



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'A Community of Learners'



Newsletter 14 - Wednesday 15th September 2021



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

It has been a busy few weeks back at school after lockdown and it is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of term three. Where is 2021 going?!

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the school cross country on Tuesday. We had a fabulous day for it and the students put lots of effort into their training each day at school. Thank you to Mrs Astley for all her organisation of the event and whānau for following our level 2 protocols to allow this event to happen safely.

Thank you to all those that have enrolled in before and after school care, beginning at the start of term four. We look forward to getting this service up and running for the communities of Liberton Christian School and Pine Hill School.

I hope you all have a nice break over the holiday period. We look forward to seeing everyone back, ready to go for the last 9.5 weeks of the school year, when term four starts on Monday 18th October.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

School Notices

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care will soon be on offer at Pine Hill School, to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. It is fantastic to be able to offer this service to whānau. Mana Before and After School Care will be the outside providers running this programme and it will be known as 'Pine Hill Mana'. I have heard very positive things about their programmes and we are excited to get this up and running, most likely in term four.

Whānau are able to enrol their children now by going to www.manaafterschoolcare.com and clicking on the 'Click To Enrol' tab. Enrolling for specific days/times for term four will be added to the site soon, so please keep an eye on it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com or myself.

FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any enrolments, please contact school and let us know. Having this information is really important for planning for the future.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had a busy end to Term 3 and are focused on getting lots of learning finished off! We have started to investigate oral health and have done some amazing persuasive writing based on the importance of looking after our teeth. Students have created their own opinion piece and are busy publishing it for our final step of our writing process. We have also learnt about the season of spring and have done some spring inspired art. Students gathered lots of flowers, leaves and sticks from outside and incorporated them into their picture. Make sure you check out Seesaw to see our finished art and all of the amazing writing we have been doing! We hope you all have a fantastic and safe holiday and are looking forward to starting Term 4.

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

What a crazy term it has been! It is hard to believe we are at the end of term three already. The Middle Learning Team have had a busy few weeks getting lots of our learning finished off. We have been doing some fantastic problem solving during maths time and are all becoming more confident with using our addition and subtraction strategies. During our afternoons we have been working on our topic work with a focus on healthy living. We have been investigating topics that really interest us and have been using lots of different tools to present our findings such as Pic Collages, Google Slides, Chatterpix and posters. We will share our work with our whanau on Seesaw when it is completed. We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing everyone again for a busy term four.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

Well here we are at the end of term three. Over the last couple of weeks, the Senior Learning Team students have got right back into the swing of things. We have been really busy working on their passion projects. Sewing, baking, wood carving, hut making and learning a new language are some of the passion projects that will be presented to the class next week. We have also been busy working on speech writing and will present these in class next week. The theme for these speeches is a person who inspires us. In math, we have been working on our problem solving skills using addition and subtraction strategies. We hope you have a well deserved, relaxing break and look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of term 4.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

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 3rd November (week 3)**, **Wednesday 10th November (week 4)** and **Wednesday 24th November (week 6)**.

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 Riley at school via email, text or phone.

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RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY
AIMING HIGH

PINE HILL SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

This week the student council drew and presented the prizes for the Winter Walk n Wheel week. We have enjoyed encouraging students to walk or wheel to school. Congratulations to our prize winners and a big thank you to Sport Otago for providing us with some awesome prizes.

Kahli, Zav, Jensen, Luke, Fadia, Bella - School Council Members

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY - PRESIDING MEMBER

Kia ora koutou. Our last Board meeting was held on Monday 20th September on Zoom. Recently we have filled a current board of trustees seat, via selection. Welcome to this new member, Dan Tan. We look forward to your contribution on the board.

Over the course of this meeting we discussed our new Pine Hill School flier, as a way to try and boost student numbers and we have completed a letter box drop for this around the Pine Hill community. We decided on Saturday 20th November to have an Open Day for the school for prospective parents and whānau. We are always looking for prospective children and whānau for the school, so please remember to let others know about our great school and that they are always welcome to drop in or visit the web page or facebook page. Over level 4 lockdown Melissa and the staff did an amazing job with teaching activities and holding Zoom calls for the children and checking in, thank you all so much for your efforts. Part of our job of the Pine Hill Board is to meet together with Melissa and Renee (the staff representative) and see how we can best support them to provide a great education and learning outcomes for children. We get regular feedback in meetings around children's learning and get to hear how well the school is running. Our meetings are public, (depending on alert levels) so please feel free to contact either Melissa or myself if you are interested in attending. Our next board meeting is **Monday 8th November**, 6pm at school. Nga mihi - Kirstyn.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are Pine Hill School Board meetings on **Monday 8th November** and **Monday 6th 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 (Board Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending these meetings.

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 (JLT)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT) 
<p>Autumn: L1 - 10min class game James M: L1 - 10min class game Max: L1 - 10min class game Marcel: L1 - 10min class game Mia: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Kahli: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ella: L2 - prize box Farah: L2 - prize box Priya: L2 - prize box Charleen: L2 - prize box Kāhu: L2 - prize box Dante: L2 - prize box James L: L2 - 20min free time with a friend</p>	<p>Shahed: L1 - 10min class game Mohammad: L1 - 10min class game Nagham: L1 - 10min class game Stella: L1 - 10min class game Ruby: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mazyad: L4 - class movie and popcorn</p>	<p>Aya: L1 - 10min class game Ryley: L4 - class movie and popcorn Fadia: L4 - class movie and popcorn Saja: L4 - class PJ and hot chocolate party Tyler: L4 - pizza party with two friends</p>

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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REMINDERS

Friday 1st October	<i>School holidays begin, 3pm</i>
Monday 18th October	<i>Term four begins, 8.30am</i>
Thursday 11th November	<i>School photos, 9am</i>
11th-12th November	<i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM</i>
Saturday 20th November	<i>School Open Day: 11am-2pm (more information to come)</i>
Monday 22nd November	<i>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</i>
Thursday 16th December	<i>Last day of school for 2021, school closes at 12.30pm</i>


Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School for your child?



AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Three fantastic classrooms operating
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- Sporting and cultural groups
- Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes
- Before and after school care
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment

Get in touch!

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