



Newsletter 17 - Wednesday 25th November 2020



Kia Ora, Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam

It is really hard to believe that there are only a few weeks left in the school year. 2020 has definitely been a very interesting year, right around the world. I am really proud how our students and families have coped during this rollercoaster year due to Covid-19.

This year, we farewell six year six students who are moving onto Dunedin North Intermediate (DNI). All the best to Dylan Sudol, Jasper Lo Tam, Rowan Burgess, Zackery Still, Andrew Pesa and Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey as their time at Pine Hill School comes to an end. We are going to miss these students and I thank each and everyone of them for their contribution to our school throughout their time here. On behalf of everyone at Pine Hill School, I wish them all the best for their future. We also say farewell to Jess Sudol, Zara Fishlock (Jasper's mum), Cyndell Still, Saira Lal-Burgess and Chris Burgess and Monique Pompey and Nga Rouvi. Some of these families have had a long association with Pine Hill School with having older children go through their schooling here. We are very grateful for everything these families have done for our school throughout their time with us. Their support has been very much appreciated and we wish them all well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has helped out or been involved with Pine Hill School in any way throughout 2020, including all of our fabulous students and families. We are a fantastic school and the support we get from those in our school and wider community is very much appreciated. I am thankful for all the support from our Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin group. The fundraising activities undertaken by this group, with the support of our community, have been really successful this year, even due to the interruptions we have experienced. Thank you to the Board of Trustees who play a key role in governing Pine Hill School, ensuring all of our students get the opportunity to do their very best with their education.

Lastly, to the fabulous staff at Pine Hill School who go above and beyond for our students. Thank you Amy, Charlie and Renee for your efforts, our students are lucky to have such fabulous teachers in front of them everyday. Our support staff at Pine Hill School are amazing. Thank you Nikola, Anna, Sura, Ally, Aileen and Garry for everything you have done in your jobs this year. I am lucky to have such a wonderful team of people around me who have the students at the heart of everything they do. All the best to Charlie as she moves home to Wellington in the summer holiday break.

2021 looks to be another busy and exciting year. It is wonderful that for the first time in a number of years, Pine Hill School will have three classrooms operating in 2021 - Junior, Middle and Senior Learning Teams. We look forward to continuing with the donation scheme and lunches in schools initiatives provided by the Government. It will also be very exciting to see our property projects get completed, moving into 2021.

Merry Christmas everyone. Have a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2021 for another fantastic year at Pine Hill School.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has been hard at work these past two weeks! We have started to explore narrative writing and have created our own characters for our stories. Miss Riley and Miss Hodges have been really impressed with the creativity and imagination shown throughout this activity. The class has also been practicing their ball and striking skills in T-Ball. It has been amazing to see the great sportsmanship shown throughout these activities. Last week at Assembly we performed the song 'Ho Hey' and the JLT students impressed the rest of the school with their actions and beautiful singing! Don't forget to check this performance out on our class Seesaw. In the afternoons, we have been looking into oral health and the importance of keeping our teeth clean. The Tamariki made their own tooth defenders and looked into the tools they can use to protect their teeth. Miss Hodges and Miss Riley wish you all a Merry Christmas and we hope everyone has a fantastic holiday!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

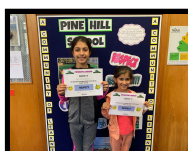
Over the past two weeks the Senior Learning Team has been very busy! Last week, we were able to go on our 'school camp' trips which were cancelled in term 1. Many SLT students had never been on a boat before, so, the Port to Port cruise was a very special activity! The tamariki saw lots of wildlife around the harbour, including some native New Zealand birds. The SLT also got to visit Toitu and Leap last week. All of the students were very respectful and had a blast. Our trips provided fantastic experiences for our recount writing topic the SLT are currently working on. During maths time, the seniors have been practising our multiplication and division strategies and have also been working on probability with Mrs M. For Te Reo Māori, we have been learning how to ask what different classroom items are called and respond to where they are in the classroom. It has been a pleasure teaching the SLT this year! Merry Christmas and have a lovely holiday break everyone.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Thank you to all those that attended the Strategic Planning Workshop last week at school that the Board held. The feedback gained will be used to help with the 2021 Charter. There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday 7th of December at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2020

Well done to Nagham Al Ashour from the Junior Learning Team and Aya Alibrahem from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. Throughout the last two weeks, we had been focusing on our very important school value of respect. Congratulations Nagham and Aya!



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Mohammad Zarzar	Dylan Sudol
Classroom Certificates	Max Gale-Hargreaves	Ryley Prasad

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our biennial Scholastic Book Fair is on now until Friday 27th November. A Book Fair is when there are books set up at school and you are able to purchase them. You are able to view books for purchasing from 8.30-9am and from 3-3.30pm on weekdays during these dates in Room 1 (spare classroom beside JLT). 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 **Thursday 26th November** there is an **optional Book Character Dress Up Day**. Students are welcome to come dressed as a book character on this day. **Cash only** can be accepted if you are wishing to purchase books.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

On **Wednesday 25th November at 3.15pm** at school we will be having the Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Annual General Meeting (AGM). This will be followed by a normal FOTS meeting. We are needing people to step up onto the Executive Committee at the AGM in the roles of: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Currently we have our Christmas Hamper raffle fundraiser happening. Please remember to send all tickets back to school sold or unsold by **Wednesday 2nd December 2020**. The raffle will be drawn on **Monday 14th December** under Police supervision. Thanks! *Janine, Monique and Melissa*

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any children that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. We have a number of students on our enrolment list already for 2021 which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

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	Senior Learning Team
Farah Alibrahem: level two - prize box Kāhu Gordon: level two - prize box Kaea Moeke: level two - prize box Revelle Rubin: level two - prize box Nox Somnium: level two - prize box Jenna Stanaway: level two - prize box Luke Little: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Chloe Prasad: level three - class ice block party	Dylan Sudol: level one - 10mins free time with a friend Cliché Boyd-Tione: level two - prize box Zackery Still: level two - prize box Yazan Al Hassan: level two - prize box Fadia Matar: level two - prize box Harlow Madizyn: level two - 20mins free time with a friend Zackery Still: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Rowan Burgess: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Ryley Prasad: level three - 30mins free time with a friend Bella Stefani: level four - pizza party with two friends Creation Boyd-Tione: level four - pizza party with two friends Sol Somnium: level four - pizza party with two friends Andrew Pesa: level four - hot chip party with two friends Aya Alibrahem: level four - hot chip party with two friends

YEAR 6 FLYING AND LEAVERS DINNER



Year 6 flying is set for **Thursday 3rd December, Monday 7th December or Thursday 10th December** and is weather dependent. Unfortunately these are the only dates Mainland Air are able to take our year six students this year due to other commitments. If the students are unable to go, we will give full refunds. The cost for this is \$80 and we are very thankful to our Friends of the School group who are subsidising \$20 per student so the cost for families to pay is \$60 per child. We also have the year 6 dinner at Filadelfios on **Monday 14th December**. There is a cost of \$10 per student for this. Please ensure both of these costs are paid for before **Thursday 3rd December** and **Monday 14th December**.

SCHOOL REPORTS, STATIONERY LISTS AND CLASS LISTS

School reports, stationery lists for 2021 and class lists for 2021 will be sent home with the eldest in the family on **Wednesday 9th December 2020**. It is up to families to get their stationery purchased for back to school. You can purchase it from OfficeMax - My Stationery and have it delivered to your door by going to the following website <https://www.myschool.co.nz> (more information to come home on how to do this on 9th December). Otherwise you are welcome to purchase stationery from any stationery provider. Please ensure you purchase **everything** on the lists for your children as we are unable to provide extra stationery for students.

END OF YEAR/START OF 2021 INFORMATION

Our Final Assembly, where end of year awards are presented and we celebrate and farewell our year six students, is on **Tuesday 15th December at 11am** and will go for approximately one hour. The day will conclude with a family picnic at 12.30pm for lunch. Everyone welcome! This will be the last official day for 2020 however, students are welcome to come to school on Wednesday 16th December to help clean up. School will close at **12.30pm** this day. School starts for 2021 on **Wednesday 3rd February at 9am**.

REMINDERS

16th-27th November	<i>Scholastic Book Fair at school</i>
Wednesday 25th November	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Wednesday 25th November	<i>Friends of the School AGM and normal meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Thursday 26th November	<i>Book Character Dress Up Day - optional</i>
Friday 27th November	<i>Orange Day - for all road patrollers in the Senior Learning Team</i>
Wednesday 2nd December	<i>All Christmas Hamper raffle cards back to school - sold or unsold</i>
Friday 4th December	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 7th December	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Tuesday 8th December	<i>Life Education Bus visit</i>
Wednesday 9th December	<i>Junior Learning Team Class Trip to Moana Pool & fish n' chip lunch</i>
3rd, 7th or 10th December	<i>Year 6 Flying (weather dependent)</i>
Monday 14th December	<i>Christmas Hamper Raffle Drawn under Police Supervision</i>
Monday 14th December	<i>Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Filadelfios 5.30pm</i>
Tuesday 15th December	<i>Final Assembly 11am and picnic lunch</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i>Last day of school for 2020 - school finishing at 12.30pm</i>
Wednesday 3rd February	<i>School commences for 2021 for Pine Hill School students at 9am</i>