



# Newsletter 16 - Wednesday 11th November 2020



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

The term is disappearing before our eyes. This is the second last newsletter for 2020.

Congratulations to Ossian Gordon from the Junior Learning Team and Jasper Lo Tam from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. For the last two weeks, we had been focusing on the key competency of participating and contributing. We are very proud of Ossian and Jasper who are both very deserving recipients of these awards.



Recently the Board of Trustees have had two teaching positions advertised for 2021. At the weekend interviews were held for these positions and I am pleased to announce on behalf of the board that Amy Riley and Hazel Astley have been appointed to these positions. Amy has been team teaching with Renee Hodges this year and will be teaching year 1 and 2 (Junior Learning Team) in 2021. Hazel has recently moved back to Dunedin after teaching in Wellington for three years and she will be teaching our year 5 and 6 class (Senior Learning Team) in 2021. Renee Hodges will be teaching our year 3 and 4 class (Middle Learning Team) next year. We are really excited to have Amy and Hazel working with us next year. Charlie Parson, our current year 5 and 6 teacher, is moving back to Wellington in the holidays. Thank you Charlie for your contribution to Pine Hill School and we wish you all the best for your future.

Last year the Government gave most state schools in New Zealand money based on their 1st July roll numbers to spend on property projects by mid 2021, called the School Investment Package (SIP). Our school was allocated \$50 000 and the Board of Trustees chose to put this money towards re-fencing three boundaries of the school as this is in need. However the project came in at a significant amount over and above this allocated money from the School Investment Package (SIP) due to the sheer size of our school grounds. Both of our playgrounds are also in need of being re-barked and this was another significant cost. The Board of Trustees resolved to apply for a grant to the Otago Community Trust to fund the rest of the fencing project and the bark to re-bark both of our playgrounds. This was titled as a 'landscaping project' on the grant application. Two weeks ago I received a phone call from the Otago Community Trust to inform me that the landscaping grant application I put into them had been accepted and they would fully fund the other \$41 000 to allow us to re-fence three boundaries of our fence and fund both playgrounds to be re-barked. A huge thank you to the Otago Community Trust for their generosity. It is amazing that this project can happen thanks to their contribution as the extra funds needed were out of reach for our small school to fund ourselves. The clearlite on the front of the main block will be getting replaced in the near future and a new heat pump will be added to Room 1. Soon we have an office being refurbished for our Learning Support Coordinator. These three projects are funded by the Ministry of Education and we look forward to all of these projects getting underway.

Ngā mihi nui  
Melissa Ward

**CARING RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH**

# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had another busy few weeks at school. We finished off our procedural writing topic by writing our own recipe for gluten free cookies. We all worked together as a team to make our own cookies by carefully following our recipes and they were delicious. In the mornings we have been learning how to express our emotions and how to say the colours in Māori. Miss Hodges and Miss Riley cannot believe how quickly our students have picked up this new learning. In the afternoons we have continued to work on our music skills and Miss Hodges' group loved performing our song 'School is Number One' at Assembly on Friday. You can check this performance out on our classroom Seesaw. Don't forget to pop onto your child's Seesaw to see what they have been learning about at school!

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team has had an amazing past two weeks at school. Last week while Miss Parson was on release, Mrs M was teaching the class. The SLT have been investigating different myths and legends for their retell writing topic. For art, the SLT have designed a hot air balloon and are currently in the process of using paper mache to create their base shape which they will then paint. For Te Reo Māori the SLT have been learning how to ask and respond to how they are feeling and have been learning to say colours in Māori. The SLT enjoys using Kahoot to practise new vocabulary learnt from their Māori learning. During maths time the SLT have been learning about how to accurately read scales and record their measurements. Students have also enjoyed their squash coaching sessions. It was neat to try a new sport! Be sure to check out what your child is learning this term on Seesaw!

## 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 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday 7th of December at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Chairperson) if you are interested in attending this meeting.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE - KIRSTYN STANAWAY: BOARD CHAIR

Kia ora koutou, greetings all. Our latest Board of Trustees meeting was held on the 9th of November 2020. There was much to celebrate in this meeting especially around all of the upcoming property projects. We are very thankful to the Otago Community Trust for approving our landscaping grant. Welcome to Amy Riley and Hazel Astley who the board has appointed to teaching positions in 2021. Board of Trustees mid term elections were held recently and we welcome Hinewai Broughton to the board. This was the last Board of Trustees meeting for Monique Pompey. We thank Monique for her mahi over the last three years, being an active board member, taking on different important roles on the board. Coming up on the 18th of November the board is having a Strategic Planning Workshop at school beginning with kai for parents/caregivers and children at 5.45pm. There is childcare provided while the planning meeting is on for the parents. This workshop will be about reflecting on what is working well with the school and what the school community would like to see in the future. We would love everyone to come. Our last meeting for 2020 is coming up on the 7th December. *Thanks, Kirstyn.*

## 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. Thank you to all those who helped out in any way for the Halloween Disco. This was another successful event. Currently we have our Christmas Hamper raffle fundraiser happening. Please remember to send your three non-perishable hamper items to school by **Wednesday 18th November**. You need to check the use by dates before sending your items. Thanks! *Janine, Monique and Melissa*

## 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
<p><b>Zav Tan:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Marcel Rewha:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Olivia Prasad:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Kaea Moeke:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Sterling Rubin:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Mazyad Al Hassan:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Dante Lynch:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Faith Miller:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Naghah Al Ashour:</b> level one - 10mins free time with a friend  <b>Stella MacGillivray:</b> level one - class game for 10mins  <b>Sophia Fangupo:</b> level one - class game for 10mins  <b>Shahed Alibrahem:</b> level two - 20min Ako Time activity with a friend</p>	<p><b>Cliche Boyd-Tione:</b> level two - prize box  <b>Harlow Maidzyn:</b> level two - 20mins free time with a friend  <b>Fadia Matar:</b> level two - prize box  <b>Yazan Al Hassan:</b> level two - prize box  <b>Saja Alibrahem:</b> level two - prize box  <b>Ryley Prasad:</b> level two - prize box  <b>Saja Alibrahem:</b> level three - morning tea with teachers  <b>Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey:</b> level three - morning tea with teachers  <b>Andrew Pesa:</b> level three - morning tea with teachers  <b>Ryley Prasad:</b> level four - class baking activity</p>

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
<b>Duffy Award</b>	Shahed Alibrahem	Rowan Burgess
<b>Classroom Certificates</b>	Kāhu Gordon	Creation Boyd-Tione

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our biennial Scholastic Book Fair is taking place from 16th-27th November. A Book Fair is when there are books set up at school and you are able to purchase them. You are able to view books for purchasing from 8.30-9am and from 3-3.30pm on weekdays during these dates in Room 1 (spare classroom beside JLT). Books make great Christmas presents and proceeds from all purchases are put back into our school so we can buy books for our library. On **Thursday 26th November** there is an optional Book Character Dress Up Day. Students are welcome to come dressed as a book character on this day. **Cash only** can be accepted if you are wishing to purchase books.

## WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

<b>School phone number:</b> 03 473 9148	<b>School cell phone number:</b> 027 528 7198
<b>Website:</b> www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search <b>Pine Hill School</b> on <b>Facebook</b> and give us a like!
Download the <b>Skool Loop app</b> from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for <b>Pine Hill School</b>	<b>Seesaw</b> - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

## REMINDERS

<b>Wednesday 11th November</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Wednesday 11th November</b>	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching</i>
<b>Friday 13th November</b>	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching</i>
<b>16th-27th November</b>	<i>Scholastic Book Fair at school</i>
<b>Wednesday 18th November</b>	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp Activity day</i>
<b>Wednesday 18th November</b>	<i>Strategic Planning Workshop - school community: 5.45pm at school</i>
<b>Wednesday 18th November</b>	<i>Christmas Hamper Raffle items due to school from families</i>
<b>Thursday 19th November</b>	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp Activity afternoon</i>
<b>Friday 20th November</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
<b>Wednesday 25th November</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Wednesday 25th November</b>	<i>Friends of the School AGM and normal meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
<b>Thursday 26th November</b>	<i>Book Character Dress Up Day - optional</i>
<b>Friday 27th November</b>	<i>Orange Day - for all road patrollers in the Senior Learning Team</i>
<b>Tuesday 2nd December</b>	<i>All Christmas Hamper raffle cards back to school - sold or unsold</i>
<b>Friday 4th December</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
<b>Monday 7th December</b>	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
<b>Tuesday 8th December</b>	<i>Life Education Bus visit</i>
<b>1st-11th December</b>	<i>Year 6 Flying (weather dependant)</i>
<b>Monday 14th December</b>	<i>Christmas Hamper Raffle Drawn under Police Supervision</i>
<b>Monday 14th December</b>	<i>Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Filadelfios 5.30pm</i>
<b>Tuesday 15th December</b>	<i>Final Assembly 11am and picnic lunch</i>
<b>Wednesday 16th December</b>	<i>Last day of school for 2020 - school finishing at 12.30pm</i>
<b>Wednesday 3rd February</b>	<i>School commences for 2021 for Pine Hill School students at 9am</i>