



Newsletter 17 – Wednesday 31st October 2018



Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

The term has got off to a busy start and it is great to have all our students settled back into their learning routines.

Congratulations to Saja Alibrahem from the Junior Learning Team and Dustin Still from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at assembly on Friday. The focus over the last two weeks had been the key competency of participating and contributing. These two students had shown exceptional effort in this key competency, hence receiving these very special Principal Awards.



The Pine Hill School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Miss Essie Share has been appointed to the teaching position in the Senior Learning Team which is being vacated by Ms Margaret-Anne Taylor at the end of this year. Essie has been teaching in the Junior Learning Team in a board funded teaching position this year. We are very excited to have her moving into the Senior Learning Team as Essie is a fantastic teacher and staff member. Miss Renee Hodges will continue to teach in the Junior Learning Team.

A date has been set to farewell Ms Margaret-Anne Taylor from our school after twelve years of teaching here. We are going to be very sad to see Margaret-Anne leave and we have planned a community farewell for her. This will be held on Friday 30th November from 5.30pm at school. There will be a BBQ dinner and games organised for children. All those in our school and wider community who have had anything to do with Margaret-Anne while she has taught at Pine Hill School are welcome to come along. You must RSVP numbers attending to school.

There is lots happening at school this term. It is really important that you take note of the dates on the back of the newsletter, along with reading about the events that are happening in the next few pages of the newsletter. It is exciting to have our students involved in a variety of different events throughout the term and we are very thankful to all those who are helping out in anyway. This week sees the Senior Learning Team girls taking part in a girls only Futsal Festival at the Edgar Centre, a trip for the whole school to the Ecosanctuary on Thursday and Eli Ravenwood, Hunter Burgess and Casey Quinn taking part in a science learning programme at the Otago Museum on Friday.

The busy term is going to come to a fast end.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Wow! What an amazing start back to Term 4 the Junior Learning Team have had! We are very lucky to welcome Mohammad Zarzar to our classroom. He has been working so hard and has settled in extremely well. We have started an exciting new programme during some of our afternoons - Learning Through Play. This is a programme we learnt about at uLearn in the holidays. The students have been loving this and have been showing our school values very well. We have a wonderful student teacher called Mr Arlidge who is here for the next three weeks to help us with our learning and do some teaching with us. We can't wait for him to teach us!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The holidays flew by really fast and we are going to be super busy in Term 4. We have learnt about geckos, skinks and tuataras with Clare and look forward to her lessons each Friday as well as going to the Ecosanctuary. The Senior Learning Team girls are excited and nervous about their Futsal tournament this week. We look forward to hearing about how they got on! Hunter, Eli and Casey have been selected to represent our school at a Science Conference on Friday. We hope you learn lots and share it with us. Mr Sneddon our student teacher is here for the next three weeks. He is going to take some lessons. We hope he enjoys his time at our school!

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE

Hi all, our next meeting time will be **26 November 2018 (a quick meeting)**.

We are looking for some parents/caregivers to support us in some activities, such as the raffle table at Gardens New World on 10.11.18; Scholastic Book Fair at school 13-23rd Nov 8.15am-9am; also we have some swivel chairs which need assembling. If you could help with any of these activities please get in touch with Kirstyn, Michael or Miss Hodges at school. We will also be making calendars. This is where we use a piece of work designed by your child and then attach a 2109 calendar to the bottom of the picture. The calendar is a month to month calendar.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

We will only be doing school swimming once a year as the cost is far too high, especially now that we have to pay for buses to get us all to and from the venue. We will be doing school swimming in term one each year. However, if you would like to enrol your child/ren in swimming lessons, we are able to apply for Sporting Chance Grants, which if accepted, can help cover fees for swimming lessons. Please contact Melissa if you might be interested in this.

SCHOOL PICNIC

To celebrate the end of the 2018 school year, we will be taking the whole school on a trip to the Woodhaugh Gardens on Monday 10th December. This will be from 11am-2pm. We will be having a fish n chip lunch. There will be a cost of \$5 per student for this. Family/Whanau members are welcome to join us for this trip. More information to come closer to the time.

NO ASSEMBLY

There will be NO assembly on Friday 23rd November due to the Senior Learning Team attending the Orange Parade - a celebration for doing road patrol this year.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving classroom awards at assembly in the last week of term three:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Nox Somnium	Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey
Classroom Certificates	Cliché Boyd-Tione	Rosa Toomey



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have cashed in their reward tickets for different levels in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme over the last two weeks:



Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Ramari Perenara: level two - prize box Aya Alibrahem: level two - prize box	Ryan Dustow: level two - prize box Hazel Evans: level two - prize box

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM FOUR

Transition to School visits for all four year olds in the area are continuing this term as part of our Transition to School Programme. The purpose of these visits is to allow students to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life. The sessions will be held over two different dates this term. The dates for Transition to School visits are: Thursday 15th November and Thursday 29th November.

Children are welcome to come for morning tea at 10.30am, with spending the middle block from 10.50am-12.30pm in the Junior Learning Team, experiencing school. Children are welcome to also stay for lunch after this with being collected at 1pm. If you would like to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Renee Hodges or Essie Share at school via email or phoning.

SCHOOLDocs

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 these policies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for these policies. You have all term to review the policy. If you have any questions or would like to review paper copies, please contact Melissa at school. Policy reviews this term are: Religious Instruction and Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori students.

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.

ECOSANCTUARY TRIP

On Thursday the whole school is going on a trip to the Orokanui Ecosanctuary as part of our learning programme we have been doing with Clare in term three and four. There is no cost to us for this trip as it is being sponsored by the Ecosanctuary. Students need to have a packed lunch, drink bottle and wear suitable clothing and footwear. We are going by bus and will be leaving school at 9am with returning around 2.30pm. Students must be at school by 8.45am this day to catch the bus.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair at school from 12th-23rd November. Books will be on display in room one for this period of time. A Scholastic Book Fair is a special event that enables parents and children to purchase quality books at reasonable prices, helping our school raise funds for things like special projects, classroom materials, or library books. Books make great Christmas presents! More information to come from Miss Share and Ms Taylor about this awesome event!

REMINDERS

Thursday 1st November	<i>Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trip: whole school</i>
Thursday 1st November	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the Library</i>
Tuesday 6th November	<i>Incredible Years Parenting Course: 10am-12.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 8th November	<i>Shared lunch to celebrate Polyfest: 12.30pm-1.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 8th November	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Friday 9th November	<i>Assembly: 9am in the Hall</i>
12th-23rd November	<i>Scholastic Book Fair at School</i>
Tuesday 13th November	<i>Incredible Years Parenting Course: 10am-12.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 15th November	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Monday 19th November	<i>Year 6 students: Science Roadshow at Balmac Intermediate</i>
Tuesday 20th November	<i>Cricket Tournament - one team from Senior Learning Team</i>
Tuesday 20th November	<i>Incredible Years Parenting Course: 10am-12.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 22nd November	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Friday 23rd November	<i>Home/School partnership breakfast seminar: 7.45am at school</i>
Friday 23rd November	<i>Orange Parade: Senior Learning Team</i>
Monday 26th November	<i>Friends of the School meeting: 3.15pm at school</i>
Tuesday 27th November	<i>Incredible Years Parenting Course: 10am-12.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 29th November	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Friday 30th November	<i>Community farewell for Margaret-Anne Taylor, 5.30pm at school</i>
4th-7th December	<i>Year 6 Flying sometime this week (weather dependant)</i>
Tuesday 4th December	<i>Incredible Years Parenting Course: 10am-12.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 6th December	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Friday 7th December	<i>Assembly: 9am in the Hall</i>
Monday 10th December	<i>School picnic to Woodhaugh Gardens</i>
Tuesday 11th December	<i>School helpers morning tea: 10.30am</i>
Tuesday 11th December	<i>Year 6 leavers dinner at school</i>
Wed 12th December	<i>Final Assembly for 2018: 11.30am in the Hall</i>
Thursday 13th December	<i>School finishes for 2018 at 12.30pm</i>
Mon 4th February 2019	<i>Term One 2019 commences at 9am</i>
Thursday 30th May 2019	<i>Whole school overnight stay at Ōtākou Marae</i>
15-18th Oct 2019	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp to Camp Columba in Pukerau</i>