



## Newsletter 2 - Wednesday 3rd March 2021



*Kia Ora, Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste*

The weeks seem to be whizzing by. It is hard to believe we are in week five of term one already! Students have been very busy at school with their learning and it is great to see lots of focussed, happy students at Pine Hill School.

Well done to Olivia Prasad from the Junior Learning Team, Jensen Pesa from the Middle Learning Team and Yazan Al Hassan from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. These students had shown exceptional effort in our school value of responsibility over the first few weeks of school. Congratulations, you should be very proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work!



Unfortunately we have moved back into Level 2 of the Covid-19 Alert Level System. This is far from ideal, but we all have to do our bit to stop the spread of this disease, especially now there is community transmission in Auckland. I have been looking at our school alert level 2 plan and if we continue in this level next week, there will be some tweaks made to it. This week I have already made the decision to carry on with Goal Setting Interviews and allowed futsal training to happen on Monday after school, with protocols being followed. We need to learn to live with level two as best we can from a schools perspective, ensuring we operate as safely as we can.

This week we look forward to meeting with whanau at Goal Setting Interviews on Thursday. We have every family booked in for interviews, which is fabulous and shows how important our home/school partnership is. These interviews are an opportunity for teachers and whanau to collaboratively look at what is going well for students at school and what they need to work on. All interview times have been emailed out or sent home on hard copy (whichever way you receive school information). Everyone has also been given a home discussion form to fill out and bring to interviews. Every family that brings this form along will go into the draw to win a \$25 New World voucher. A reminder school closes at 12.30pm on Thursday and all students are required to go home at this time. Please ensure your child knows how they are getting home. Students are also required to attend their goal setting interview.

Our 2021 Charter has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Based on achievement data from 2020, some excellent targets have been set for the period of January-December 2021. The board looks forward to our student achievement continuing to trend upwards. There is a copy of the Charter available for reading at the school office and on our website.

I will let people know when there is a new date set for our bark spreading Working Bee.

Ngā mihi nui  
Melissa Ward

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# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The JLT have had a fantastic start to the year and are settling into school nicely. Tamariki have enjoyed exploring the new areas of our classroom and are getting used to the new classroom routines and programmes. A warm welcome to our new students Charleen, Priya, Nathaniel and James! You have all made a fantastic start to school and it's been great having you a part of the JLT! For the past couple of weeks we have been looking into the importance of sun safety and have done lots of descriptive writing and art activities surrounding this. Congratulations to Dante for receiving our classroom certificate at Assembly last week.

## MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Wow, what an amazing start to the year the Middle Learning Team has had. We have welcomed Jayven into our class and he has made an excellent start to the MLT. The MLT are trying some challenging new things this year, such as our 'Maths Choice Board'. Last week we went on a trip to the Dunedin Art Gallery and created some beautiful self-portraits. We have started our inquiry which is called 'What's Up There?' and we can't wait to learn more about this. Congratulations to Braxton for receiving our classroom certificate at Assembly last week.

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The SLT has hit the ground running for 2021. A warm welcome to Tyler who has joined us this year. Among many new things, we have been exploring hands on, discussion based maths through Cafe Maths and our 'Build It' maths challenges. We have also been developing student agency during our self managing time. On Friday we had the amazing opportunity to explore the Dunedin Art Gallery. We found lots of interesting detail in portraits and made our own window portraits. Congratulations to Creation for receiving our classroom certificate last week at Assembly.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

We have Transition to School visits for all four year olds each term at Pine Hill School. The purpose of these visits is to allow students to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life. The sessions are held over three different dates each term and the dates for term four are: **Wednesday 17th March and Wednesday 7th April**. Children are welcome to come for morning tea at 10.40am, with spending the middle block from 11am-12.30pm in the Junior Learning Team, experiencing school. Children are invited to stay for lunch after the in class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Amy at school via email, text or phone.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday 29th March** at 7.15pm on the Zoom platform. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in attending this online meeting.

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## FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

We are seeing sold Easter Hamper raffle tickets coming back to school and it's great to see the enthusiasm when students return them! Each family needs to please have their donated chocolate item at school by **Friday 19th March**. All tickets (sold or not) need to be back to school by **Friday 26th March**. The next meeting for this group will be held on **Monday 15th March** at 3.15pm at school. Thank you everyone for your amazing support. *Hazel Astley - Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Staff Representative*

## GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS PROTOCOLS

Please read the protocols below to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.

- all parents/caregivers must scan in on the Covid-19 tracer app OR use the paper copies provided for this
- all parents/caregivers/students will enter the interviews through the following doors - MLT and SLT from the office doors and JLT from their main door entry through the classroom bag bay
- all parents/caregivers/students must sanitise on arrival and this will be available
- all parents/caregivers will sit two metres away from the classroom teacher during the interview and students will sit beside their parents in the interview
- tables will be sanitised between interviews
- parents/guardians/students will exit interviews via classroom verandahs and leave **OR** move to the next waiting place for further interviews if applicable

## HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school. 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 a 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. Please check your child/ren's hair. If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

## NEWSLETTER

If you would like to go on the school newsletter email tree, please contact Nikola at the school office.



## 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 (JLT)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<b>Olivia:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Max:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Kāhu:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Zav:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Dante:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend	<b>Mohammad:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Jensen:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Shahed:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Mazyad:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Naghah:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Stella:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Sham:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Braxton:</b> L2 - 20mins free time with a friend <b>Ruby:</b> L2 - prize box	<b>Sol:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Clichē:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Harlow:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Yazan:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Harlow:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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<a href="mailto:hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Hazel Astley: Senior Learning Team Teacher	<a href="mailto:office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary
<a href="mailto:principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Melissa Ward: Principal	

## WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

<b>School phone number:</b> 03 473 9148	<b>School cell phone number:</b> 027 528 7198
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz">www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a>	Search <b>Pine Hill School</b> on <b>Facebook</b> and give us a like!
Download the <b>Skool Loop app</b> from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for <b>Pine Hill School</b>	<b>Seesaw</b> - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

## REMINDERS

<b>Mon 1st - Fri 5th March</b>	<i>Walk n' Wheel Week</i>
<b>Wednesday 3rd March</b>	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
<b>Thursday 4th March</b>	<i>Goal Setting Interviews, <b>school closing 12.30pm</b></i>
<b>Wednesday 10th March</b>	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
<b>Friday 12th March</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
<b>Monday 15th March</b>	<i>Friends of the School meeting, 3.15pm (futsal training at lunch this day)</i>
<b>Tuesday 16th March</b>	<i>Whole school trip to Otago Museum for inquiry</i>
<b>Wednesday 17th March</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Wednesday 17th March</b>	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
<b>Thursday 18th March</b>	<i>Have a Go Sports Day - year 5 and 6 females</i>
<b>Monday 22nd March</b>	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - <b>school CLOSED</b></i>
<b>Wednesday 24th March</b>	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
<b>Wednesday 24th March</b>	<i>Duffy Books in Homes Theatre show for students</i>
<b>Friday 26th March</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
<b>Monday 29th March</b>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting, 7.15pm on the Zoom platform</i>
<b>Friday 2nd April</b>	<i>Good Friday - <b>school CLOSED</b></i>
<b>Monday 5th April</b>	<i>Easter Monday - <b>school CLOSED</b></i>
<b>Tuesday 6th April</b>	<i>Easter Tuesday - <b>school CLOSED</b></i>
<b>Wednesday 7th April</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Friday 9th April</b>	<i>Duffy Role Model Assembly for students - <b>NO</b> normal school Assembly</i>
<b>Friday 16th April</b>	<i>School holidays begin</i>
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<i>Term 2 begins</i>