



# Newsletter 18 – Wednesday 14th November 2018



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

It is hard to believe we are in week five of term four already. This term is only nine weeks which means we are at the halfway point of the term.

Well done to Bella Stefani from the Junior Learning Team and Jaedyn Prasad 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 using language, symbols and text. Congratulations on your superb efforts with this key competency. Keep up the fantastic work!



Stephaney Allerston who is a teacher aide at our school will be leaving at the end of the school year. She has been working at Pine Hill School in her role for four years. We are very thankful for everything Stephaney has done during her time at Pine Hill School and we are sad to be farewelling her. We wish her all the very best for her future.

I was notified last week that an application I put in for Digital Technologies Curriculum Professional Learning Development for teaching staff, has been accepted. Teachers have been allocated 50 hours, which includes working with a facilitator around this new curriculum that has to be implemented in schools by the start of 2020. We are really excited about professional learning development for next year and look forward to getting started with it.

It has been really nice to see our students out and about participating in a variety of different events recently. Dunedin provides lots of opportunities for our students and it is fantastic that we are able to participate in a variety of these. Thank you very much to all those people who help by providing transport or supervision at these events.

Craig Sneddon and Zac Arlidge finished their teaching placements at Pine Hill School last week. It was fantastic to have both Craig and Zac at our school. Everyone really enjoyed having them here and we wish both Craig and Zac all the best for their futures in teaching.

A reminder that tomorrow, school is closed due to Strike Action. We will see everyone back at school on Friday.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

**CARING RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH**

# School Notices

## **JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE**

The weeks are just flying by and we have already had a busy start to the term. The Junior Learning Team had a great time with Mr Arlidge and were sad to see him go. Mr Arlidge taught us how to make different sounds with our bodies at music time – this was a lot of fun! We also loved playing with him at morning tea and lunchtime. We are really looking forward to our pyjama party this Friday. Saja has saved up 75 tickets so that we can have a pyjama party together, we can't wait! Thank you Saja!

## **SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE**

We have been so busy in the Senior Learning Team. We were excited to set up the book fair on Monday. Some of us are planning to spend our money on books and cute stationery. We are glad that Mr Sneddon – our college teacher – is working in our class as a teacher aide. We like playing basketball with him. Next Friday we are going to the Orange Parade. This is because we have been Road Patrollers. We have been asked to wear any orange clothing. We will be walking up the main street to the Octagon at 9.45am. Come and wave to us!

## **FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE**

A big thank you to the families who have been getting out and selling raffle tickets, we are just about there! If you have a ticket at home and you're not selling it, please return the card, so we can try and sell it. The last day for outstanding tickets is the 23rd November, so we must have them all back to school by then. So far we have raised \$1500 with our raffle which is amazing! Calendars: the children are making a picture at school to be turned into a calendar. We will have the pictures up for viewing from Thursday 29th November. The cut off date for ordering a calendar/s is the 5th December. The cost is \$5 per calendar if you are interested. We will have an order form at the office with the quantity you would like. Any questions, please get in touch. The next Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting is on Monday 26th November 2018 at 3.15pm at school. All welcome to come along. Kirstyn Stanaway

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair has started and runs through until Thursday 22nd November. Books will be on display in room one for this period of time and are able to be purchased. 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!

## **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 which is a celebration for doing road patrol.

## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving classroom awards at assembly last week:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Luciana Hotton	Pax Talbot
Classroom Certificates	Khalid Talbot	Edward Ritchie



## 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
<b>Level Two - Prize Box</b> Cliche, Ramari, Ruby, Yazan, Braxton, Bella, Sol, Sham, Nox, Chloe, Nagham	<b>Level Two - Prize Box: Summer</b> <b>Level Four - Hydroslide Pass: Eli</b>

## 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 22nd November (please note change of date due to Strike Action) 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.

## 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 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.

## Board of Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees met on 30th October. Along with the usual board business, we had a really interesting report from Miss Share, Miss Ward, Ms Taylor and Miss Hodges on their visit to the uLearn conference during the last school holidays. It sounds like it was a really valuable experience and we're lucky they were able to attend! They're applying lots of their learning and insights in the classrooms already. It's an exciting time coming to the end of the year, and we're looking forward to a fantastic farewell for Ms Taylor and welcoming Miss Share as our new Senior Learning Team teacher next year. Remember that board meetings are open to parents/guardians who are interested in attending. There are elections for board members upcoming, so if you'd like to make a contribution to governing our school, take the opportunity when it comes up! *Chris Burgess – Board Chairperson*

## REMINDERS

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

