



Newsletter 15 - Wednesday 25th September 2024



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

It is hard to believe that school holidays are upon us at the end of this week! Where does time go?! We have packed a huge amount into this term and kaimahi (staff) and tamariki are very deserving of a well earned upcoming two week break!

Our Polyfest performance at Edgar Centre two weeks ago, by our Kapa Haka Group, was absolutely amazing! Tamariki performed with enthusiasm and pride and were wonderful representatives of Pine Hill School. It was a memorable event that highlighted the hard work and dedication of our tamariki, Mr Lane and Miss McGoff. I am always a proud principal, however I was extra proud after our performance! Thank you to Hope and Nikita Rewha for helping with applying tattoos on the morning of the event. Thank you also to everyone who came along to support us on the day and all those that sent in wonderful messages acknowledging how fabulous our performance was. It was a great opportunity to showcase our amazing new Kapa Haka uniforms that we are very proud of.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ross, Shona, and Lawrence Clarke for their very generous donation of our new school sports tops, in our new school colours of teal and royal blue. Their support means so much to us. Thank you Ross, Lawrence and Shona for your kindness and commitment to our school community. Ross attended Pine Hill School from 1976-1982 and his father, Lawrence, was Chairperson of the School Board for eight years from 1975-1982. A message from Ross: *"we feel very honoured to be able to contribute to Pine Hill School which was a great school for our family, and what still is a great school today being well led by Melissa and her team with a growing roll. It was a pleasure to have a tour of the school a few months back which brought back many fond memories."*

We are excited to wear our new sports tops at athletic sports day at The Caledonian on Tuesday 22nd October. You will also see our new sports tops at after school futsal and touch competitions next term!

We are thrilled to announce that our school will be expanding to include a third classroom in 2025. Currently we have a Junior Learning Team and a Senior Learning Team and next year we will be adding a Middle Learning Team. This exciting development reflects the growth of our roll and it is wonderful to see our school community thriving. Classroom make ups and kaiako (teachers) for classes, will be announced in term four.

Welcome to Nalita Tei who is a training teacher having an eight week placement in the Senior Learning Team with Mr Lane. It is great to have Nalita at Pine Hill School and we hope she enjoys her time with us.

I hope all of our tamariki enjoy the upcoming two week holiday break. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our kura (school) this term; it truly makes a difference in the learning and growth of our tamariki. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final term of the 2025 school year.

*Kā mihi,
Melissa Ward - Tumuaiki/Principal*

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE - MISS McGOFF & MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS

We can't believe it is the end of Term Three! Welcome to Atom and his whānau. We are loving having you in the Junior Learning Team. We've been wrapping up our exciting learning about the Olympics and healthy living, and the tamariki have created some amazing art pieces that will be displayed in our classroom. We had a very special visit from Harold the Giraffe and Racheal (from the Life Education Bus) last week, where we continued to learn more about what a healthy diet looks like and how food processes within our bodies. In maths, we've been diving into geometry and shapes, and tamariki have been absolutely loving it! The past few weeks have been busy with Polyfest and it has been wonderful discussing the experience and we have completed a piece of writing around this. Tamariki are now working hard on choreographing their dance for our Dance Presentation on Friday, and they're very excited to show you their moves! This week we are kicking off our athletics training to prepare us for the Portline Athletics Sports in week 2 of next term. We hope you have a wonderful holiday and can't wait to see you all back in Term Four!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE: MR LANE

What a term it has been! Outside our usual programme there have been numerous opportunities for our tamariki to try something different. Hockey coaching, Rippa Rugby, Cross Country, Polyfest, a Duffy Books in Homes Assembly, and we've still got dances to perform while starting our athletics training this week! We have been working incredibly hard on our spelling since term two, and the results are starting to show during literacy. In reading, we are focusing on asking questions about what we have read and trying to better understand what we are reading. In writing, we have been doing a lot of practice on our proofing and editing. For maths, we have been doing a lot of problem solving while using addition, subtraction, multiplicative thinking and fractions. We also welcomed our student teacher Ms Tei to the SLT for eight weeks. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone and practising her teaching. We hope all the SLT whānau have an enjoyable and restful time together over the holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in Term Four!

SCHOOL SWIMMING/ATHLETIC SPORTS - TERM FOUR

The whole school will be participating in daily swimming lessons from 11-12.30pm, from **Monday 14th October to Friday 25th October** (weeks 1 and 2 of term four) at the Dunedin North Intermediate Pool. Jill Clarke Swim School instructors will be taking tamariki for 30 minute group sessions. On **Tuesday 22nd October** we will not be swimming due to going to the Portline School's Athletic Sports Day at The Caledonian. Please ensure tamariki come with the swimming togs, goggles (if they have them), and a towel each day. More info about Athletics Day at The Caledonian to come.

REMINDERS

Friday 27th September	<i>Class Dance Presentation, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 27th September	<i>Term three school holidays being at 3pm</i>
Monday 14th October	<i>Term four begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
14th-25th October	<i>School swimming lessons for all tamariki at Dunedin North Intermediate Pool</i>
Tuesday 15th October	<i>Halloween Disco organisation meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Tuesday 22nd October	<i>Athletics Day with the Portline schools at The Caledonian</i>
Monday 4th November	<i>Teacher Only day, school CLOSED to tamariki</i>
Wednesday 13th November	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds in the area 1040am-1.15pm</i>
Wednesday 20th November	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds in the area 1040am-1.15pm</i>
Friday 6th December	<i>Year 6 Big Day Out - to celebrate their time at Pine Hill School ending</i>
Thursday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly, 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>