



Newsletter 3 - Wednesday 16th March 2022



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

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of our school through our red light plan. Phase 3 of this plan is working well 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.

This year we are involved in a number of professional learning development contracts. With CORE Education and Jo Barr, our facilitator, we are undertaking local curriculum professional development. This is where we look at a variety of aspects of our school and how we can strengthen them, or look at making changes around what we are doing. Our stakeholders are involved in this and feedback is a key part of this professional learning for us. In term 2 on Tuesday 24th May, we will be having an exciting event after school for whānau. Keep an eye out for more information coming home about this before the end of this term! Through the University of Otago, we are involved in some professional learning around literacy with Lauren Latimer, our facilitator. This is a pilot project and involves looking at our literacy data and putting in some interventions to help lift student achievement across selected cohorts of students. Staff will be involved in small inquiry projects around these interventions. There are a handful of schools from Dunedin involved in this pilot project and we were lucky enough to be one of the chosen schools to participate. We are also working with Sport Otago for the next three years in Healthy Active Living professional learning development. This is looking at what we are doing as a school overall around the delivery of our health and physical education programmes. This is a new initiative for Sport Otago in Dunedin and we jumped at the opportunity to participate when we were asked. We are excited about all this professional learning we are involved in and look forward to collaborating with providers for the benefit of our school community.

Next Monday is Otago Anniversary Day and school is closed to observe this. Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 22nd March.

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 has had another busy few weeks. We cannot believe we are halfway through term 1 already. Last week, some of us enjoyed cashing in our PB4L tickets for the first time this year. We have been trying our best to display our school values everyday so we can earn more tickets. We have been doing so well with following our reading programme so Miss Hodges has changed our activities around so we can practice a range of literacy skills. This week we have started doing some extra handwriting practice. During writing time, we have been trying to ignite our work by using our senses. We have been watching some interesting videos and using our senses to describe what we can see, hear, feel, taste and smell. We have decided our favourite sense is taste especially when we get to taste something delicious. Don't forget to check out our daily tasks on Seesaw and leave us some feedback and comments!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team is working like a well oiled machine! Over the last two weeks we have been writing letters and learning how to add detail and interesting sentences to our work. We have thoroughly enjoyed having a go at Volleyball and have especially enjoyed striking the ball over our new net! In the coming weeks we will continue to work on our core skill of striking through different sports. In the afternoons, we have been working towards performing *The Emperor's New Hair*. The class has split into different teams including actors/actresses, set designers, costume designers and musicians. They have been learning new skills in each one of their areas and are having lots of fun working as a team. We are looking forward to performing this later in the week. A video of the performance will be put up on Seesaw. We'd love for you to check out our learning on Seesaw and please leave some comments!

WALK N' WHEEL WEEK ROUND UP!

Well done to everyone who participated in Walk n' Wheel week. It was wonderful to see students turning up on their bikes and scooters. We noticed many students making the extra effort to walk or wheel to school last week. Even though Walk n' Wheel week has finished, it would be great to see students continue these good habits! Congratulations to Marcel, Zav, Farah, James L, Sham, Grace, Saja, Tyler, Clichē, Stella, Nagham, Luke and Mohammad who all won a Walk n' Wheel week spot prize for participating in this event! *Mrs Astley*

SCHOOL CLOSED

On **Monday 21st March** school is closed to observe Otago Anniversary Day. Have a lovely long weekend!

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)
Max: L1 - 10min free time with a friend James L: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend Ariana: L2 - prize box Autumn: L2 - prize box	Shahed: L1 - 10min class game Sham: L1 - 10min class game Nagham: L1 - 10min class game Mohammad: L1 - 10min class game Jett: L1 - 10min class game Harlow: L1 - 10min class game

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.



ABSENCES

Please ensure you message us via the school cell phone, email, Skool Loop App or call us to inform us if your child is going to be away and the reason why they are not here e.g. sickness. It is part of our health and safety policy to know where children are when they are not at school. We appreciate being contacted prior to school starting at 9am as it saves us having to chase whānau. If your child is away consecutive days for something like sickness, you need to message us each day and tell us.

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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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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