



Newsletter 15 - Wednesday 16th October 2019



Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

Welcome back to the last term of 2019. It is hard to believe how fast the year is going. We hope everyone managed to spend some time with their children over the holiday period, and got some time to relax. It is great to have Miss Hodges back at school. By all accounts Mike and herself had a fabulous trip overseas.

Over the last couple of weeks of term three, we welcomed three new students into Pine Hill School. Jensen Pesa (year 2) has joined the Junior Learning Team and Andrew Pesa (year 5) has joined the Senior Learning Team. Bayden Dixon (year 5) has also joined the Senior Learning Team. We are thrilled to have these three new students and their families at Pine Hill School and we know they will enjoy their time with us. This brings our current roll to 44 students.

Well done to Braxton Arthur-Jones from the Junior Learning Team and Dustin Still from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at the last term three Assembly. The focus had been around the key competency of participating and contributing and it was fabulous to be able to give these awards to these two students who reflect this key competency really well. We also gave out our two end of term awards at this Assembly. Congratulations to Ossian Gordon from the Junior Learning Team for receiving the Alex Barton Enterprise Award and Bella Stefani for receiving the Fairplay Award.

All these students should be extremely proud of their efforts and we know they will all continue to strive to be the best they can.

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to fill in the Parent Community Consultation that is due by Friday 25th October. There has been some excellent feedback coming through and the Board of Trustees will be using information from the consultations to help with strategic planning in November. Contact me at school if you require another copy to fill in.

At the present point in time, the Senior Learning Team are at Camp Columba down in Pukerau, near Gore, for the week. Thank you very much to Miss Share for all her organising of camp and to Judy Ward, Deborah Share, Saira Lal-Burgess, Anna Craw, Nirmala Ritchie and Katie Baumler for coming to camp as assistants. Without the help of these fabulous volunteers, camp would not be possible. The students are really excited about camp and we look forward to giving you a run-down of camp in the next newsletter!

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

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TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM FOUR

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 30th October, Wednesday 13th November and Wednesday 27th 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 Renee at school.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On Monday 11th November there will be a Teacher Only Day at school. Students are not to attend school this day.

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any children that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. We have a number of students enrolled already for 2020 which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

CLOTHING

Please ensure all your child's clothing items are named. This makes it easier for us to get clothing back to its owner when it is found. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the Salvation Army at the end of each term. Please check the lost and found cupboard at the school office if you are missing clothing items.



ABSENCES

Please ring/text the school office and inform us if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for their absence when you get in touch to advise us. It is policy for us to know where students are when they are not at school.

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a Warriors jacket. Some of the other things we have available include: shoes for students to keep if they need them, food for morning tea/lunches and head lice treatment. Please contact Essie or Nikola for more information.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Jenna Stanaway	Pax Talbot
Classroom Certificates	Jett Wilson	Ryley Prasad

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
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

\$150 DONATION SCHEME CONSULTATION

Pine Hill School has opted into the \$150 Donation Scheme for 2020 as the community consultation came back extremely positive around this. More information about this will be passed on when it comes to light.

PINE HILL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

In term four classes will be busy preparing for The Pine Hill School Christmas Variety Show that will be presented on Tuesday 17th December at 11am. This show will encompass students presenting a small Christmas item in groups. Our Final Assembly, where end of year awards are presented, will be held after the show and the day will conclude with a family picnic at 12.30pm for lunch. This will be the last official day for 2019 however students are welcome to come to school on Wednesday 18th December to help clean up and school will close at 12.30pm this day. Please mark these dates in your calendars.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE – KIRSTYN STANAWAY

Kia ora koutou. Our latest board meeting was the 16th September 2019. In this meeting we talked about the Principals Report, where we could see the school roll is increasing, which is great. We discussed the positive initiatives that the school is consulting on, such as the \$150 donation scheme from the Government (just to clarify, it doesn’t cost families any money, this is money given to the school from the Government to cover activity costs, with some exclusions, such as camps). We are looking forward to the Government funded Lunches in Schools starting in term 2 2020, going through until the end of 2021. We feel that these initiatives are a real draw card for our school and will possibly result in more enrolments. We have had notification in the previous few newsletters, for a casual vacancy on the board that the board has resolved to be filled by selection, unless a by selection was requested by more than 10% of our eligible voting roll, which has now closed. We will let you know what’s happening regarding this in the very near future.

The board on behalf of the school community provided a morning tea for the staff before the end of term, to say thank you for the work they are doing at school. Pine Hill School is a great place to be. Thanks, Kirstyn.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

There are Board of Trustees meetings on Monday 4th of November and Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm in the Junior Learning Team at school. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

SUNHATS

Students are now expected to wear their sunhats, which is usual practice in terms one and four. If your child does not have a sunhat, please see Nikola in the office.

REMINDERS

Tues 15th-Fri 18th October
Tuesday 22nd October
Friday 25th October
Monday 28th October
Wednesday 30th October
Monday 4th November
Thursday 7th November
Friday 8th November
Monday 11th November
Wednesday 13th November
Wednesday 13th November
Thursday 21st November
Friday 22nd November
Wednesday 27th November
Tuesday 3rd December
Friday 6th December
9th-13th December
Wednesday 11th December
Friday 13th December
Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December
Wednesday 18th December
Tuesday 4th February 2020

Senior Learning Team - Camp Columba at Pukerau
Friends of the School Meeting, 3.15pm at school
Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall
*Labour Day, school **CLOSED***
Transition to School visit for all four year olds
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school
Life Education Bus
Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall
*Teacher Only Day, school **CLOSED** to students*
Transition to School visit for all four year olds
Hooked on Cricket Day, Edgar Centre: Senior Team
Technology Session for whanau at school: afternoon
Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall
Transition to School visit for all four year olds
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school
Last Friday Assembly for 2019, 2.30pm in the School Hall
Year Six flying week (the day is weather dependent)
School Helpers Thank You Morning Tea, 10.30am
Trip to Moana Pool and picnic lunch @ Botanic Gardens
Year Six Leavers Dinner - Filadelfios
Christmas Variety Show and Final Assembly
School closes at 12.30pm for 2019
School commences for Pine Hill School students at 9am

At Pine Hill School we have:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Two fantastic classrooms operating
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- Interesting, engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment


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