



Newsletter 16 - Wednesday 18th October 2023



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

I hope our tamariki had a nice break during the recent holidays. We are back into the swing of things at Pine Hill School and the holidays now seem like a distant memory.

Welcome to Zarih Nolial (year 2) and her whānau who have joined our school community. We hope Zarih and her whānau enjoy their time with us. Our school roll now stands at 50 which is the biggest it has been in my time as principal, and for a number of years prior to that. It is very exciting to be growing! If you have any future enrolments, or know of anyone who may be interested in enrolling with us, please let me know. I am more than happy to meet with whānau for a chat and show them around our awesome school.

We are very excited to be attending our first Athletics Sports Day at the Caledonian Ground on **Tuesday 24th October** with Port Chalmers, Sawyers Bay, Rudolph Steiner, St Leonards and Ravensbourne schools. Tamariki have been practicing hard for their events at school and we are looking forward to putting these new skills into action next week. A notice was sent home yesterday with information needed for the day.

Sadly, Miss Renee Hodges has resigned and will be finishing teaching with us at the end of the year. She has been at Pine Hill School for six years and has been an extremely valuable member of our team. We are very thankful to Renee for her contribution to our school during her time here. She has taught across all age groups and our tamariki were very lucky to be under her guidance for the last six years. We wish Renee all the best with her future endeavours as she takes a break from full time teaching.

Our Christmas Bumper Hamper Raffle is currently happening. Raffle cards are due back at school by **Monday 13th November**, sold or unsold. The raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 28th November**. A big thank you to all the sponsors who have donated prizes for this raffle. Non-perishable item donations are due to school by **Friday 3rd November**.

From **Tuesday 7th November-Wednesday 15th November**, we have property upgrades happening as part of the Ministry of Education Small and Remote Schools Programme. These upgrades include the following being installed: LED lighting, RCD (power) sockets, insulation and acoustic panels. Two containers will be situated at the top of the school car park while the upgrades are carried out. A classroom a day will be completed and classes will be relocated to the art room and library for their learning while their classrooms are worked on. We look forward to these upgrades happening for our school.

We welcome Dan Tan back onto the Board of Trustees and Fadi Matar who is taking office for the first time. The board looks forward to working with Dan and Fadi going forward.

A reminder school is closed on Monday to observe Labour Day. Enjoy your long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward - Tumuaki/Principal

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 30th October** at 6pm on Zoom and **Wednesday 6th December** at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLD TAMARIKI

We have Transition to School visits for all four year old tamariki each term at Pine Hill School. The purpose of these visits is to allow tamariki to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life. The sessions are held over two different dates in term four and the dates are: **Wednesday 25th October** and **Wednesday 15th November**. Tamariki 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. Tamariki are invited to stay for lunch until 1pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After school care is available at Pine Hill School through Te Kaha Kids. Tamariki can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Please go to www.tekahakids.com to register.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

There is an 'air of excitement' across the school around our upcoming Halloween Disco on **Friday 27th October!** Tickets are \$5 each and are available for purchase from the school office until **Wednesday 25th October**. Cash and online banking is accepted. Dress up is optional. This event is for Pine Hill School tamariki only and no siblings can attend. Information regarding the disco was sent home last week. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is taking place from **Wednesday 1st -Friday 10th November**. You are able to view books for purchase from 8.30-9am and from 3-3.30pm on weekdays during these dates in our spare classroom beside the office. **Cash only** can be accepted if you are wishing to purchase items. 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 **Friday 10th November** there is an optional Book Character Dress Up Day. Tamariki are welcome to come dressed as a book character of choice. We need volunteers to help man the Book Fair from 3-3.30pm each day. More information to come home soon!

REMINDERS

Monday 23rd October
Tuesday 24th October
1st-10th November
Wednesday 25th October
Friday 27th October
Wednesday 15th November
Friday 17th November
Tuesday 5th December
Tuesday 12th December
Tuesday 30th January 2024

*Labour Day - school **CLOSED***
Athletics Sports at the Caledonian Ground: 9-2.45pm
Scholastic Book Fair at school
Transition to School - all four year olds
Halloween Disco at school: 6-7.30pm
Transition to School
*Teacher Only Day, school **CLOSED***
Year 6 Big Day Out
Final Assembly at 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year
First day of school for 2024, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am

