea and Aaliyah reflect this value well and are very deserving recipients of these awards. Congratulations and keep up the fabulous work.



Last week we were very fortunate to have 11 volunteers from ASB come up and help me with a working bee at school. ASB comes up once a year to help out as part of us being a KidsCan School. A huge amount was achieved with their help on Thursday and I am extremely thankful to Kirsty Lucas and her team of volunteers from ASB. The amount of work we covered off in three hours would take our small staff about a week to do!

It is really great to see our students taking part in lots of sports coaching at school lately. In terms two and three we had the Otago Institute of Sports students teaching our students physical education lessons on Mondays which is something we are very lucky to be involved in each year. This term we have started with a cricket coaching session and we are now involved in three coaching visits on Friday from Squash in Schools. We also have a couple of hockey coaching visits later in the term from Otago Hockey. Exposing our students to a variety of sports is great and having the opportunity to have coaches come in and work with our students is amazing. It is also fabulous to have our Pine Hill Tigers Futsal Team playing on Tuesdays in the term four competition at the Edgar Centre. Good luck to this team for the season and also to Clichē Boyd-Tione who is playing touch and tee ball for Opoho School and Creation Boyd-Tione who is playing touch for Opoho School this term. It really is great to see Pine Hill School students getting involved in sports and we hope to continue to increase our participation in sport moving into 2021.

This Thursday our year six students head to Dunedin North Intermediate for their transition visit and they are all looking forward to it. It is hard to believe that these students only have 7.5 weeks left at Pine Hill School. Term four is flying by!



Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had an amazing first two weeks back at school and it feels fantastic to be back in our classroom for the final term of 2020. Over the past two weeks we have been settling back into our classroom routines and programmes. For writing we have been learning all about procedural and 'how to' writing. We have had a lot of hands on experience with this and have learnt how to make toast, hot chocolates, and different crafts. We have then written this up and published some of our own procedures. Last week at Assembly we performed our Sign Language song 'Paradise' and the JLT students impressed the rest of the school with their clear signing and beautiful singing! Don't forget to check this performance out on our class Seesaw. In the afternoons, we have been doing some musical investigations and have been focusing on relationships for our health topic.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The first two weeks back at school have been very busy for the Senior Learning Team! It is great to see all the seniors getting stuck into our new learning for term four! Last week we studied native New Zealand birds for our art topic which we presented at Assembly on Friday. The SLT did a fantastic job of their artwork which will be displayed in our classroom for the remainder of the term. During writing time we have been exploring argument writing. The SLT have had a chance to write arguments on a range of topics. It has been great to see so many students sharing their opinions in their writing. In the afternoons we have been learning about friendships. Last week we learnt about conflict resolution and what to do/say when you find yourself in those types of situations. We have also been very lucky to have squash in schools running for three weeks on a Friday with Angela from Squash Otago. We have three sessions and had our first session last week. It has been lots of fun learning about a new sport, and we look forward to the remaining sessions with Angela.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

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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 28th October, Wednesday 11th November and Wednesday 25th 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 Amy or Renee at school via email, text or phone.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to go on the school newsletter email tree, please contact



Nikola at the school office.



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Mid term school trustee elections are happening this term for our Board of Trustees. The role of our parent trustees on the board is to provide direction and governance to our school while maintaining a positive and supportive learning environment to all students, their families and our staff. It is a rewarding role and there are plenty of resources available to ensure the best outcomes are achieved. If you are considering standing for the board and would like more information, please feel free to talk to current members about the role of a board member. Our current members are: Kirstyn Stanaway (chairperson), Melissa Ward, Monique Pompey, Michael Prasad, Hinewai Broughton, Renee Hodges and Janine Little. We have two seats to fill in these mid term elections. Nominations for these seats close on **Friday 6th November 2020** and if an election is required, this will be held on **Wednesday 9th December**. Keep an eye out for more election emails coming from Nikola Ballard, Returning Officer.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

On **Wednesday 25th November at 3.15pm** at school we will be having the Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Annual General Meeting. This will be followed by a normal FOTS meeting. We are needing people to step up onto the Executive Committee at the AGM in the roles of: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

We are looking forward to the Halloween Disco on Friday night! Set up is from 12.30pm on Friday at school. We will also need people to help clean up after the disco finishes at 7.30pm. If you can help with either of these, that would be much appreciated. The disco is for all students of Pine Hill School. Children are to pay their \$5 entry fee on the night.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

All school photo orders for 2020 are due back to school by Thursday 29th October.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have recently cashed in their reward tickets in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:

Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Sterling Rubin: level one - 10mins free time with a friend	Aya Alibrahem: level one - class game
Braxton Arthur-Jones: level one - 10mins free time with a friend	Harlow Madizyn: level two - prize box
Olivia Prasad: level two - 20mins free time with a friend	Dylan Sudol: level two - prize box
Mohammad Zarzar: level two - 20mins free time with a friend	Sol Somnium: level two - 20mins free time with a friend
Blaide Mason: level two - 20mins free time with a friend	Fadia Matar: level four - pizza party with two friends
Ossian Gordon: level two - 20mins free time with a friend	Bella Stefani: level four - pizza party with two friends
Asma Abdi: level two - 20mins free time with a friend	Rowan Burgess: level four - pizza party with two friends
Max Gale-Hargreaves: level two - prize box	Jasper Lo Tam: level four - pizza party with two friends
Farah Alibrahem: level two - prize box	Yazan Al Hassan: level four - hot chip party with two friends
Kahli Little: level two - 20mins free time with a friend	Aya Alibrahem: level four - Moana Pool double pass

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Stella MacGillivray	Aya Alibrahem

Classroom Certificates	Kahli Little	Sol Somnium
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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

REMINDERS

Wednesday 28th October	Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Thursday 29th October	Year 6 Transition Visit - Dunedin North Intermediate
Friday 30th October	Squash in Schools coaching
Friday 30th October	Halloween Disco: 6-7.30pm in the school hall
Friday 6th November	Squash in Schools coaching
Friday 6th November	Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall
Monday 9th November	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.15pm on the Zoom platform
Wednesday 11th November	Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Wednesday 11th November	Small Sticks Hockey Coaching
Friday 13th November	Small Sticks Hockey Coaching
Wednesday 18th November	Senior Learning Team Camp Activity day
Wednesday 18th November	Strategic Planning Workshop - school community: 5.45pm at school
Thursday 19th November	Senior Learning Team Camp Activity afternoon
Friday 20th November	Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall
Wednesday 25th November	Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Wednesday 25th November	Friends of the School AGM and normal meeting, 3.15pm at school
Friday 27th November	Orange Day - for all road patrollers in the Senior Learning Team
Monday 7th December	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school
Tuesday 8th December	Life Education Bus visit
1st-11th December	Year 6 Flying (weather dependant)
Monday 14th December	Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Filadelfios 5.30pm
Tuesday 15th December	Final Assembly 11am and picnic lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Last day of school for 2020 - school finishing at 12.30pm
Wednesday 3rd February	School commences for 2021 for Pine Hill School students at 9am



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