



Newsletter 16 - Monday 21st October 2024



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

This term has started with a hiss and a roar! We are flat stick with swimming lessons, athletics, all of our other classroom learning programmes and after school sports have started. No doubt alot of our tamariki will be tired at the moment! The newsletter even has to be two days early this week due to my busy schedule as tumuaki! The next edition will be back to being published on Wednesdays, fortnightly.

Welcome to Khyrue Brydon-Middleton (year 0), Eli Douglas-Martin (year 1) and their whānau who have joined us. We hope they all enjoy their time with us at Pine Hill School. Our roll now sits at 55 tamariki which is absolutely fantastic.

We are very excited to be attending Athletics Day at the Caledonian Ground tomorrow, **Tuesday 22nd October** with Port Chalmers, Sawyers Bay, Rudolph Steiner, St Leonards and Ravensbourne schools. Tamariki have been practising hard for their events at school and we are looking forward to putting these skills into action tomorrow! A reminder to please ensure tamariki come to school prepared for the day with warm clothes, a water bottle and their morning tea and lunch. We will be taking the school lunches and wearing our new school t-shirts and sunhats. A reminder that **all touch and futsal players need to wear their school t-shirts to athletics**. There is **no** swimming tomorrow (Tuesday).

Our Christmas Hamper Raffle is currently happening. Raffle cards are due back at school by **Monday 18th November**, sold or unsold. The raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 3rd December**. **Two** non-perishable item donations per whānau are due to school by **Friday 15th November**. Thank you for your support with this raffle fundraiser for our school.

The school Halloween Disco is on **Friday 1st November** from 6-7.30pm. Thank you to Amie Hawkins, Ammie Watt, Hope Rewha, Nikita Rewha, Tylah Visser, Brie Barclay and Steph Bryan for helping organise the disco. Tickets are on sale at the school office for \$5 and money can also be deposited into the school bank account. It is optional to dress up in the halloween theme and the disco is for Pine Hill School tamariki **only**. Whānau are to drop their tamariki off at 6pm and collect them at 7.30pm.

School is closed on **Monday 28th October** for Labour Day. A reminder we have a Teacher Only Day coming up on **Monday 4th November**. School is closed to tamariki this day as kaimahi (staff) will be undertaking professional development in the new maths and literacy curriculums.

*Kā mihi,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 4th November** at 6pm on Zoom and **Wednesday 4th December** at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) or Melissa Ward (Tumuaki), if you would like to attend.

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 13th November** and **Wednesday 20th 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 Miss McGoff or Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have Before School Care available every Monday to Friday morning from 7.30-8.30am. Please text the school phone or email the office to tell us if you require this service. Bookings can be taken up until the day before and the cost is \$6 per child, before 8am and \$3 per child after 8am. The earlier the notice, the better.

ENROLMENTS

We welcome new enrolments at Pine Hill School. We are not zoned, which means we are able to take enrolments from all areas. If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future, especially as the 2024 school year is coming to a swift end! Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

REMINDERS

14th-25th October	<i>School swimming lessons for all tamariki at Dunedin North Intermediate Pool</i>
Tuesday 22nd October	<i>Athletics Day with the Portline schools at The Caledonian</i>
Monday 28th October	<i>Labour Day Public Holiday - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 1st November	<i>Halloween Disco, 6-7.30pm in the hall for Pine Hill School tamariki</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>
Tuesday 28th January	<i>School starts for 2025, tamariki welcome from 8.30am</i>

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