



**PINE HILL SCHOOL**  
*'Reaching for the Top!'*



## Newsletter 3 - Wednesday 6th March 2024



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

We had a very chilly welcome to Autumn yesterday! Hopefully the chillier weather disappears for awhile and we get some warm temperatures back before we move into the cold winter months.

Welcome to Ribha and Laksh Sharma, and their whānau who have joined our school. Ribha is in year 3 and Laksh is in year 6. We are sure they will enjoy their time with us. We also welcome Ariana Young-Gray Ward and her whānau back to Pine Hill School. It is great to have them joining us again.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Goal Setting Interviews last week. We really appreciate our strong home-school relationships and it was evident our school community does too, with 100% attendance at these interviews. Tamariki were able to talk with the parents/caregivers about some things that were working well for them at school, along with identifying some goals for the year. This information will be displayed in classrooms and also sent home to whānau in the next couple of weeks.

It is great to have two teams participating in our local futsal competition this term and one team in the local touch competition. By all accounts, players in these teams have been showing great sportsmanship during their games, and giving their all. It is lovely to hear positive feedback about our teams who represent our school, out in the community.

We have availability in our school hall every week night, from term two, for any groups who wish to hire it. If you know of anyone who may be interested in hiring it, please get in touch. It is \$20 per hour to hire.

There is quite a lot of sickness around at the moment including runny noses, coughs, sore throats, and all of the above! Covid is lurking in the community as well. Please ensure you keep your tamariki home if they are not well enough to come to school. This helps stop the spread of bugs. Thank you to all those that have been keeping their unwell tamariki at home. We **no** longer stock RAT tests for our community.

Assembly has been canceled this Friday. Our next Assembly will be on **Friday 22nd March** at 2.30pm.

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Melissa Ward - Tumuaiki/Principal*

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***Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility***

# School Notices

### PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 18th March** at 6pm on Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along.

Please contact Melissa, or Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any meetings.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

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 tamariki 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 remaining dates for term one are: **Wednesday 13th March** and **Wednesday 3rd April**. Tamariki 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. Tamariki are invited to stay for lunch after the class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Miss Tara McGoff at school.

## KIDSCAN

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



## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have Before School Care available from Tuesday to Friday mornings from 7.30-8.30am. Please text the school phone or email the office to tell us if you require this service. Bookings can be taken up until the day before and the cost is \$6 per child, before 8am and \$3 per child after 8am. The earlier the notice, the better.

## 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>	

## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving classroom awards at our most recent Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
<b>Principal Award - Responsibility</b>	Eil Caley	Alexander Sipa
<b>Classroom Certificate</b>	Zarih Nolia	Kahli Little

## REMINDERS

Friday 22nd March  
Monday 25th March  
Friday 29th March  
Monday 1st April  
Tuesday 2nd April  
Friday 5th April  
Friday 12th April

Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall  
Otago Anniversary Day - school **CLOSED**  
Good Friday - school **CLOSED**  
Easter Monday - school **CLOSED**  
Easter Tuesday - school **CLOSED** (a school holiday)  
Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall  
Term one school holidays begin