

Newsletter 18 - Wednesday 20th November 2024

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

It has been nice to see some sun this week! Hopefully it sticks around for awhile as tamariki have been enjoying getting outside and learning how to play t-ball in PE. The sun is also a welcome reminder that summer is not far away!

Welcome to Arlo Caley who has turned five and joined Pine Hill School in the Junior Learning Team. Arlo has his big brother Eli in his class and we hope he enjoys his time with us. This week we farewell Mia Ingley and her family as they have moved location. Thank you to Mia and her whānau for their contribution to Pine Hill School during their time with us and we wish them all the best for their future.

Due to a growing school roll, the school board has employed Ally Ward into a team teaching position in the Junior Learning Team with Valentina Alvarez Farias in 2025. Ally is graduating from the University of Otago with her teaching degree in December and many of you will know that she is my daughter. We are extremely excited to have Ally joining our team at Pine Hill School, and Ally is thrilled to be joining us. Ally joins Tait Duncan (Middle Learning Team kaiako) and Olivia Culbert (Senior Learning Team kaiako) as new teaching staff for 2025. Class placements for tamariki will be sent home with school reports on Friday 6th December.

This week we farewell Nalita Tei who has been on an eight week teaching placement in the Senior Learning Team. We are very thankful to Nalita for her contribution to our school during her time here and wish her all the best for her future.

Thank you to everyone who has sold raffle tickets and donated prizes for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 3rd December** and there are three prize draws.

As the end of year is approaching fast, please ensure you are aware of key dates in the 'Reminders' table on the second page of the newsletter. Our Final Assembly where we celebrate and farewell our year six leavers, along with giving out some special awards across the school, is on **Thursday 12th December** at 11am and concludes around midday. School finishes for the year after this event.

Kā mihi,

Melissa Ward - Tumuaiki/Principal

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Wednesday 4th December** at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) or Melissa Ward (Tumuaki), if you would like to attend.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your tamariki are coming to school with a water bottle each day. We do not have water fountains at school so it is imperative tamariki have their own water bottle. They are able to refill these at classroom sinks when needed.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE: MISS McGOFF and MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS

We can't believe we're already more than halfway through the term! The Junior Learning Team has been hard at work finishing off their learning goals. We've had an exciting start to the term, with two weeks of swimming lessons and athletics training. Our tamariki have shown incredible resilience and determination over these weeks. Our focus for maths at the moment is learning about mass, and the tamariki have absolutely loved comparing and discussing the differences between various objects. For writing, we've been creating letters to our future selves, sharing what's going on in our lives right now. We've also been collaborating with the Senior Learning Team in the afternoons, exploring different areas of the curriculum, including music, drama, and ICT. It's been wonderful to learn new skills and get creative together! We are very excited to welcome Arlo Caley to our classroom and hope he loves being at Pine Hill School! We're all looking forward to the end of year activities in the next few weeks!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE: MR LANE

What a busy term it has been in the SLT! We started off with daily visits to the DNI Pool to practise our swimming, and in the afternoons we were practising for athletics. Then we went to The Caledonian for the West Harbour Schools Athletics Day. Many of the tamariki said it was a highlight of the year for them as they got to compete against large groups of tamariki they had never competed against before! We have continued to work on our spelling during writing. In reading we have been challenging ourselves to read more difficult texts. During maths we have been focussing on improving our knowledge of place value and developing strategies to help us solve problems with bigger numbers. This week we are saying goodbye to our student teacher Ms Tei. She has been with us for eight weeks and has enjoyed her time here getting to know everyone and practising her teaching. The tamariki have appreciated her passion for the creative arts and the way she has slotted into school routines. Good luck for the future Ms Tei!

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REMINDERS

Tuesday 3rd December	<i>Christmas Hamper Raffle drawn</i>
Friday 6th December	<i>Year 6 Big Day Out - to celebrate their time at Pine Hill School ending</i>
Wednesday 11th December	<i>Whole school fish and chip lunch celebration</i>
Thursday 12th December	<i>Final Assembly, 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>
Tuesday 28th January 2025	<i>School starts for 2025, tamariki welcome from 8.30am</i>
Thursday 6th February 2025	<i>Waitangi Day - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 7th February 2025	<i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED</i>

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