



Newsletter 19 – Wednesday 28th November 2018



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



With two and a half weeks to go, it is hard to believe the 2018 school year is nearly over. This is the last official newsletter for 2018.

Thank you very much to the families that came to our Healthy Living Breakfast Seminar on Friday morning which was our Home/School Partnership for term four. It was an excellent seminar with a wealth of information shared by our four guest presenters. A huge thank you to Keri Mclennan from Sport Otago and Atawhai Hotene from the Otago Institute of Sport who spoke about why limiting any screen time is important and the importance of keeping active, Nicky Grant from Oral Health who spoke about oral hygiene and the effects of sugary drinks and food on oral health and Alice L'Hommedieu our Public Health Nurse who spoke about healthy eating. A healthy breakfast was provided for all those that attended and we then moved into each of the presentations. All families that came got a goody bag of resources and everyone got a spot prize. Congratulations to the Trainor family (Jenna Stanaway's grandparents) who won the \$75 healthy food basket.

All the best to Hunter Burgess, Eli Ravenwood, Ryan Dustow, John Va Tiatoa, Hazel Evans, Casey Quinn and Rosa Toomey as they finish their schooling at Pine Hill and move on to Dunedin North 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 Moana Harrison and Sean Quinn (Casey's parents) and Sarah Ravenwood (Eli's mum), after a long association with Pine Hill School. Both these families have had older children at Pine Hill School and we are very grateful for everything they have done for our school throughout their time here. Your support has been very much appreciated and we wish you all the best for the future.

As this is the final newsletter for 2018, 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 2018. Our school is a fantastic place to be and the support we get from people in our school and wider community is second to none. It is fantastic to have our Friends of Pine Hill Dunedin group up and running and I am grateful for all their support to our school. 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 wonderful staff at Pine Hill School who go above and beyond for our students. Thank you Essie, Renee and Marg for your wonderful efforts, our students are lucky to have such fabulous teachers in front of them everyday. Stef, thank you for all your work as a teacher aide, you are truly fabulous at your job. Nikola, thank you for all you do being a very efficient secretary and thank you Aileen for all you do as caretaker. I am lucky to have such an awesome team of people around me.

Merry Christmas everyone. Have a safe and happy holiday 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

Teachers have been completing our end of year assessments and we are so proud of the amazing progress our students in the JLT have made. We have been looking at the story of the Rainbow Fish and based our calendar art around this story. We have worked so hard to draft and perfect our rainbow fish before completing our good copies. They look fantastic, so we hope lots of our families come in to have a look at them and purchase a calendar. They will make great Christmas presents. Merry Christmas everyone, we look forward to seeing you all in 2019!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Wow - we have been busy. We loved walking up the main street last Friday for Orange Day. Lots of people waved to us. We felt important. Tanga was worried we would get run over. Summer thought we would get oranges. Rowan was worried about swimming because he had a sprained arm. But we all coped beautifully and had a great time at Moana Pool with 700 other road patrollers from around Otago. Yesterday we presented our findings from our predators study to the other schools involved in Open VUE. Good luck to the year 6's at DNI. Merry Christmas everyone!

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN UPDATE

Hi all. A big thank you for all the hard work children and families have put into selling raffle tickets. So far we have made \$2500 from all the raffle tickets that have been sold. This is really amazing for the school and the children. The raffle will be drawn at 2.45pm on 3rd December 2018. We still have some spot prizes to hand out to children. The children have been busy producing beautiful fish pictures, that we will reproduce and make into calendars. You are welcome to come and view your child's picture, to see if you would like to order a calendar/s at the school office for \$5 per calendar. Orders close Wednesday 3rd December. Thanks to everyone who has attended our meetings over the past few months. We always welcome people to come and join us and share ideas on fundraising to support our school. Have a safe, Merry Christmas and New Year. *Kirstyn Stanaway - President.*

ORANGE DAY

On Friday our Road Patrol students from the Senior Learning Team participated in the Annual Orange Parade. This 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. Thank you to Marg Taylor, Victoria Wood, Daniel Chettleburgh and Saira Lal-Burgess who accompanied the students on this trip.

SCHOOL PICNIC

To celebrate the end of the 2018 school year, we will be taking the whole school on a trip to the Woodhaugh Gardens on Monday 10th December. This will be from 11am-2pm. There will be an optional fish n chip lunch for \$5.00 per student. Family/Whanau members are welcome to join us for this trip. More information to come about this trip next week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those that supported our Scholastic Book Fair. We sold \$465 worth of items from the fair. We will receive 10% of this back for library purchases.

RESPECT CARING

AIMING HIGH RESPONSIBILITY



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have cashed in their reward tickets for different levels in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme over the last two weeks:



Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Level One - Class Game: Bella Level Two - Prize Box: Luke, Jenna & Mohammad. Level Four - PJ Party: Saja	Level One - Class Game: Summer Level Two - Prize Box: Tanga, Quinn, Maram, Edward & Hunter. Free time: Dustin & Aaliyah Level Four - Pizza Party: Hunter

YEAR SIX FLYING

Year Six students have the opportunity to go flying in a small plane during the week of 2nd December to signify their time at Pine Hill School coming to an end. The cost for this is \$75 and \$20 has been subsidised by school and the Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin group. The remaining \$55 must be paid before students fly.

YEAR SIX FAREWELL DINNER

On Tuesday 11th December, staff will be cooking and serving a farewell dinner to our year six students at school. This is for students only and will go from 6-8pm. Staff are looking forward to preparing a yummy meal, but are sad to be farewelling our awesome year six students!

SCHOOL HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 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 2018. Please RSVP to the office by Friday 7th December if you will be attending.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our Final Assembly where we present special end of year awards (both classes) and celebrate our year six students finishing their time with us, will be on Wednesday 12th December at 11.30am in the School Hall. We welcome all family/whanau and wider community members along to this very special, important event. A bring your own picnic will follow this assembly and we invite all family/whanau and wider community members to join us for this. Students can go home after the picnic.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to all those who gave feedback in our recent community consultation. Well done to Ann Millar who won the \$50 Warehouse voucher. A summary of the main points from the feedback are:

- Fabulous teaching and learning programmes
- Our school values are a big part of school day to day life
- Students are proud to come to Pine Hill School
- Lots of opportunities for our students both inside and outside the classroom
- Great community feel
- Small class sizes and dedicated staff
- Learning Kapa Haka and Māori
- Students know what they are achieving in their learning and where to next
- Incorporate life skills into teaching programmes
- Ensure learning is meaningful and relevant
- Confidence is key - teach students how to have confidence
- Ensure respect is shown at all times, to everyone
- Incorporate curriculum areas into day to day learning eg dance/drama

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 enrolled already for 2019 which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

STATIONERY LISTS - 2019

We have changed the way we do stationery. We will send home the lists for each class and 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. More information to come with lists when they are sent home on Monday 10th December.

SCHOODOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review these policies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for these policies. You have all term to review the policy. If you have any questions or would like to review paper copies, please contact Melissa at school. Policy reviews this term are: Religious Instruction and Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori students.

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 29th November	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Friday 30th November	<i>Community farewell for Margaret-Anne Taylor, 5.30pm at school</i>
4th-7th December	<i>Year 6 Flying sometime this week (weather dependant)</i>
Tuesday 4th December	<i>Incredible Years Parenting Course: 10am-12.30pm at school</i>
Thursday 6th December	<i>Pine Hill Social Club: 1.30-3pm in the School Library</i>
Friday 7th December	<i>Assembly: 9am in the Hall</i>
Monday 10th December	<i>School picnic to Woodhaugh Gardens</i>
Tuesday 11th December	<i>School helpers morning tea: 10.30am</i>
Tuesday 11th December	<i>Year 6 leavers dinner at school</i>
Wed 12th December	<i>Final Assembly for 2018: 11.30am in the Hall</i>
Thursday 13th December	<i>School finishes for 2018 at 12.30pm (optional for students to come)</i>
Mon 4th February 2019	<i>Term One 2019 commences at 9am</i>
Thursday 30th May 2019	<i>Whole school overnight stay at Ōtākou Marae</i>
15-18th Oct 2019	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp to Camp Columba in Pukerau</i>