



Newsletter 17 - Wednesday 10th November 2021



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

The weather has been fabulous lately. Bring on Summer! Our Senior Learning Team students have their overnight camp this week. They are staying in tents on Thursday night on the school field and are doing a variety of activities at school and around Dunedin on Thursday and Friday. Thank you to Mrs Astley and Miss Smeehuyzen for all their camp organisation.

Amy Riley is returning to Christchurch next year and we wish her all the best for her move back to her home city. We have been really lucky to have had Amy working for us for the last two years. She is a fantastic teacher and whichever school gets her next year is very lucky! All the best Amy for your future and thank you for your outstanding contribution to Pine Hill School during your time here.

The Ministry of Education has reduced our staffing allocation for 2022 due to our roll not growing this year like it was predicted to. This means we will be a two classroom school next year. This is unfortunate but we look forward to what 2022 will bring and continuing to grow our school roll so we can have a third classroom in place again in the near future. Class make ups and teachers for 2022 will be announced in the next newsletter.

Teaching staff have started their journey with CORE Education around refreshing our local curriculum as part of a centrally funded professional learning development contract we are in for the next year. This is an exciting time and we look forward to consulting with our local and wider community next year around this.

A reminder there are 4.5 weeks of school left for the year. We finish officially on Thursday 16th December at 12.30pm. This half day is optional for students to attend.

Have a great rest of the week and let's hope the sun keeps shining!

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.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that the Pine Hill School Board has approved a Teacher Only Day for staff this term. This is on **Monday 22nd November**.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had a couple of busy weeks and have been hard at work. We have been exploring more folk dances from a range of different countries and are continuing to learn the 'Bird Dance' from Switzerland. The children are loving the opportunity to express themselves and create new dance moves. We are focusing on Kiwiana for art and are beginning to explore some native birds of New Zealand. This week we will be looking at a special New Zealand artist named Don Binney. He loved to study and paint native birds of New Zealand. For writing we have been looking at a range of different poems and are focused on strengthening our writing through using adjectives and similes. We finished publishing our "I am" poems which have been posted on Seesaw for you to check out!

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team have been hard working and focused over the last few weeks. We have been busy learning more tricky strategies at maths time. We have posted some of our problem solving on Seesaw for you to see. Don't forget to check it out and leave us some comments because we love reading them. During writing time, we have been working with a buddy to create a Google Slide about a Native New Zealand animal. We are all getting more confident using our own Google accounts to enhance our learning. Last week we started our touch coaching with Jarrod from Otago Touch. He taught us how to hold a touch ball correctly, how to pass the ball and how to score a try. We can't wait for our next session because we get to have a go at playing a game of touch!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team have continued to have choice in their writing and this week have experimented with both limerick poems and explanations. During reading, we have begun to learn about myths and legends and have read many Māori stories explaining natural phenomena. We have also been drawing our own Tiki and have had a go at weaving ika (fish) out of flax. The SLT loves having Miss Pendreigh (our student teacher) in our class as she helps teach reading, writing, maths and science. For P.E, we have begun touch skills sessions with Otago Touch and have been continuing with our small ball skills. SLT will be tenting overnight at school this week as a part of our camp and it is all everyone can talk about! We can't wait!

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 final date for term four is: **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.

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL (FOTS) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

On **Wednesday 24th November at 3.15pm** at school we will be having the Friends of Pine Hill School (FOTS) Annual General Meeting (AGM). There are a number of executive committee roles to be filled at this meeting. The agenda and constitution will be emailed out in a few weeks time. This meeting will be held under Alert Level 2 protocols. Please do not come if you are unwell. You need to sanitise at the school office and sign in on your phone or on the paper register. Please email through apologies to friendsoftheschool@pinehilldunedin.school.nz by Tuesday 23rd November.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There is a Pine Hill School Board meeting on **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 this meeting.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY - PRESIDING MEMBER

Kia ora koutou. Our last Board of Trustees meeting was on Monday via Zoom. Melissa's reporting to the board highlighted how well the school is going in a variety of areas including student attendance, health and safety, property, staff professional learning finances and our annual plan. We had a report from Renee Hodges about the provisionally registered teacher programme she undertakes, as a mentor. This is working really well at school with Miss Riley who is a second year teacher. I provided feedback on Melissa's Principal's Professional Growth Cycle (appraisal) and all the positives the appraiser sent through for this (there were many!). Congratulations to Melissa on the excellent feedback for this. We heard great feedback on how well the before and after school care programme is going! In the meeting we talked about the positivity of the school and for everyone to get it's awesome name out there in the community. If you know anyone looking for a primary school for their child/children, send them Pine Hill School's way. *Ngā mihi - Kirstyn Stanaway*

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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SCHOODOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term, policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review a policy/ies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for the appropriate policy/ies. If you have any questions or would like to review the policy/ies on paper, please contact Melissa at school. Policy review this term is: *Religious Instruction and Māori Educational Success*

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

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)
Autumn: L1 - 10min class game Marcel: L1 - 10min class game Olivia: L1 - 10min class game James L: L1 - 10min class game James M: L1 - 10min class game Priya: L2 - prize box Charleen: L2 - prize box Farah: L2 - prize box Max: L2 - prize box Dante: L2 - prize box	Stella: L1 - 10min class game Shahed: L1 - 10min class game Mohammad: L1 - 10min class game Mazyad: L2 - prize box Luke: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Jenna: L4 - class movie and popcorn	<i>No cash ins this week!</i>

REMINDERS

Thursday 11th November 11th-12th November Monday 22nd November Wednesday 24th November Wednesday 24th November Wednesday 15th December Thursday 16th December Thursday 3rd February 2022	<i>School photos, 9am</i> <i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school, beginning PM</i> Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED <i>FOTS Annual General Meeting, 3.15pm at school</i> <i>Transition to School, all four year olds in the area</i> <i>Final Assembly, 11.30am at school (at this stage, no visitors can attend)</i> <i>Last day of school for 2021, school closes at 12.30pm</i> <i>First day of school for 2022, school commences at 9am</i>
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