



Newsletter 2 - Wednesday 2nd March 2022



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste

We certainly are living in interesting times. Thank you to everyone for their support of our school throughout the different phases we have been moving through with the Government's Red Light Plan. We are now in Phase 3 of this plan and school is operating as normal as can be, within these guidelines. It's great for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff, and we have very good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

It is really great to see a number of students playing touch on Thursday nights at The Oval. I am coaching the senior team and thank you to Jason Waho who is coaching the junior team at the games, with Mrs Astley and Mrs Alvarez Farias taking the team for practice during the week. Amongst the brisk Oval wind, there have been lots of positive attitudes and beaming smiles during the first few games, which is fabulous to see. Thank you to all the parents, whānau and friends who have been down supporting the teams during their games.

This year we have a number of property projects happening. With our 5 Year Property Plan money from the Ministry of Education, the Junior and Senior Learning Teams are both getting their current cabinetry replaced, we have new carpet going in the library and Senior Learning Team, new vinyl in the Junior and Senior Learning Teams, new doors to separate classrooms 1, 2 and 3, a couple of replacement windows going in and a drainage project happening. We are also part of the Improving Classrooms in Small Schools project through the Ministry of Education. This will see us have LED lighting installed right through the school, thermal blankets installed, acoustic panels installed and residual current devices installed. This project is all about improving the internal environment of our school. We look forward to getting these property projects underway as soon as possible. The hallway from the library down to the art room, and including the art room and library, have all been internally painted recently. It looks fabulous in these areas and it is amazing what a lick of paint can do!

A reminder that if your children are sick, please contact us and inform us. Ensure you give us a reason as to why they are sick as we need this information for our class rolls. If your child is showing symptoms of Covid, it is important to test them as soon as possible. Rapid Antigen Testing is now being used for the majority of testing. Please get in touch if you have any questions regarding anything to do with Covid and I will do my best to help you.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There is a Pine Hill School Board meeting on **Monday 28th March** at 7.15pm on the online platform, Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in attending either of these meetings.

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care is now on offer at Pine Hill School. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Mana Before and After School Care are the outside providers running this programme and it is called 'Pine Hill Mana'. We are excited to have before and after school care up and running. Whānau are able to enrol children now by going to www.manaafterschoolcare.com and clicking on the 'Click To Enrol' tab. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had a fantastic start to term 1 so far. We have spent lots of time over the first few weeks having fun together and learning new things about each other. We have worked as a team to create our rules and JLT Class Treaty to ensure we are displaying our school values everyday. We are diving into our learning programmes and are pretty confident following our reading programme so far which is awesome to see. We have been posting lots of our fantastic learning on our Seesaw journals so please don't forget to check these out and leave us some feedback. In the afternoons we have been sharpening up on our striking skills by learning a variety of skills and playing some fun sports such as cricket and T-Ball. We have also been creating some stunning artwork to display around our classroom of our beautiful faces. These have been posted on Seesaw for our family and whanau to see too.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

We have had a ripping start to learning in the Senior Learning Team this year! It has been awesome to welcome Mrs Alvarez Farias to our class along with having Miss Ward teaching two days a week. The familiar faces of Mrs Astley and Anna are back with us too! Over the past weeks we have all been making connections with each other and learning the new routines of our classroom. SLT students have been making the most of the weather (and having our masks off) by learning outside as well as doing lots of physical education. Confidence is growing, along with the independence to complete most do's in reading and math such as, handwriting and reading responses and our number knowledge. As we are making the most of the sunshine, we have also become experts about UV radiation and how we can keep ourselves safe in the sun.

WALK N' WHEEL WEEK: MONDAY 7th - FRIDAY 11th MARCH

Walk n' Wheel to School week is coming up from Monday 7th until Friday 11th March 2022. Walking or wheeling to school can contribute to daily activity, help reduce the traffic congestion at the school gate and help reduce your carbon footprint. Help us support this fantastic event by supporting your child/children walk or wheel during the week, even if it is only once during the week. We have spot prizes to give away! The more they walk or wheel during the week, the more chances they have of winning a spot prize including Sports Depot and Megazone vouchers. Live too far away? Then parking a block or two away is a perfect option for your family. You can win prizes by snapping a photo of you walking with your child/ren then posting on the Walk n' Wheel event on the Sport Otago Facebook Page with the hashtag #walknwheeldaydunedin2022. Help us spread the word and provide a safe walking/wheeling environment for our children to get to school as there are great prizes up for grabs!

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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<p>Priya: L1 - 10min class game Charleen: L1 - 10min class game James M: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend Farah: L2 - prize box Amelia: L2 - prize box</p>	<p>Ruby: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Jenna: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Jett: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Tyler: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Faith: L1 - 10min class game Stella: L1 - 10min class game Harlow: L1 - 10min class game</p>

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a free jacket. Some of the other things we have available for free include: shoes for students, food for morning tea and head lice treatment. Please contact Renee or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



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 pre-enrolled already for this year which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

<p>renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Renee Hodges: Junior Learning Team Teacher</p>	<p>valentina@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias: Senior Learning Team Teacher</p>
<p>hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Hazel Astley: Senior Learning Team Teacher</p>	<p>office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary</p>
<p>principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Melissa Ward: Principal/Senior Learning Team Teacher</p>	

REMINDERS

Monday 21st March
Monday 28th March
Thursday 14th April
Monday 2nd May

*Otago Anniversary Day, school **CLOSED***
Pine Hill School Board Meeting, 7.15pm on Zoom
School holidays begin at 3pm
Term two begins

Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School
for your child?



AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Highly skilled teachers
- Personalised learning
- interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes
- Innovative learning environments
- Strong use of digital technologies
- 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



Get in touch!

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Pine Hill School - the hidden treasure in Pine Hill

Pine Hill School
A Community of Learners