



Newsletter 18 - Wednesday 24th November 2021



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

We have three weeks of school left for the 2021 year. Time has really flown, especially in the second half of the year. We have been lucky to be back at school, albeit under level 2 guidelines. Thank you to everyone in our school and wider community who has adhered to our level 2 plan and guidelines. Having this plan in place, allows school to continue and gives assurance to our school community that we are doing all we can to keep our students safe.

This year, we farewell seven year six students. Time at Pine Hill School has come to an end for Ryley Prasad, Yazan Al Hassan, Bella Stefani, Sol Somnium, Fadia Matar, Aya Alibrahem and Creation Boyd-Tione. All the best to each and everyone of these students as they move on to their next educational 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 to Loren Steele (Bella's mum). On behalf of everyone at Pine Hill School, I wish everyone all the best for their future.

Thank you to everybody who has helped out or been involved with Pine Hill School in any way throughout 2021, including all of our fabulous students and families. The support we get from people in our school and wider community is hugely appreciated. Thank you for the support from our Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin group. Thank you also 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 amazing staff at Pine Hill School who go above and beyond for our students, thank you! Amy, Renee, Hazel and Jenna - your efforts have been hugely appreciated and our students have been lucky to have such fabulous teachers this year. Thank you to our wonderful support staff - Nikola, Anna, 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. All the best to Amy Riley as she moves home to Christchurch and takes up a teaching position at St Joseph's Primary School in Papanui and Jenna Smeehuyzen who will be teaching at Abbotsford School from the start of 2022.

2022 looks to be another busy and exciting year. We have a Junior and Senior Learning team operating next year and we look forward to our roll growing so we can be a three classroom school again in the near future. In 2022 we continue with the donation scheme and lunches in schools initiatives provided by the Government. We also have more exciting property projects happening in 2022.

As this is the last newsletter for 2021, 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 2022, 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

The Junior Learning Team has had a couple of busy weeks finishing assessments and reflecting on our goals for the year. Miss Riley is SO impressed to see such amazing progress and is proud of the JLT for showing perseverance. For writing we have been focusing on celebrations and are learning all about different cultures and traditions in the world. We have explored Christmas, Ramadan, White Sunday in Samoa, Easter, New Year and Diwali. We have also finished our bird art inspired by Don Binney. Miss Riley is very sad to be leaving Pine Hill School and wants to thank everyone for making her first two years of teaching unforgettable. She feels very blessed to have been a part of this amazing school and community. We hope you keep safe and have a fabulous holiday and Christmas with your family and friends.

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team have been busy showing off all of the amazing skills they have learnt this year for our end of year assessments. To say Miss Hodges is impressed is a huge understatement because everyone has blown her away and made such fantastic progress with their learning. Miss Hodges is so proud of us and we are really proud of the efforts we have put into our learning this year to achieve our goals. During the sunny afternoons we have been sharpening up on our small ball skills for P.E. We have been practicing our throwing and catching skills, becoming much more confident and accurate. We have also been playing T-Ball and have shown huge improvements with our batting and fielding skills since the start of the year. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and hope you enjoy your summer holidays.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

Well, here we are at the end of 2021 and what a year it has been. We had a fantastic time on school camp. A few highlights for the children were: seeing a yellow eyed penguin protecting an egg in his nest, camping in tents at school and completing a scavenger hunt around town which ended with an ice cream. A personal favourite of the teachers was seeing the children grow in confidence at Clip n' Climb. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been showing our teachers the great progress we have made over the year, participating in touch training sessions and working on our writers wall. Miss Smeehuyzen has enjoyed her time in the SLT over the last 15 weeks. Thanks for having me! We wish our year 6's all the best at their new schools next year and we hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a great holiday break.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There is a Pine Hill School Board meeting on **Monday 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 Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending this meeting.

HEALTH CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback in our recent health curriculum consultation. We will take this feedback into consideration when planning health curriculum units for our students going forward.

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YEAR SIX 'BIG DAY OUT'

The year six students are heading on their 'Big Day Out' on **Friday 10th December**. Please ensure payment of \$30 cash is made to the school office by **Wednesday 8th December** for your year six child to attend.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care has started at Pine Hill School. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Mana Before and After School Care are the outside providers running this programme and it is called 'Pine Hill Mana'.

We are excited to have before and after school care up and running. Whānau are able to enrol children now by going to www.manaafterschoolcare.com and clicking on the 'Click To Enrol' tab.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com or myself.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS, STATIONERY LISTS AND CLASS LISTS

School reports and stationery and class lists for 2022 will be sent home with the eldest in the family on **Friday 10th December 2021**.

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**.

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!
Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School	Seesaw - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

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 (JLT)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<i>No cash ins this week!</i>	Chloe: L1 - 10min class game Shahed: L2 - prize box Nox: L2 - prize box Mazyad: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Ossian: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Faith: L4 - class movie and popcorn	Harlow: L1 - 10min free time with a friend x 2 Saja: L2 - prize box Fadia: L2 - prize box Ryley: L2 - prize box Yazan: L2 - prize box



LIBRARY BOOKS

The library is closed for issuing books from **Friday 26th November**. All school library books must be returned by **Friday 3rd December**. Any library books that are lost, will incur a \$10 penalty per book.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ORGANISATION/START OF 2022 INFORMATION

Students are welcome to be picked up from school at 12.30pm on **Wednesday 15th December** after the Final Assembly. If you intend on doing this, you must contact the school office and let us know. If students are not being picked up by a family member at 12.30pm, they will remain at school until 3pm.

Students do not have to attend school on **Thursday 16th December**. It is completely optional to come, which is a final clean up morning. School will be closing at **12.30pm** on **Thursday 16th December** and all students must be picked up at this time. There will be no school lunches delivered this day.

In 2022, school starts on **Thursday 3rd February**. Students are welcome at school from 8.30am for a 9am start in class.

REMINDERS

Monday 6th December	<i>Pine Hill School Board Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Friday 10th December	<i>Year 6 'Big Day Out'</i>
Friday 10th December	<i>End of year school reports, class and stationery lists sent home</i>
Wednesday 15th December	<i>Final Assembly, 11.30am at school (school students and staff only)</i>
Thursday 16th December	<i>Last day of school for 2021, school closes at 12.30pm</i>
Thursday 3rd February 2022	<i>First day of school for 2022, school commences at 9am</i>
Friday 18th February 2022	<i>Beach Education Day, whole school, St Kilda Beach</i>
17th-18th March 2022	<i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at Otago Museum</i>
16th-27th May 2022	<i>School swimming - two week block</i>



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