



Newsletter 3 - Wednesday 17th March 2021



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

We have been really lucky with the nice weather of late. It has been great to see the students outside enjoying a variety of activities at break times including using the playgrounds, riding wheels, using the Maypole, playing soccer and playing tennis. We are extremely lucky to have such expansive grounds which allows everyone to have somewhere to play and interact.

Congratulations to Zav Tan from the Junior Learning Team, Stella MacGillivray from the Middle Learning Team and Tyler Hampson-Waho from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. Our focus over the last two weeks leading up to Assembly had been around our extremely important school value of respect. These three students certainly reflect this value on a daily basis at school. Well done and keep up the fabulous efforts.



Thank you very much to all those that attended Goal Setting Interviews with their children recently. It was really good to go ahead with these at Alert Level 2 of the Covid-19 Alert Level System. Everyone followed our health and safety protocols extremely well, which I am very thankful for. There were some catch up interviews in the days after the set interview day, which worked well. People took precautions and stayed away if their children or themselves were feeling unwell. Teachers really appreciated meeting whanau and discussing what is going well for their children along with looking at some school related goals to work on. We had a big number of home discussion forms that came along to interviews, and this was great. Having a collaborative discussion between school and home is important to ensure we are all on the same page. Our reporting system to whanau for the remainder of 2021 includes: written school reports at the end of term two, Student Led Conferences early term three and written school reports at the end of term four. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact their classroom teacher in the first instance.

This week with the newsletter, I have included our Guidelines for Parents/Guardians with a Concern procedure. We send this out termly with the newsletter and I encourage you to follow this procedure if you ever need. This procedure is on display in the school office, is available from school on request at any time and is on our school website.

Bunnings has recently donated a brand new six burner BBQ to Pine Hill School. We are hugely appreciative of this, as we were in need for a new one. Thank you very much to Sheryl from Bunnings who organised this donation for our school.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has been hard at work these past two weeks. We have been reflecting on the goals that we have set ourselves and are focusing on ways to achieve them. The goal setting interviews were a success and a great opportunity to discuss our strengths and areas for improvement with our whanau. We are continuing to explore our topic around space and have learnt some interesting facts about the sun. We have also done some amazing oil pastel drawings to accompany this. Congratulations to Kahli for receiving our classroom certificate last week at Assembly. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see the awesome learning the JLT have been doing!

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team is continuing to impress Miss Hodges by showing our school values on a daily basis. We have been diving deep into our inquiry and are gaining so much exciting new knowledge about *'What's Up there?'*. Yesterday we went to the Otago Museum to find out more. We had so much fun in their Planetarium and learnt so much about our Solar System. Over the past few weeks we have been doing some hockey and cricket sessions. We love showing off our dribbling skills at hockey and are getting so good at hitting the ball for cricket. Congratulations to Chloe for receiving our classroom certificate at Assembly last week.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The SLT have been creating satellites and rockets as a part of our inquiry. We have also begun our own investigations into a personal wondering about space. To find new information we went onto 'Any Questions' and talked to librarians to help us with our research. We have also written letters to the Space Scientist at Otago University and look forward to hearing back from them. We have begun looking at how we use oil pastels in art and are creating some galaxy masterpieces. It has been a busy classroom! Congratulations to Fadia for receiving our classroom award 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 remaining date for term one is: **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.

WELCOME TO PINE HILL SCHOOL

We are very grateful to have Maggie Beggs and Jess Whittle volunteering in school as teacher aides at present. Our students in the Junior and Middle Learning Teams are lucky to have both Maggie and Jess working alongside them two/three days a week.

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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.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN (FOTS) UPDATE

It is great to see all the sold Easter Hamper raffle tickets coming in! Keep up the awesome work everyone! Thanks to all those who have also donated their chocolate item for the raffle. All chocolate items need to be at school by **Friday 19th March**. All tickets (sold or not) need to be back to school by **Friday 26th March**. The raffle is being drawn under Police Supervision on **Thursday 1st April** at 2.45pm at school. Thank you everyone for your amazing support with this fundraiser for our school.

Hazel Astley - Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Staff Representative

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Pine Hill School Board of Trustees

11 Hislop Street

Liberton

DUNEDIN 9010

by 5pm Tuesday 13th April 2021

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a Warriors jacket. Some of the other things we have available 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.



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)
Priya: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Charleen: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend James: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Marcel: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Kaea: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Zav: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Farah: L1 - class game for 10mins Kahli: L2 - prize box Olivia: L2 - prize box Max: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend Nathaniel: L3 - class ice block party	Mazyad: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Jayven: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend Jenna: L3 - 30mins free time with a friend Faith: L3 - class ice block party Chloe: L4 - class movie and popcorn Luke: L4 - class PJ party Nox: L4 - class PJ party	Sol: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Cliché: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Harlow: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Tyler: L4 - class PJ party Ryley: L4 - class baking activity Fadia: L4 - class movie and popcorn

YEAR 5 and 6 HAVE A GO SPORTS DAY

On Thursday 18th March, all year 5 and 6 females are attending a Have a Go Day at Logan Park Turf. Students need to be at school by **8.20am** at the latest. They will be back in time for lunch and need their water bottle, to be wearing suitable sports clothing and footwear and have a jacket. They also need their morning tea. We know there can be four seasons in one day in Dunedin and the event will only be cancelled if it is raining heavily. All families have been sent home this information. Please contact Mrs Astley if you have any queries.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Hazel Astley: Senior Learning Team Teacher	office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary
principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Melissa Ward: Principal	

REMINDERS

Thursday 18th March	<i>Have a Go Sports Day - year 5 and 6 females</i>
Friday 19th March	<i>Chocolate donations for FOTS Easter Hamper Raffle due to school</i>
Monday 22nd March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 24th March	<i>Small Sticks hockey coaching, all classes</i>
Wednesday 24th March	<i>Duffy Books in Homes Theatre show for students</i>
Friday 26th March	<i>All FOTS Easter Hamper Raffle cards due back at school, sold or unsold</i>
Friday 26th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 29th March	<i>Board of Trustees meeting, 7.15pm on the Zoom platform</i>
Thursday 1st April	<i>FOTS Easter Hamper Raffle drawn under police supervision</i>
Friday 2nd April	<i>Good Friday - school CLOSED</i>
Monday 5th April	<i>Easter Monday - school CLOSED</i>
Tuesday 6th April	<i>Easter Tuesday - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 7th April	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
Friday 9th April	<i>Duffy Role Model Assembly for students - NO normal school Assembly</i>
Friday 16th April	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Monday 3rd May	<i>Term 2 begins</i>

