



Newsletter 3 - Wednesday 5th March 2025



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

We had a fabulous day at Beach Education on Friday 21st February. It was a great opportunity to be reminded about how to be safe at the beach and the importance of this. Thank you to all the adults who came along as helpers for the day, we really appreciated your support.

This week we have Goal Setting Interviews on **Wednesday 5th (today)** and **Thursday 6th March**. Everyone has had their interview times emailed or sent home on hard copy, however school information is received. Tamariki must be present at their interview. Kaiako are looking forward to meeting with tamariki and whānau at these interviews this week.

On Monday we began teaching spelling across the school using the iDeaL Structured Literacy Approach. This is a highly effective method for teaching spelling, ensuring that all tamariki develop strong spelling skills. By implementing this approach, every kaimahi (staff) member in our school is involved, taking responsibility for specific groups of tamariki at the same time each day. This consistent, structured practice allows for focused instruction, addressing the unique needs of our tamariki. With all kaimahi working in unison, tamariki benefit from a collaborative, cohesive environment that reinforces spelling concepts throughout lessons, ensuring progress and mastery. The iDeaL Approach provides kaimahi with a structured framework to deliver effective literacy teaching. We are really excited to have our spelling programme up and running, knowing the skills learnt in these sessions, will be applied across all areas of literacy by our tamariki.

This term we have two teams participating in the futsal competition at Edgar Centre on Tuesday and Wednesdays after school. A big thank you to Jason Waho for managing the Panthers team and Rory Augustson for managing the Tigers team. It is also much appreciated when other whānau members step up if we have our usual managers unavailable. Our tamariki really love playing futsal and it is great to have them participating, proudly representing Pine Hill School!

Kāmihi
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal

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School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 31st 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.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE: MISS WARD & MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS

We have had a busy few weeks in the JLT, familiarising ourselves and working on classroom and learning expectations. We have also had three new tamariki join our class, welcoming Hope, Dea and Rawan! During reading time we have focused on explicit teaching and our rotations. Tamariki have been learning their alphabet sounds, blending sounds together and practicing their spelling. In writing, tamariki have been working hard on the formation of letters and publishing work about Waitangi Day and sentences about themselves. This was a great way for tamariki to learn more about each other. We have been focused on understanding the concepts of the different rotations; why we do certain activities and how it helps our learning. There is a variety of content within each rotation that provides a scaffold to support tamariki in the different areas of maths. It was awesome heading out to St Kilda beach for our beach education day! This was a great way to learn how to stay safe in the water. With a great start to the year, our tamariki are eager and excited for what the rest of the term holds for us!

MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE: MISS DUNCAN

The tamariki in MLT have had a great start to the year, getting to know each other, settling into our classroom routines and being ready to learn. In reading, we have been focusing on our new rotations, going through what they look like and how to complete them. Tamariki have also been focusing on comprehension when reading, making sure to ask lots of questions! For writing, the MLT have been practicing recounts, which is writing a story about something that has already happened. We have been learning how to make our stories more engaging for the reader and what to include in them. Focusing on our striking and bowling skills in PE, we have been practising how to hold a bat accurately with the correct hand placement and learning how to bowl a ball. This helped us a lot when we had the opportunity to take part in cricket coaching recently. Beach education was an absolute blast, we had such a great time learning how to be safe! The MLT has had an amazing start to the year and are looking forward to working and learning alongside each other for the rest of 2025!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE: MISS CULBERT

The SLT has had an amazing start to the year, settling into routines and getting stuck into our learning. We're excited to have Muhamad join our class! In maths, we have been learning about statistics. We created some awesome graphs to display our findings and discovered some interesting facts about each other. It has been exciting to see how data can help us learn more about our classmates! For writing, we have been working on our editing skills, using a dictionary, and learning how to correct our mistakes. This has helped us become more confident writers and take pride in improving our work. In PE, we have been focusing on striking and hitting skills. We have practiced using a bat, worked on our bowling and throwing, and even had the opportunity to take part in cricket coaching. Using these new skills, we have enjoyed playing games of T-ball. We had a great time at St Kilda for beach education. We love getting outside and making the most of the good weather while we can! We are looking forward to the rest of the term, full of excitement and learning!

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits will allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the remaining dates for **Term 1** are: **Wednesday 12th of March**, and **Wednesday 2nd of April**.

Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10:40am, and then spend the middle block from 11:00am - 12:30pm with the Junior Learning Team. They are also invited to stay for lunch, with being collected at 1:00pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Miss Ally Ward at school.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have Before School Care available every Monday to Friday morning 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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact Kaimah (staff) on the following email addresses:

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

	Junior Learning Team	Middle Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Responsibility	Dea Nolial	Zarih Nolial	Nembeka Ganaii
Classroom Certificate	Farrah Sipa	Ariana Young-Gray Ward	Alexander Sipa

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)
Oakley: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Kaylani: L1 - 10 min class game	Aurora: L1 - 10 min class game Teroina: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Ariana: L1 - 10 min free time with a friend Taua-Raangi: L1 - 10 min class game	Farah: L1 - 10 min class game Kaea: L1 - 10 min class game Taksh: L1 - 10 min class game

REMINDERS

Wednesday 5th March	<i>Goal Setting Interviews - 3.30-5.45pm</i>
Thursday 6th March	<i>Goal Setting Interviews - 2-7.30pm</i>
Friday 14th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 24th March	<i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i>
Friday 28th March	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Monday 31st March	<i>Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom</i>
Friday 11th April	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i>
Friday 11th April	<i>Term one school holidays begin</i>
Monday 28th April	<i>Term two begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Monday 9th June	<i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED</i>



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- Personalised and engaging learning opportunities
- Integrated learning programmes
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- Before and after school care
- Expansive grounds
- A family focus and community engagement
- A friendly, welcoming environment



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