



## Newsletter 18 - Wednesday 7th December 2022



*Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste*

It is hard to believe there is one week of school left for the year. 2022 has flown by and it is nearly time for all of us here at Pine Hill School to move into holiday mode!

This year, we farewell three year six students. Time at Pine Hill School has come to an end for Saja Alibrahem, Clichē Boyd-Tione and Tyler Hampson. All the best to each and everyone of these students as they move on to their next life journey. 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. We also say farewell and thank you to Tennille Boyd-Tione after a long association with Pine Hill School, as Clichē is the last child in their family to leave our school. On behalf of Pine Hill School, I wish everyone all the best for their futures.

Thank you to everybody who has helped out or been involved with Pine Hill School in any way throughout 2022. The support we get from people in our school and wider community is hugely appreciated. Thank you to the Pine Hill School Board who play a key role in governing Pine Hill School, ensuring all of our students get the opportunity to succeed to their full potential during their education here.

To the fabulous staff at Pine Hill School who go above and beyond for our students, thank you! Hazel, Valentina and Renee - your efforts have been hugely appreciated and our students have been lucky to have such outstanding teachers this year. Thank you to our wonderful support staff - Nikola, Aileen and Garry for everything you have done for Pine Hill School this year in your roles. I am lucky to have such a great team of people around me who have the students' very best interests at the heart of all they do. Lastly, thank you to our fantastic students! We would not be the amazing place we are without the contributions of each and everyone of you!

All the best to Renee for her leave in term one and we will see her back at Pine Hill School for the beginning of term two. We look forward to Mr Tim Cook joining us as the Senior Learning Team teacher in term one.

2023 looks to be another busy and exciting year. We continue to have a Junior and Senior Learning team operating and we look forward to our roll continuing to grow. In 2023 we remain in the donation scheme and lunches in schools initiatives provided by the Government.

As this is the last newsletter for 2022, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back again in 2023, ready for another awesome year at our fantastic little school - *the hidden treasure in Pine Hill*.

*Ngā mihi nui*  
*Melissa Ward*

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# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

WOW! This term has absolutely flown by. We cannot believe we have almost reached the end of the school year. Last week the whole school headed off to St Kilda Beach for our education day. We learnt so much about how to keep safe near water and how to protect ourselves in the sun. Some of the JLT students said that our beach day was their most favourite thing we have done all year! A big thank you to St Kilda Surf Living Saving Club for having us. During reading time the JLT students have been putting a lot of thought into self reflecting about their learning and setting a goal they would like to achieve in 2023. You will be able to read these on your child's school report that is coming home soon. Miss Hodges was sent a special request from Santa as he is looking for some hard working students to join him at the North Pole as Elves. We have been busy writing our 'Elf Applications' so that Miss Hodges can post them off to Santa. We had to decide which job we wanted to apply for - a toy maker, a treat baker, a reindeer caretaker or a gift wrapper. You will see our draft applications on Seesaw so please check them out. During the term we have been working hard on some phenomenal art work. We hope you can come along to our Art Extravaganza tomorrow! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a wonderful break. We can't wait to see everyone again back in 2023!

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

We can not believe it is nearly the end of our school year! What a busy year with lots of learning and exciting activities we have had. In the SLT we have learnt so much from each other and we were all able to build great friendships. Last week we were lucky to have the opportunity to go to Saint Kilda Beach and met some awesome lifeguards who taught us everything about how to keep ourselves safe in the water. Our tamariki performed some cool skits about every single rule they learnt and also did some nice drawings. We really appreciate the Saint Kilda Surf Living Saving Club for taking the time to work with us. During reading time, we have been learning about some Christmas history and applying that knowledge to our reading comprehension questions. We have also been learning how to draw different Christmas characters and tamariki have done such a wonderful job! Check out some of their drawings on Seesaw. The SLT and JLT have been working together to make all sorts of brilliant pieces of art and we cannot wait to show them at our Art Extravaganza this week on Thursday! Please come and check out all the beautiful art our tamariki have been working on these past few weeks. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, New Year and a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to seeing everybody next year!

## VISUAL ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

This term we have a focus around visual arts. Children have been working in groups across the school to carry out some fabulous art activities that teachers have planned, using a range of art resources. To celebrate this, we will be having a Visual Arts Extravaganza on **Thursday 8th December**. There will be the opportunity to come along at 12.30pm for a family picnic lunch with your children, and the Arts Extravaganza will be on from 1.15-1.45pm.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care will be back up and running from Monday 30th January 2023 at Pine Hill School. We have had to change providers for this and Te Kaha Kids will be running it. Children can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. We are excited to have after school care up and running again. More information about how to enrol will be sent out via email once it is available.

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## FINAL ASSEMBLY/LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ORGANISATION/START OF 2022 INFORMATION

The Final Assembly where we celebrate our year 6 leavers and our end of year awards are given out, is on **Wednesday 14th December** at 11am in the school hall. Students are welcome to go home from school at the conclusion of this event with a family member. If you intend on taking your child/ren after this, you must let us know - preferably before the Final Assembly or else on the day. If students are not going home with a family member, they will remain at school until 3pm.

Students do not have to attend school on **Thursday 15th December**. It is completely optional to come, which is a final clean up morning. School will be closing at **12.30pm** on **Thursday 15th December** and all students must be picked up at this time. There will be no school lunches delivered this day.

In 2023, school starts on **Monday 30th January**. Students are welcome at school from 8.30am for a 9am start in class.

## END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS, STATIONERY LISTS AND CLASS LISTS

School reports and stationery and class lists for 2023 will be sent home on hardcopy or emailed (however you get school information) on **Thursday 9th December 2022**.

It is up to families to get their stationery purchased for back to school. You can 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. All stationery must be **named**.

## SCHOODOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term, policies are up for review and whanau are able to review policies inside SchoolDocs, and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback. If you have any questions or would like to review the policy/ies on paper, please contact Melissa at school.

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.



# REMINDERS

Thursday 8th December  
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Thursday 15th December  
Monday 30th January 2023  
Thursday 6th April  
Monday 24th April 2023  
Tuesday 25th April 2023  
Wednesday 26th April 2023

*End of year school reports sent out, along with 2023 class and stationery lists*  
*Visual Arts Extravaganza: 1.15-1.45pm @ school. 12.30pm family picnic optional.*  
*Final Assembly, 11am in the school hall, all welcome*  
*Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm*  
*School starts for 2023*  
*Term One school holidays begin*  
*Teacher Only Day - school **CLOSED** to students*  
*ANZAC Day - school **CLOSED***  
*Term Two begins*

## Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School  
for your child?



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Low student to teacher ratios

Highly skilled teachers

Personalised learning

Interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes

Innovative learning environments

Strong use of digital technologies

Sporting and cultural groups

Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes

Before and after school care

Expansive grounds

A family focus and community engagement

A friendly, welcoming environment



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