



Newsletter 16 - Wednesday 27th October 2021

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

I hope our students all managed to have a nice break. Time certainly is flying and term four is only 8.5 weeks. With there already being one week down, it means we have 7.5 weeks of school left for the year.

We are working under the Ministry of Education recommendations regarding any school events that bring groups of people on site. It has been recommended that any events involving groups of people, that do not have a direct link to the New Zealand Curriculum, are not held until we are at Alert Level 1. This means the school disco and school Open Day have been cancelled for this year and our end of year Final Assembly will only be held with guests, if we are in Alert Level 1 by Wednesday 15th December. The Final Assembly will still be held at school if we are in level 2, but our students and staff will be the only people attending. I will keep you updated with happenings as information regarding Alert Levels comes to hand.

Welcome to Lauren Pendreigh from Otago University who is on a teaching placement with us for the next three weeks in the Senior Learning Team. I am sure Lauren will enjoy her time with us and gain lots of new knowledge to add to her teaching kete.

A reminder that in Alert Level 2, no adults are to come onto the school grounds when they are dropping off/picking up children before/after school. If you have family that drop off/pick up children, please ensure you inform them of this guideline we have. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Before and After School Care has begun. I encourage you to get your children enrolled using the details below if you are keen to utilise this service. We have had some wonderful feedback about it.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

School Notices

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care has started at Pine Hill School. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Mana Before and After School Care are the outside providers running this programme and it is called 'Pine Hill Mana'.

We are excited to have before and 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.

FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any enrolments, please contact school and let us know. Having this information is really important for planning for the future.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has made an awesome start back to term 4! It was lovely to see the tamariki's happy faces after the holidays. For writing, we have been focusing on poetry and have been exploring the five senses to make our writing more descriptive. We wrote poems about an orange and got to experience feeling, smelling and tasting the orange! Miss Riley was so amazed at all of the wonderful poems she read. Make sure to check out Seesaw to read our poems! For P.E. we have been developing our small ball skills and have been practicing passing and catching the ball with a partner. We have also been drawing a place that's significant to us (our tūranagawaewae). This week we are going to make our drawings come to life by painting them!

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team have had a fantastic start to term 4 and are excited to be back in the classroom. The students are learning how to use their own Google accounts to help them with their learning. Luckily, we have some year 4 experts in our class who have been fantastic at helping others. We have been busy doing some fun writing tasks using Google Slides and got to present these to the class. During maths we have been learning some new strategies with our groups and Miss Hodges has been so impressed with how fast we have been picking these up. For our topic, we have started learning about New Zealand native birds and are working on some beautiful artwork. We will share these with our whānau on Seesaw when they are completed so keep an eye out.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team have made a great start to term four. The students have had many opportunities to direct their own learning in the classroom, especially during writing time. Some students have published amazing poetry pieces and others have written some great personal narratives. It is fantastic to see the progress the students have made in their written work over the year. During the afternoons, we have started looking at the human body and how we can keep ourselves clean and healthy. The students have made informative posters about how we can look after our oral health. We welcomed Lauren Pendreigh into our classroom this week. She is a second year Otago University student training to be a teacher, and she will be with us for three weeks.

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 3rd November (week 3)**, **Wednesday 10th November (week 4)** and **Wednesday 24th November (week 6)**. 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, it is imperative you contact Amy Riley at school via email, text or phone to book your child in. Please note, transition will go ahead at level 2, following our school level 2 guidelines. Amy will be in touch with families attending transition, regarding these.

ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your children are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for their absence when you contact us. It is part of our Health and Safety policy to know where students are when they are absent from school.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are Pine Hill School Board meetings on **Monday 8th November** and **Monday 6th December** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending these meetings.

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


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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)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT) 
Olivia: L2 - prize box	Shahed: L1 - 10min class game Stella: L1 - 10min class game Luke: L1 - 10min class game Sham: L1 - 10min class game Braxton: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Nagham: L2 - prize box Ruby: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Mohammad: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Jensen: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Nox: L3 - 30min free time with a friend Ossian: L4 - class movie and popcorn	Bella: L2 - prize box Tyler: L2 - prize box Cliché: L2 - prize box Yazan: L4 - class movie and popcorn

REMINDERS

Wednesday 3rd November
Wednesday 10th November
Thursday 11th November
11th-12th November
Monday 22nd November
Wednesday 24th November
Wednesday 15th December
Thursday 16th December
Thursday 3rd February 2022

Transition to School, all four year olds in the area
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School photos, 9am
Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM
Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Transition to School, all four year olds in the area
Final Assembly, 11.30am at school (at this stage, no visitors can attend)
Last day of school for 2021, school closes at 12.30pm
First day of school for 2022, school commences at 9am

Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School for your child?



AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Three fantastic classrooms operating
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- Sporting and cultural groups
- Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes
- Before and after school care
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment

Get in touch!



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Pine Hill School - the hidden treasure in Pine Hill



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 A Community of Learners