



Newsletter 2 – Wednesday 4th March 2020



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

It has been really nice to see the sun recently. We are on the downward slope to Autumn and as usual, our summer weather has been very up and down. It has been wonderful to see the students outside making the most of using our fabulous resources including the brand new painted bike track. This bike track was funded by the Dunedin City Council and organised for our school by Scarlett Hagen from BikeSchool. We are so thankful to be chosen as one of the few schools in Dunedin to receive this. Our students absolutely love using a variety of different wheels on it and we look forward to taking them on the journey of learning the road rules!

Miss Amy Riley has been welcomed into our school as a part time teacher in the Junior Learning Team. The Board of Trustees has recognised there has been significant growth in this classroom and building strong foundations in the early years of school is vital to a child's education. Currently there are 25 students in our junior class and it is predicted to grow to at least 30 students as the year progresses which is why we have increased the student to teacher ratio in this room. Our roll is looking really healthy and we look forward to creeping closer to that target number of 51 students which allows us to open a third classroom.

Well done to Revelle Rubin from the Junior Learning Team and Bella Stefani from the Senior Learning Team for receiving principal awards at Assembly on Friday. Our focus for these awards had been around our school value of responsibility. Revelle and Bella reflect this value extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts.



Next Wednesday 11th March, we are holding Goal Setting Interviews. School is closing at 12.30pm this day and interviews will be held from 1-6.30pm. Please ensure you have sent back your preferred interview time to the office. This year we have added Home Discussion forms to these interviews. These were sent home on Monday this week and we are asking whanau to discuss with their children things that are going well for them at school and things they need to work on. The aim of these goal setting interviews is for them to be collaborative between teacher/whanau/child. Please fill out this form and bring it along with you to your child's interviews next Wednesday.

Our 2019 Charter has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Based on achievement data from 2019, some excellent targets have been set for the period of January-December 2019. The board look forward to our student achievement continuing to lift, which we saw happening as 2019 progressed. There is a copy of the Charter available for reading at the school office and on our website.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had such an amazing start back at school for the year. We have welcomed Zav, Sophia, Sterling, Kahli and Nox to our class. In the first few weeks of school we were busy learning how to swim with Jill Clarke Swim School. Miss Hodges could not believe how much we improved over the two weeks. We also went to St Kilda beach to learn about beach safety. Our inquiry for Term 1 is about Life Cycles. We are lucky to have some caterpillars and tadpoles in our classroom to help us learn more about their life cycles and we have been to the museum. We have also welcomed a new teacher into the JLT – Miss Riley. She will be teaching us in the mornings from Monday to Thursday, gosh we are lucky!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team has had an exciting start back to school for 2020! We welcomed two new tamariki, Sol and Fadia, who are both wonderful additions to our classroom community. Over the past few weeks we have explored life cycles. We have studied this topic by investigating some of our class pets! This was a great way to see first-hand how different species change as their life cycles progress. We are about to start a new writing topic which collaborates with a buddy class in another school in NZ which is very exciting! Swimming and Beach Education have also kept us busy! We are looking forward to goal setting interviews next week where we will reflect on how school is going, and set goals for the future!

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active in the 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 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.

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.

FUTSAL

The Pine Hill Tigers Futsal team had their first game of the term one competition last Wednesday and won 3-0 against Concord. Well done to Mohammad Zarzar who was named player of the match. Thank you to Chanel, Jasmine, Janine and Terry who are helping coach and manage the team. Good luck for your upcoming games!

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

We have a fundraising BBQ coming up on Saturday 16th May at Mitre 10 Mega. Please keep this date free so you can help out with this very important fundraiser!

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Mohammad Zarzar	Zackery Still
Classroom Certificates	Sterling Rubin	Clichè Boyd-Tione



CLASS TIME

Students are expected to be at school by 9am every day. Being at school by 8.45am or earlier (anytime after 8.15am) is ideal as this allows students to get ready for the day and build relationships. Students coming in late is disruptive to the class programme and can be frustrating to teachers when they have already started the school day. We understand if there are special appointments in school time that cause students to be late to school for example dentist, optometrist, doctor. Please try your very best to make appointments out of school time. Constant lateness to school by students will be followed up with through a meeting with parents/guardians. Students are required to stay in class until 3pm each day. If you arrive early to collect your child, please wait in the office area or you are welcome to go into your child's classroom and wait for them until the bell rings.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM ONE

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 dates for term one are: **Wednesday 11th March, Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 8th 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 Renee at school via email, text or phone.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

We have moved our school banking to ASB Bank. The bank account number is: 12-3150-0057559-00 and the name of the account is: Pine Hill School Board of Trustees. Any online payments over and above the School Donation Scheme e.g. school camp fees and sports fees, need to be paid into this account. Thank you.

KIDSCAN

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



EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE – KIRSTYN STANAWAY: CHAIRPERSON

Kia ora koutou. We had our first Board of Trustees meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 26th February. During this meeting I was re-elected as board chairperson, which I am happy and feel privileged to do for another year. At this meeting we had Chris Morris from the Ministry of Education and Melissa working through the school charter, where they discussed the annual targets for 2020 with the board. Our 2020 Charter is available for anyone interested in the school office area and on our website. Targets have been set for 2020 based off 2019 data and our school is moving in an excellent direction to achieve these.

There are many great things happening at Pine Hill School in 2020 and beyond. We hope this will support us to reach our goal of 51 children which will see us open another classroom and bring more funding to our school. One initiative that has been extremely positive is having a second part time teacher in the junior learning team that is funded by the board. We will be modernising some of the classrooms as well as doing some maintenance of the school turf. You will see these changes in the not too distant future.

One thing all families/whanau/caregivers can do to support our school reach our future goal of 51 students, is to talk about how great Pine Hill School is or direct them to the school's Facebook Page or website, so others can see for themselves the awesome learning and opportunities children have here at Pine Hill. Also encourage them to pop up and visit Melissa and the team at school.

Thanks Kirstyn

REMINDERS

Wednesday 11th March	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Wednesday 11th March	<i>Goal Setting Interviews: school closing at 12.30pm</i>
Friday 13th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Wednesday 18th March	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Monday 23rd March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - School CLOSED</i>
Wed 25th-Fri 27th March	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp</i>
Wednesday 8th April	<i>Transition to School, all four year olds</i>
Thursday 9th April	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Thursday 9th April	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Tuesday 28th April	<i>Term two begins, 9am</i>
Saturday 16th May	<i>Friends of the School Fundraising BBQ, Mitre 10 Mega</i>

