



Newsletter 16 - Wednesday 9th November 2022



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

It has been a welcome sight to see the sun this week. Hopefully it decides to stick around as we are really enjoying the warmer weather here at school.

Welcome to Mahi and Zain Chaudhary, and their whānau to our school. Mahi and Zain are 5 year old twins and have joined the Junior Learning Team. We hope Mahi, Zain and their whānau enjoy their time with us at Pine Hill School.

Our school Halloween disco a few weeks ago was a huge success. Thank you to Bruce Stanaway, Ammie Watt, Jane Tan, Chanel Lee, Jason Waho, Jasmine Ackroyd for helping with setting up/and or supervising the disco on the night. It was fabulous to have this event back up and running for our students who all had a great time. Thank you also to our school community for supporting this event, enabling their children to attend.

Ōtepoti Ki Te Raki Kahui Ako that we are part of with north end schools and early childhood centres and Logan Park High School, has had a new lead principal appointed. Vicki Nicolson who is principal of Port Chalmers School takes over this role from John McKenzie at North East Valley School who is retiring this year. We look forward to continuing on our journey as part of the Kāhui Ako, working with Vicki at the helm.

I am excited to announce that After School Care will be back up and running from Monday 30th January 2023. It is great to have this service available again through Mana, our outside provider for this, after having to stop at the conclusion of term one this year due to lack of interest. Thank you to those families who have indicated they will be using this service, which enabled us to confirm a start date in term one 2023. If you would like to enrol your child in this, please see the information further on in the newsletter about how to do this.

We are having a number of children arriving late to school. Children need to be at school by 9am each day, or anytime after 8.30am. Being here 10-15 minutes early allows children to get unpacked and organised for the day and also gives them time to play with their friends and interact with their teacher. Lateness to school can make children anxious and upset. Please ensure your children are arriving at school on time each day. Continual lateness will be followed up with parents and if it carries on, families will be referred to Otago Youth Wellness who deal with school attendance issues. Please let me know if you have any worries or concerns about lateness for your children and I will do my very best to help with a solution for your family.

Beach Education Day information has gone home. This is on **Friday 2nd December** at St Kilda Beach for all students. We need seven adult helpers who are required to get in the water in the afternoon session, on this day. If you can help with this, please send the notice back or fill out the google form that has been sent by **Wednesday 23rd November** (however you get school information), so we can plan accordingly. No preschoolers can attend this trip.

A reminder there is a teacher only day this coming **Monday, 14th November**. Staff will be on site working, and no children are to attend school this day.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had a wonderful start back to Term 4. We have welcomed two new students into the Junior Learning Team and they are twins - Welcome Mahi and Zain! The JLT are enjoying working with our new students to help them learn all about school and how our classroom rules and programmes work.

Over the last few weeks we have had a real focus on fractions during maths time. We have been learning about dividing and sharing equally into halves and quarters. Our favourite lesson so far was when we got to make some delicious jam toast and had to show Miss Hodges how we could cut our toast into halves in a variety of different ways. This week we are going to be sharing something yummy, equally into halves and quarters with a buddy - I wonder what we will get to eat this time?!

During our afternoons we have been trying out a new programme called Discovery Time and it is becoming our favourite part of our day. We get to discover and explore a range of exciting activities to help with our learning, social skills and motor skills, just to name a few. So far we have had a few problems that we have needed to have some class discussions about. We have been reflecting together and brainstorming strategies to help us when things aren't going quite right. We are learning how to share, take turns and respect each other and can't wait for our new discoveries over the next few weeks!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

What a busy start to the fourth term with our Camp! The senior students could not be more excited about their Overnight stay at the Museum! We did lots of preparation and discussion about our feelings which really helped our students to be ready for camp. Students were able to explore all sorts of exciting programmes while at the Museum, such as learning about different animals, spending time in the Planetarium and learning about how to keep our Ecosystem healthy. We explored the Tūhura Science Centre filled with interactive games and it was so much fun! We could not be more grateful for the parents and the people who helped to make our camp work, thanks again!

During Maths we have been learning about capacity and mass where we liked converting different units on our Seesaw tasks! In writing, we have started learning the process of writing an argument, where each student has been learning to research and look for evidence to support their own opinion. They have been doing great! The Senior Learning Team is going to have a full on rest of the term with preparing and sharing different items for Assemblies, Kapa Haka, Beach Education, after school futsal competition, the Visual Arts Extravaganza, Year 6 Big Day Out, preparing for the final Assembly where we celebrate achievement and farewell our year 6 students and working on the programme 'Healthy Habits' where we have fun physical activity and learning to keep ourselves healthy. We look forward to continuing to work hard while enjoying our learning!

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 in term four due to it being shorter, and the remaining date for term four is: **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 at school.

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ASSEMBLIES - TERM 4

We are excited to resume School Assemblies this term. The remaining dates for these are: **Friday 11th November** and **Friday 25th November**. They are at 2.30pm in the school hall and everyone is welcome.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Pine Hill School Board has approved two Teacher Only Days for 2022. The date for the remaining Teacher Only Day is **Monday 14th November**. Staff will be working on site and school is closed to students this day.

VISUAL ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

This term we have a focus around visual arts. Children will be working in groups across the school to carry out some fabulous art activities using a range of art resources that teachers have planned. To celebrate this, we will be having a Visual Arts Extravaganza on **Thursday 8th December**. There will be the opportunity to come along at 12.30pm for a family picnic lunch with your children, and the Arts Extravaganza will be on from 1.30-2pm.

END OF YEAR DATES

Confirmed dates for end of year events are as follows: Year 6 Big Day Out - **Wednesday 7th December**, Final Assembly - **Wednesday 14th December at 11am** and last day of term (optional attendance) - **Thursday 15th December, school finishes at 12.30pm**.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a Pine Hill School Board meeting on **Wednesday 7th December** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

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. If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care will be back up and running from Monday 30th January 2023 at Pine Hill School. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Mana are the outside providers running this programme and it is called 'Pine Hill Mana'. Children can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. We are excited to have after school care up and running. Whānau are able to enrol children now by going to www.manaafterschoolcare.com and clicking on the 'Click To Enrol' tab. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com or myself.

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) | Senior Learning Team (SLT) |
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| Eli: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend Mila: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend James L: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend Kaea: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend Marcel: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend Farah: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend | Mohammad: L1 - 10 min class game Nagham: L1 - 10 min class game Tyler: L1 - 10 min class game Grace: L2 - prize box Jensen: L2 - prize box Sham: L2 - prize box |

BOARD UPDATE - KIRSTYN STANAWAY: PRESIDING MEMBER

Kia ora koutou. Our last Board meeting was held on 7/11/2022 at school. It was awesome to be back again meeting in person! It certainly has been a year filled with ups and downs, so it was nice to see everyone and catch up. During this board meeting, we saw how well the school is going working towards its targets for the Annual Plan. We have seen the great work that has been done around the school within the five year property plan. New doors and windows are a welcome addition to the buildings, along with the new carpet and cabinetry from earlier in the year, and they look fantastic. The school exterior paint job around the outside of the main block is shaping up nicely and will be completed by the end of the summer holidays. It was fantastic to see the roll increase by a few new students, which is always positive. The school finances are looking really good, tracking in a great position towards the end of the year. It is exciting to have After School Care reinstated for the beginning of 2023. All in all it was a very positive meeting. Families at Pine Hill School are extremely lucky that they have a dedicated teaching team and support team at school. This ranges from Melissa to the teaching staff, and external help the school receives, along with other support behind the scenes. This has positive outcomes for children's teaching, learning and behaviours. This was very evident from tonight's meeting. It is so great to hear about all the wonderful stuff going on at our fabulous little school! If you know of any enrolments for the coming year, please get in touch with Melissa. *Nga mihi - Kirstyn Stanaway*

REMINDERS

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| Friday 11th November | <i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i> |
| Monday 14th November | <i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED to students</i> |
| Friday 25th November | <i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i> |
| Tuesday 29th November | <i>Bike Skills rescheduled date, year 6 students only</i> |
| Friday 2nd December | <i>Beach Education Day, St Kilda Beach for the whole school</i> |
| Wednesday 7th December | <i>Year 6 Big Day Out - celebrating leaving Pine Hill School for intermediate</i> |
| Wednesday 7th December | <i>End of year school reports sent home</i> |
| Thursday 8th December | <i>Visual Arts Extravaganza: 1.30-2pm @ school. 12.30pm family picnic optional</i> |
| Wednesday 14th December | <i>Final Assembly, 11am in the school hall</i> |
| Thursday 15th December | <i>Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm</i> |
| Monday 30th January | <i>School starts for 2023</i> |
| Monday 24th April 2023 | <i>Teacher Only Day</i> |