



Newsletter 3 – Wednesday 20th March 2019



Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

Over the last two weeks we have welcomed Bianka Talbot and Mazyad Al Hassan to Pine Hill School. Both these students have turned 5 and have joined Miss Hodges and the Junior Learning Team. Welcome to our school Bianka and Mazyad, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Well done to Ruby Dustow from the Junior Learning Team and Aya Alibrahem from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. Over the last two weeks there had been a focus around our school value of respect. It was lovely to award Ruby and Aya with Principal Awards in recognition of them ably reflecting this very important school value.



It is been a very sad time across our country in the last five days with the terror attacks in Christchurch. I know that you will all stand with me in sending our condolences and support to all those who have been affected by this vile act of hatred – those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured, those whose whānau are injured and those who know people who are injured or who have lost their lives. If you have any questions or would like to talk, please contact me by text, email, phone or popping in to see me at school.

Teaching staff have been very busy with the Digital Technologies Curriculum Professional Learning Development contract we are involved in. We have been having some big focuses in classes with students around being good digital citizens. Staff have also been working closely with our providers Rachel McNamara and Anne Kenneally from CORE Education. Rachel and Anne will both be doing some sessions in class with students throughout the year as well as continuing their work with teaching staff. We are all learning lots from our involvement in this very important Professional Learning Development. It is exciting to be looking at ways of incorporating this curriculum into our learning at Pine Hill School, and not necessarily using digital devices to do this. The Digital Technologies Curriculum is about students being the creators of the technology they are working with. Our students need to be more than users of technology, they need to take ownership of the digital world.

Please ensure your children are completing reading each night at home. Reading mileage and exposure to reading helps children get better at it. Even if you read to your children, this is fantastic. Reading at home is a great opportunity for you to spend time with your children.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

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JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

We are lucky to have had two more students join the JLT last week. We have Bianka, who is Khalid and Pax's little sister and Mazyad who is Maram and Yazan's little brother. We have been doing lots of exciting learning around digital technology. The JLT have been talking about all of the different things that can happen when we are using devices and what we can do to keep safe. The students created some videos around digital safety that we will be sharing at our next assembly, so please come along to this so you can and see them! We have been focusing on being more respectful to each other and respecting the things we have in our classroom to use.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Our Inquiry topic for term one is Around the World with Pine Hill School. So far in the SLT we have looked at some interesting pictures of people and places around the world and come up with lots of words to describe them. Miss Share was away last Wednesday so we got to work with Miss Ward to develop wonderings related to our inquiry topic. This week we will use a device and books in our library to discover answers for our questions. All of us are excited to be learning about different people and cultures around the world. We have also been looking at ways of being good digital citizens and being responsible users of technology.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY

Kia ora. We have been busy getting a wee Easter Raffle together for the families of Pine Hill School. The 1st prize is \$70 of chocolate and Easter eggs, plus a \$10 New World voucher and the 2nd prize is a boxed Easter egg and a \$10 New World voucher. We will be selling tickets from the 1st-5th April. The tickets will be \$1 and can be purchased at the school office, before and after school. To make it fair for everyone, from Monday the 1st April to Wednesday the 3rd April, families can purchase up to three tickets, if they would like. On the Thursday and Friday, we will be selling the remaining tickets and people can buy more, if they would like to at this point. The prize is great and there are only 100 tickets in the draw. Also, save the 23rd June for the Mitre 10 Mega BBQ as we will be needing parent help.

ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your child/ren are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for your child/ren's absence when you phone to inform us. It is policy for us to know where students are when they are not at school.

OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY

School is closed this coming Monday, 25th March to observe Otago Anniversary Day.

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 to keep if they need them, food for morning tea/lunches and head lice treatment. Please contact Essie or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving classroom awards at assembly in the last week of term three:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Mohammad Zarzar	Yazan Al Hassan
Classroom Certificates	Ossian Gordon	Edward Ritchie



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have cashed in their reward tickets for different levels in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme over the last two weeks:



Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Chloe Prasad: level two - prize box Saja Alibrahem: level two - prize box	Brooke Chettleburgh: level two - prize box Ryley Prasad: level two - prize box Yazan Al Hassan: level two - prize box Pax Talbot: level two - prize box

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM ONE

Transition to School visits for all four year olds in the area are continuing this year as part of our Transition to School Programme. The purpose of these visits is to allow students to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life. The sessions will be held over two different dates this term. The last date for Transition to School this term is: Wednesday 27th March.

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 welcome to also stay for lunch after this with being collected at 1pm. If you would like to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Renee at school via email or phoning.

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. Students coming in late is disruptive to the class programme and can be frustrating to teachers when they have already started the school day. Of course, we understand if there are special appointments in school time that cause students to be late to school, or they have to leave school for, for example dentist, optometrist. Please make any other appointments like haircuts etc out of school time.

Students are required to stay in class until 3pm each day. If you arrive early to collect your child/ren, 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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

principal@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Melissa Ward: Principal	renee@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Renee Hodges: Junior Learning Team Teacher
essie@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Essie Share: Senior Learning Team Teacher	office@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Nikola Ballard: Secretary

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ALTERNATIVE 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!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday 9th of April at 6.30pm in the Junior Learning Team at school. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

SCHOOLDocs

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review these policies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for these policies. You have all term to review the policy. If you have any questions or would like to review paper copies, please contact Melissa at school. Policy reviews this term are: Alcohol, drugs and other harmful substances.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

REMINDERS

Friday 22nd March	<i>Colour Your Day - dress in bright colours to support Chch</i>
Monday 25th March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 27th March	<i>Transition to School visit for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 28th March	<i>Trip to Otago Museum for inquiry study</i>
Friday 29th March	<i>Duffy Theatre Visit - Pine Hill School: 11am</i>
Friday 29th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Monday 8th April	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Tuesday 9th April	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm at school</i>
Friday 12th April	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Friday 12th April	<i>Term One ends, school holidays begin</i>
Monday 29th April	<i>Term Two begins</i>
15th-18th October	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau</i>