



Newsletter 18 – Wednesday 27th November 2019



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



With only a few weeks of school to go, it is hard to believe the 2019 school year is nearly over. As we reflect on another busy and successful year at Pine Hill School and this is the final newsletter for 2019, it is time to thank a number of people.

All the best to Jaeydn Prasad, Brooke Chettleburgh, Summer Hotton, Pax Talbot, Quinn Morris, Dustin Still, Edward Ritchie and Maram Al Hassan as they finish their schooling at Pine Hill and move on to intermediate next year. Thank you for your contribution to our school, we are going to miss you and we wish you all the best for your future. We also say farewell to Victoria Wood and Dan Chettleburgh (Brooke's parents), Quinn Morris' Family and David and Nirmala Ritchie (Edward's parents). Some of these families have had a long association with Pine Hill School with having older children go through their schooling here. The Talbot Family are moving to Invercargill next year and we also say farewell to them. We are very grateful for everything these families have done for our school throughout their time with us. Your support has been very much appreciated and we wish you well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has helped out or been involved with Pine Hill School in any way throughout 2019. Our school is a wonderful place to be and the support we get from people in our school and wider community is hugely appreciated. I am grateful for all the support from our Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin group. The fundraising activities undertaken by this group have been successful and it is great to see that funds raised from these events are being put back into our school for all students to benefit from. Thank you to our Board of Trustees who play a key role in governing our school, ensuring the very best is happening for our students.

Lastly, to the fabulous staff at Pine Hill School who go above and beyond for our students. Thank you Essie and Renee for your wonderful efforts, our students are lucky to have such fabulous teachers in front of them everyday. Our support staff at Pine Hill School are amazing. Thank you Anna, Nikola and Aileen for everything you do in your jobs. I am lucky to have such an awesome team of people around me who have the students at the heart of everything they do. All the best to Essie as she moves home to Christchurch and takes up a teaching position at Belfast School.

2020 looks to be another busy and exciting year. Our school roll is continuing to grow which is fantastic and as it has been said – our school really is a hidden treasure in Pine Hill. We have the \$150 Government donation scheme happening from the beginning of next year and we also have the Government's Lunches in Schools programme starting in term two 2020, running until the end of 2021. These are two significant coups for our school and we are very excited to be part of them.

Merry Christmas everyone. Have a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Over the last two weeks, the Junior Learning Team have been completing their end of year assessments with Miss Hodges. She has been so impressed with the progress everyone has made and the students should be very proud of themselves. We are looking forward to working with the Senior Learning Team to make some healthy party food alternatives for our morning tea this week for part of healthy eating. Last Thursday we worked with Rach from CORE Education to build on our skills using digital technologies. We loved the Osmo kit, making dance parties on Code.org and creating our own music on the Music Labs. Merry Xmas, see you all in 2020!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Wow, we can't believe it is nearly the end of the school year! Over the past year we have done lots of amazing learning and had some awesome experiences. Miss Share has been so impressed with how focused we have been in the classroom too. We have made some great progress in our learning! I would like to thank the SLT for being such an amazing class. I have loved being their teacher for 2019 and I'm going to miss everyone very much. Good luck to the year 6s as they move on to intermediate! Merry Christmas everyone! *Miss Share*

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE

Hi everyone. On Tuesday we had our final FOTS meeting for the year. We will be having the postponed BBQ at the start of next year on Saturday 22nd February. We will be asking for helpers when we get back to school in the new year.

The raffle hamper prizes will be made up on Monday and will be on display in the school office. A reminder tickets are due back to school by Monday 2nd December, sold or unsold. All money must be returned also. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December.

We also held our AGM and our election of positions for 2020 are: President - Ann Miller, Vice President - Michael Prasad, Secretary - Monique Pompey, Treasurer - Saira Lal-Burgess. I would like to say a big thank you to all the families at Pine Hill School for your support to help fundraise during the year. Have a Merry Xmas!

ORANGE DAY

On Friday our Road Patrol students from the Senior Learning Team - Aya Alibrahem, Yazan Al Hassan, Creation Boyd-Tione, Bella Stefani, Rowan Burgess, Dustin Still, Maram Al Hassan, Brooke Chettleburgh, Pax Talbot, Summer Hotton, Zackery Still and Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey participated in the annual Orange Parade. This fabulous event is held to thank all those in the Otago region who do road patrol at schools, ensuring students get across the road to and from school safely.

DIGI TECHNOLOGIES OPEN AFTERNOON: HOME/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

It was great to showcase our digital technologies learning on Thursday at our open afternoon. Thank you to all those that came along to see what we have been learning about in our digital technologies programme this year.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY: SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 11am-1pm

Our school Open Day is this Saturday from 11am-1pm. We can't wait to showcase our fantastic school to our community. Everyone is welcome, free sausage sizzle!

RESPECT CARING

AIMING HIGH RESPONSIBILITY

PIXIE TOWN TRIP

On Tuesday 10th December we are going on a whole school trip to Pixie Town at Toitū and the Chinese Gardens. There is a cost of \$2 per student for this. Please pay this by the morning of the trip.

YEAR 6 FLYING AND LEAVERS DINNER

Year 6 flying is set for the week of 9th December and the day we go is weather dependant. The cost for this is \$75 and we are very thankful to our Friends of the School group who are subsidising \$20 per student so the cost for families to pay is \$55 per child. We also have the year 6 dinner at Filadelfios on Monday 16th December. There is a cost of \$10 per student for this. Please ensure both of these costs are paid for before the events. Families are welcome to pay them off.



SCHOOL PICNIC AND SWIM

On Friday 13th December we are going to Moana Pool for a swim from 11-12.30pm and we will then go to the Botanical Gardens for lunch. There will be an optional fish n' chip lunch which will cost \$5 per student. An order form for lunch will come home early December. School will be paying for the swim and bus for school students. Family members are welcome to join us but will need to transport themselves to the pool/gardens and pay for their swim and optional lunch.

SCHOOL HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Wednesday 11th December at 10.30am, we will be having a School Helpers Morning Tea to thank all those who have helped our school out in anyway throughout 2019. Please RSVP to Nikola in the office by Friday 6th December if you will be attending.

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any children that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. We have a number of students on our enrolment list already for 2020 which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

END OF YEAR/START OF 2020 INFORMATION

We are busy preparing for the Pine Hill School Christmas Variety Show that will be presented on Tuesday 17th December at 11am. Our Final Assembly, where end of year awards are presented, will be held after the show and the day will conclude with a family picnic at 12.30pm for lunch. Everyone welcome! This will be the last official day for 2019 however students are welcome to come to school on Wednesday 18th December to help clean up and school will close at 12.30pm this day. School starts for 2020 on Tuesday 4th February at 9am.

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	Senior Learning Team
Mohammad Zarzar: level one - class game Jett Wilson: level one - class game Braxton Arthur-Jones: level one - class game Mazyad Al Hassan: level two: prize box Saja Alibrahem: level two: prize box	Andrew Pesa: level one - class game Yazan Al Hassan: level two - prize box Summer Hotton: level four - movie and popcorn



SCHOOL REPORTS/STATIONERY LISTS 2020

End of year school reports will be sent home on Friday 6th December and stationery lists will be sent home with them. It is up to families to get their own stationery for the start of the school year. Orders can be placed online through Office Max - My School. Information about how to do this will be attached with the stationery lists. Leftover stationery from 2019 that is suitable, can be used in 2020.

PARENT CONSULTATION SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thank you to all those that took the time to fill out the 2019 Parent Consultation Survey. We will be using information gathered from this to help with our strategic planning. The feedback about our school that came back was absolutely fantastic. Some of the words used to describe our school included: innovative, family focused, friendly, future focused, diverse, caring, collaborative, efficient, inclusive, supportive, easy to approach, community driven/orientated, small, equitable, awesome, dedicated, good values and student focused. It is really great to see that students feel safe and happy coming to school and our school values are reflected throughout students and staff at Pine Hill School. People who responded also feel welcome in our school and feel that their culture is valued and recognised. Our communication is effective, staff are approachable, families like hearing about and being involved in their children's education and education is a collaborative responsibility between home and school. We are well resourced at Pine Hill School and high expectations for learning and behaviour are set. In 3-5 years time people would like to see the following: more te reo Māori teaching and tikanga being promoted, Kapa Haka back up and running, mihi being utilised more, a third classroom opened so school year levels can be split, would be great to have students stay until the end of year 8, more children so we have more staff to free up time for current staff to be involved in other initiatives, more awareness of keeping children safe online, more sports offered, upgrading the playground and sending home logins for students to use Reading Eggs/Mathletics/Study Ladder at home. Other comments included: even though we are in a digital world students still use pen and paper, Seesaw is fantastic, great leadership, our school is an awesome wee school, the staff are very professional, the grounds look nice and the school is upkept well, staff have the best interests of children at heart, everything is well organised, artwork is displayed around the school, well resourced, our child is happy and wants to go to school every day, fantastic school and very caring.

REMINDERS

Wednesday 27th November

Tuesday 3rd December

Friday 6th December

9th-13th December

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Transition to School visit for all four year olds

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school

Last Friday Assembly for 2019, 2.30pm in the School Hall

Year Six flying week (the day is weather dependent)

Pixie Town Visit to Toitū/Chinese Gardens - whole school

School Helpers Thank You Morning Tea, 10.30am

Trip to Moana Pool and picnic lunch @ Botanic Gardens

Year Six Leavers Dinner - Filadelfios

Christmas Variety Show and Final Assembly: 11am

School closes at 12.30pm for 2019

School commences for Pine Hill School students at 9am