



Newsletter 19 - Wednesday 29th November 2023



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

Time has a way of passing by swiftly as we wind down the clock on the 2023 school year. It is quite remarkable to think this is the last newsletter for 2023 and we are preparing to head into summer school holiday mode!

On behalf of our school, I would like to extend a heartfelt farewell to all our year 6 students who are moving on to intermediate: Jett Wilson, Sham Alibrahem, Jensen Pesa, Khushi Patel, Braxton Arthur-Jones, Jenna Stanaway, Luke Little, Ruby Dustow and Stella MacGillivray. We want to express our gratitude for their valuable contributions to our school community. Their hard work, dedication, and positive impact will be remembered and cherished. They will be truly missed and as they move onto the next chapter in their education, we wish them continued growth and success. We also bid farewell to a number of whānau whose association with Pine Hill School comes to a close. Thank you to the Pesa, Stanaway, Wilson/Ackroyd, Scoringe/Dustow, and Lee (Braxton) whānau for their support and active involvement in our school community. Your devotion and commitment have played a significant role in shaping the educational journey of your tamariki. On behalf of Pine Hill School, I wish everyone all the very best for their futures.

I would like to express our sincere thanks for the support and involvement of everyone who has contributed to our school throughout 2023. We deeply appreciate the assistance and dedication of individuals within our school and wider community. Your support plays a vital role in creating and nurturing a successful educational environment for our tamariki. A special thank you goes to the Board of Trustees for their crucial role in governing our school. Their commitment and efforts ensure that all of our tamariki have the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential during their time at Pine Hill School.

To our wonderful whānau, we express our deepest gratitude for your continuous support and involvement in the education of your tamariki. We appreciate the trust you place in us to nurture and educate them and we look forward to working with you again in 2024 to enable your tamariki to continue to succeed.

We are incredibly lucky to have such brilliant tamariki who possess a genuine passion for learning. Their enthusiasm and devotion to their learning is truly inspiring and we will continue to foster an environment that empowers our tamariki to reach for the top. Thank you to all of you for making our jobs amazing!

We are fortunate to have such a remarkable team of educators and support staff who consistently prioritize the success and well-being of our tamariki. Thank you Renee, Valentina, Nikola, Anna and Aileen and Garry for everything you do. You have all made significant contributions to our school community and for that I am extremely grateful. Sadly, we farewell Renee Hodges who has been instrumental in providing support and guidance to our tamariki over the last six years. Her dedication and contributions to our school have been greatly appreciated. Renee will be deeply missed and we wish her well for her new adventures. All the best to Valentina as she goes on maternity leave for 2024 and we look forward to hearing about her new arrival when the time comes.

In 2024, we anticipate another busy year for our school. We are committed to the growth and development of Pine Hill School and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. The Government's Lunches in Schools and Donations Scheme continue in 2024. These initiatives play a crucial role in supporting our vision and school community.

As this is the last newsletter for 2023, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you all have a joyful and safe summer holiday break, filled with relaxation and memorable moments. Looking ahead, I eagerly anticipate seeing everyone back again in 2024, as we embark on another exciting year at Pine Hill School.

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE: *MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS*

I cannot believe these are our last few weeks of school! This has definitely been an awesome year filled with interesting and exciting events. In the JLT, we have been focusing on exploring different musical instruments and learning about making a variety of rhythms and sounds. We have also started our journey learning about different types of art and talking about the history of famous artists. It has been very exciting seeing our tamariki applying their unique creativity into their pieces of art! Over the last few weeks, we have been practicing our striking skills with small balls, using different equipment. All of our tamariki have really enjoyed this and have been putting great effort into these PE lessons. It has been a pleasure working in the JLT this year and I have learnt so much from them. I have truly grown as a teacher and I will always be very grateful to them. Thank you also to all my class whānau for their support this year. I wish everybody the best Christmas/New Year/ and summer holidays!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE: *MISS HODGES*

It is hard to believe we are in our last few weeks of term 4 and Christmas is less than a month away. I have been blown away by the outstanding progress that all tamariki have made this year and cannot be more proud of what they have achieved. We have been loving our artist research over the last few weeks and were so excited to share our artwork at assembly. During maths time, we have been focusing on measurement and have been enjoying making estimations and measuring a range of things around school. In the afternoons, we have been exploring a range of musical instruments and sharpening up on our striking skills playing t-ball and cricket. I would like to thank my amazing SLT tamariki, their whanau and the school community for a wonderful year. I am very sad to be leaving Pine Hill School and will miss you all. Merry Christmas everyone and have a great summer break!

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE - 2024

Before School Care will be back up and running from **Tuesday 30th January 2024** from 7.30-8.30am at Pine Hill School, five mornings a week. Anna Crow, our teacher aide, will be running it and tamariki can attend anytime between 7.30-8.30am. We'll be surveying our community to see who requires after school care when we return in 2024. This service needs at least four tamariki attending per session for it to operate. The cost will be \$6 per hour per tamariki and we do not have subsidies available.

YEAR SIX BIG DAY OUT

On **Tuesday 5th December**, our year 6 tamariki head off on their 'Big Day Out' with Miss Hodges, 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 the Gardens. 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.

FINAL ASSEMBLY/START OF 2024 INFORMATION

The Final Assembly where we celebrate our year 6 leavers and our end of year awards are given out, is on **Tuesday 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 child/ren after this, you must let us know - preferably before the Final Assembly or else on the day.

If students are not going home with a whānau member, they will remain at school until 3pm. In 2024, school starts on **Tuesday 30th January**. Students 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 2024 will be sent home on hardcopy or emailed (however you get school information) on **Thursday 7th December 2023**.

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 2023.

It is up to whānau 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**.

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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT) 
Tutanekai: L1 - 10 min class game Indi: L2 - prize box Jasper: L2 - prize box Mila : L2 - prize box Eli: L2 - prize box Ava: L2 - prize box Zarih: L2 - prize box Rawia: L2 - prize box Parua: L2 - prize box Autumn: L2 - prize box Priya: L2 - prize box Charleen: L2 - prize box	Lucas: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Marcel: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Taksh: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Shahed: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Grace: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Nagham: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Faith: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Sham: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend	Luke: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Ruby: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Mia: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend Stella: L2 - 20 min free time with a friend Farah: L2 - prize box Khushi: L2 - prize box Braxton: L2 - prize box Jenna: L3 - 30 min free time with a friend Alex: L4 - class movie and popcorn

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.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school, please check your tamariki's hair. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb. The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. We will contact you so that you can organise treatment if we see headlice or eggs in your tamariki's hair. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

FUNDRAISING

A HUGE thank you to everyone for their efforts and contributions to our recent fundraisers. We sold \$1100 worth of books from the Scholastic Book Fair and we receive 30% off a book order to this value. We raised \$1540 from our Christmas Bumper 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.

BUILDING UPGRADES

We are very excited to have the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLBs) who are currently based at Dunedin North Intermediate, relocating to Pine Hill School. This means our library and art room block are getting some amazing upgrades that are beginning in the very near future. The RTLBs will be taking over our current library space as their work spaces, and we will be getting a newly refurbished library space in the current art room. The hallways and hall toilets will also be getting upgraded and double glazing and new doors will be installed across the whole front of the library/art room block. We will lose our art room space, however we are very lucky to have plenty of space in our classrooms to teach our art curriculum. There is no set time frame around when this will be completed, but it will most likely be mid 2024.

SCHOODOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term, policies are up for review and whanau are able to review policies inside SchoolDocs, and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback. If you have any questions or would like to review the policy/ies on paper, please contact Melissa at school.

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

Tuesday 5th December

Wednesday 6th December

Thursday 7th December

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Tuesday 12th December

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Monday 25th March 2024

29th March - 2nd April 2024

Friday 12th April 2024

Monday 29th April 2024

Year 6 Big Day Out

Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school

Whole school trip to the Dunedin Library and Dinosaur Park and a fish n' chip lunch @ school

End of year school reports sent out, along with 2024 class and stationery lists

Final Assembly, 11am in the school hall, all welcome. Summer school holidays begin.

School starts for 2024, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am

*Waitangi Day observed - school **CLOSED***

*Otago Anniversary Day observed - school **CLOSED***

*Good Friday, Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday - school **CLOSED***

Term one holidays begin at 3pm

Term two begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility