



# Newsletter 17 - Wednesday 1st November 2023



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

Term 4 keeps on whizzing by! It is hard to believe we are into week four already with school finishing for the year on **Tuesday 12th December**. There is lots to fit in between now and then!

We had a great day out last week at the Athletics Day at the Caledonian Ground with the port line schools. It was amazing to see our tamariki putting in their very best efforts in all their events, with making some new friends along the way. All the hard training that went in at school certainly paid off on the day. Everyone one represented Pine Hill School extremely well. Thank you to all those that came along to support our tamariki and to Paul Wilson for helping on the shot put station.

The school disco on Friday night was fantastic! It was great to see a large number of tamariki from our school there and there were some cool (and freaky!) costumes on display! Everyone had a fabulous time at the disco and enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Tala Pesa, Steph Bryan, Amie Hawkins, Garthruth Ganaii, Jasmine Ackroyd and Paul Wilson for helping with setting up and supervising the disco, and with the tidy up at the end.

The Scholastic Book Fair is happening at school until **Friday 10th November**. It is open to view and make purchases from 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm each week day. School gets a percentage of all sales to buy books for our library.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle is still going, thanks to all those that have returned their sold cards. A reminder that raffle cards are due back at school on **Monday 13th November**, sold or unsold. Non perishable hamper item donations from whānau are due this **Friday, 3rd November**.

Thank you for your support with our fundraisers. All monies raised are put back into our school to support our tamariki with their learning.

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Melissa Ward  
Tumuaki/Principal*

*'Reaching for the Top!'*  
*Aiming High. Respect. Responsibility*

## School Notices

### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Before and After school care is available through Te Kaha Kids until **Friday 17th November** on certain days. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Please go to [www.tekahakids.com](http://www.tekahakids.com) to register. From **Monday 20th November**, school is taking over before and after school care until the end of the year. Before school care will be available on Monday, Thursday and Friday and after school care will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. More information to come in a couple of weeks about this.

## 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 final date is: **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 ([valentina@pinehilldunedin.school.nz](mailto:valentina@pinehilldunedin.school.nz)).

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE


It has been a busy start to term 4. We have been recapping about how to be safe in the sun. The whole school worked hard on learning and practicing their athletics skills and training for our Athletics Day at the Caledonian. Our tamariki did well at the event and got 3rd place! The JLT continues to work hard in all learning areas, producing excellent independent work. During our maths programme, we have been learning different addition and subtraction strategies using a variety of resources as well as learning some times tables. Recently, we had the fire truck visit where we were able to explore around and inside it, and we even got a chance to use a fire hose! We have been so lucky to have all these different learning opportunities!

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

We cannot believe we are well into term 4, an exciting but busy term for all and the final term for our year 6 tamariki. The Senior Learning Team have been focusing on narrative writing and have written a range of engaging and thrilling stories. During our reading programme, we have changed things up this term and have added in an extra task, so we are really having to think about our time management skills. We have been completing a research project each week to help develop our research skills using articles, books and devices. A huge highlight for the term so far has been our athletics day. We practiced and trained hard leading up to this event and had so much fun showing off our new skills and competing against the port line schools!

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following tamariki who have recently cashed in their reward tickets:

Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Junior Learning Team (SLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<b>Aurora:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Mahi:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Zain:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Eva:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Jasper:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Farrah:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Zain:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Ava:</b> L2 - prize box	<b>Mercy:</b> L2 - 15min class game <b>Eli:</b> L2 - 20min free time with a friend <b>Parua:</b> L3 - 30min free time with a friend <b>Charleen:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends <b>Priya:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends <b>James L:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends <b>James M:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends <b>Joseph:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends <b>Ella:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends	 <b>Mia:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Mohammad:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Luke:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Stella:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Kaea:</b> L2 - 20min free time with a friend <b>Kahli:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Zav:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Faith:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Marcel:</b> L4 - pizza party with 2 friends

## REMINDERS

1st-10th November	<i>Scholastic Book Fair at school</i>
Wednesday 15th November	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Friday 17th November	<i>Teacher Only Day, school <b>CLOSED</b></i>
Tuesday 5th December	<i>Year 6 Big Day Out</i>
Wednesday 6th December	<i>Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Thursday 7th December	<i>Whole school trip to the library and Dinosaur Park and a fish n' chip lunch @ school</i>
Tuesday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly at 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>
Tuesday 30th January 2024	<i>First day of school for 2024, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>