



Newsletter 19 - Wednesday 4th December 2024



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

As we reflect on another incredible school year, it's hard to believe how quickly time has passed and that this is the last newsletter for 2024.

As we bid farewell to our Year 6 students; Grace Fa'alave, Mohammad Zarzar, Laksh Patel, Faith Miller, Shahed Alibrahem and Nagham Al Ashour, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of them for their contributions to Pine Hill School. While we will miss them, we are excited to see all the amazing things they will accomplish in the next chapter of their journeys. We wish them all the very best as they move on to new challenges and opportunities. Remember, you will always have a place here at Pine Hill School, and we are so proud of everything you've achieved! We also bid farewell to the Zarzar whānau, and thank Nisrine and Mohammad for their support and involvement in our school community.

This year has been busy, exciting and successful. From fabulous classroom projects and an array of extracurricular activities and special events, this year has been filled with growth, learning, and achievement. Our tamariki have shown remarkable dedication and enthusiasm, and we've watched them take on new challenges with confidence and creativity. As we close the chapter on this school year, we can't help but feel proud of all that we've accomplished together.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to making this year so special. To our tamariki, thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm, and for bringing your unique talents and ideas to school each day. To our dedicated kaimahi (staff); Tara, Scott, Valentina, Anna, Jemima, Nikola and Aileen, I am grateful for your unwavering commitment to creating a positive, nurturing environment where all tamariki can thrive. To our parents and caregivers, thank you for your continued support, whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply being there for your tamariki. And to our wider school community, we appreciate the partnerships and connections that help make Pine Hill such a vibrant and welcoming place. Together, we've created an amazing year of learning, growth, and achievement, and we are truly grateful for every contribution. Here's to all the wonderful things we've accomplished as a community—thank you for making it all possible!

I would like to take a moment to express my thanks and best wishes to Scott Lane and Tara McGoff for their dedication and hard work during their time here at Pine Hill School. Scott and Tara, your passion for teaching, your care for our students, and your support for our school community have made a lasting impact. Thank you also to Anna Craw who has finished as a teacher aide. You have all created engaging and inspiring learning experiences, and we are very grateful for everything you've brought to Pine Hill. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited for another busy and successful year. With our school roll continuing to grow, we are thrilled to welcome a third classroom, along with new whānau joining us and our school community expanding. The Government's Lunches in Schools and Donations Scheme continue in 2025 and these initiatives play a crucial role in supporting our vision and school community.

I hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and takes time to relax, recharge, and reflect on the year gone by. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and joyful Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

*Kā mihi,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

School Notices

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

As we approach the end of the school year, the Junior Learning Team is getting excited as we get closer to Christmas. The term has flown by because we've been so busy with a lot of activities. In PE, we've been focusing on T-Ball skills, which the tamariki have loved, especially getting outdoors while the weather has been nice. In maths, we've been learning new games and continuing our exploration of mass. For writing, the focus has been on creative writing, with an emphasis on gaining independence as writers. Last week, we teamed up with the SLT to create acrostic poems for Mrs Barton and Christmas cards for a rest home residence, and we loved creating these! We are sad that the school year is coming to an end, but we're proud of all we've accomplished. This year, we've welcomed many new faces to our classroom, and it has been awesome to see our school grow. Thanks for all your support! Have a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE: MR LANE

It may not be long until the end of the term, but we're still charging along here in the SLT. We're continuing with our literacy and numeracy programs while preparing for some of our end-of-year activities, such as the Final Assembly where we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 students. In reading, we've been exploring a lot of plays while focusing on fluency and expression. This means that when we read, it sounds natural and not robotic! In maths, we've been focusing on fractions, using Numicon to break them down into the numerator and denominator. Some of us have even started converting fractions into percentages and decimals. For writing, we've been doing some quick writes, using a set of pictures to inspire and create our own stories. It's been an awesome, busy year full of learning and personal growth for everyone in the SLT. However, I think we're all ready for a well-earned break. Thanks to everyone for their support during my time here. On that note, have a fantastic holiday, everyone!

YEAR SIX BIG DAY OUT

On **Friday 6th December**, our year 6 tamariki head off on their '*Big Day Out*' with Mr Lane, to celebrate their time at Pine Hill School coming to an end. They visit Leap, swim at Moana Pool, Ten Pin Bowl at Bowline and finish their day with a yummy lunch at Oaken Cafe. We know they will have the best time and we are very thankful to Cooke Howlison for the use of their courtesy van for the day and Ross Clarke who has kindly donated a contribution towards the lunch.

FINAL ASSEMBLY/START OF 2025 INFORMATION

The Final Assembly where we celebrate our year 6 leavers and our end of year awards are given out, is on **Thursday 12th December** at 11am in the school hall. Tamariki are welcome to go home from school at the conclusion of this event with a whānau member.

If you intend on taking your tamariki after this, you must let us know - preferably before the Final Assembly or else on the day. If tamariki are not going home with a whānau member, they will remain at school until 3pm.

In 2025, school starts on **Tuesday 28th January**. Tamariki 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 2025 will be sent home on hardcopy or emailed (however you get school information) on **Friday 6th December 2024**.

Please ensure you take the opportunity to talk about school reports with your tamariki. It is important to celebrate their learning journey and successes, in 2024.

It is up to whānau to get back to school stationery purchased. You can purchase stationery from any stationery provider. Please ensure you buy **everything** on the lists for your tamariki as we are unable to provide extra stationery for tamariki. All stationery must be **named**. Spare stationery from both classes has been sent home.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following tamariki who have recently cashed in their reward tickets in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:



Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<p>Arlo: L1 - 10 min free time Khyrue: L1 - 10 min free time Atom: L1 - 10 min free time Harper: L1 - 10 min free time Eli D: L1 - 10 min free time Kaylani: L1 - 10 min free time Mahi: L1 - 10 min free time Ava: L2 - prize box Naya: L3 - Moana Pool child swim pass Ella: L4 - hot chip party with a friend</p>	<p>Ella: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend James: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Priya: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Max: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Kaea: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Taksh: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Hana: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Nembeka: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Faith: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Shahed: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Mohammad: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Nagham: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend x2 Laksh: L2 - 15 min class game Shahed: L2 - 15 min class game</p>

ENROLMENTS

If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

FUNDRAISING

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone for their efforts and contributions to our recent Christmas Hamper fundraisers. We raised \$800 from our Christmas Hamper raffle. Congratulations to all hamper winners who have been notified. We are extremely appreciative to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle.

Both of these fundraisers have been very successful and our tamariki will benefit from all monies raised.

REMINDERS

<p>Friday 6th December Wednesday 11th December Thursday 12th December Tuesday 28th January 2025 Thursday 6th February 2025 Friday 7th February 2025</p>	<p><i>Year 6 Big Day Out - to celebrate their time at Pine Hill School ending Whole school fish and chip lunch celebration Final Assembly, 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year School starts for 2025, tamariki welcome from 8.30am Waitangi Day - school CLOSED Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED</i></p>
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- Low student to teacher ratios
- A highly skilled teaching team
- Personalised and engaging learning opportunities
- Integrated learning programmes
- 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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