



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 18 - Wednesday 15th November 2023



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

Thank you very much to everyone for their support with our recent fundraisers. We sold around \$1100 worth of items from the Book Fair which sees us getting back \$330 worth of book rewards for our library. We are still collecting raffle cards back in and do not have a final number of how much we have fundraised, however this has been very successful. Thank you also to everyone who donated prizes for our raffle, from our school community right through to our business sponsors. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 27th November under police supervision. All monies raised are put back into our school for our tamariki.

Last week, we farewelled Ivy and Privilege TeAmo and their whānau as they have moved from Pine Hill. We are thankful for their contribution to our school and wish them all the best.

As you were made aware earlier this week, we have appointed two fantastic teachers to join our team next year. Scott Lane will be teaching our Senior Learning Team tamariki and is currently teaching at St Clair School. Our Junior Learning Team will be taught by Tara McGoff next year, and she is currently teaching at Portobello School. Both Scott and Tara are very excited to be joining us at Pine Hill School and we are really excited to welcome them into our school community. They will be up to meet their classes and staff before the end of the year.

Recently, we have had some property upgrades happen through a Ministry of Education funded project. This has seen insulation put in the main block, RCD sockets replaced, LED lighting installed throughout the school and acoustic panels put in classrooms. These are welcome upgrades to our school and we are noticing a difference already, especially with the LED lights and the acoustic panels.

A reminder there is a Teacher Only Day this **Friday, 17th November**. We will see everyone back at school on Monday.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There is a board meeting on **Wednesday 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 Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any meetings.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school, please check your tamariki's hair. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb.

The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. We will contact you so that you can organise treatment if we see headlice or eggs in your tamariki's hair. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
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EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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REMINDERS

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