



Newsletter 3 – Wednesday 18th March 2020



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

This week we welcomed Kaea Moeke and his family into our school. We know that Kaea and his family will enjoy their time with us at our awesome little school! Our school roll now stands at 41 students with more students to come as the year progresses.

Congratulations to Nox Somnium from the Junior Learning Team and Ryley Prasad from the Senior Learning Team for receiving principal awards at Assembly on Friday. Our focus for these awards over the last two weeks had been around our school value of respect. These students are really deserving recipients of these awards as they reflect this very important school value extremely well. Keep up the fabulous work.



Thank you very much to all those that came to Goal Setting Interviews last week. We had high attendance by our families which was excellent. It was wonderful to have students present at the interviews as it is very important to involve them in discussion about their learning and next steps. Thank you to all those families that brought along the Home Discussion Forms. Teachers found these forms very effective during the collaborative interviews. The interviews were very successful and we look forward to meeting again with parents in term three at Student Led Conferences. We are proud of the strong relationships we have with our families at Pine Hill School. Our door is always open and if you have any queries about anything to do with your child, please contact their classroom teacher.

As you are all well aware, the **COVID-19** (Coronavirus) pandemic has escalated over the weekend. We have an extremely comprehensive pandemic plan at school to help guide us through times like this. As a result of recent happenings, the Senior Learning Team school camp scheduled for next week has been postponed and a trip to the Sporting Memorabilia Museum that was scheduled for this Friday has been postponed. At this present point in time the health and welfare of students, their families and staff at Pine Hill School is paramount and we have to err on the side of caution. I am keeping families updated with information as it comes to light from the Ministry of Education. The website below has the most up-to-date and accurate information if you are unsure about anything: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus> If you have any questions or concerns please phone 0800 358 5453 (dedicated **COVID-19** number). The most important thing you can do as parents and caregivers is reinforce these healthy messages:

- Teach your children the importance of good hand washing and drying
- Teach your children to use good coughing and sneezing etiquette
- Do not hug, hongi or shake hands with anyone
- Be vigilant: keep your child away if they are unwell

At school we have been focusing on the above steps every day and reiterating their importance with students. We will be requesting children to go home if they become unwell. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation around these ongoing issues with this horrible worldwide pandemic. We certainly hope things change for the better in the very near future.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has had two very busy and exciting weeks at school. We were very lucky to have a visit from the Dunedin City Council and were taught about dog safety. We all enjoyed being taught how to pat and approach a dog in the correct way. We also had our goal setting interviews which were a fantastic opportunity for both teachers, students and their families to see the progress and reflections made. It was great to see our tamariki setting future goals for themselves and being able to celebrate their strengths and success! We are looking forward to displaying these goals on our classroom walls as a reminder of our future steps in learning. A big welcome to Kaea who has joined our class this week! It is great to have him here!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team has been very busy the past two weeks! It was wonderful to meet with both whānau and tamariki last week at interviews to work together to set goals for this year and look at what is going well at school. The goals will be proudly displayed on our classroom wall to refer back to throughout the year. We are currently working hard on our writing kit which involves us writing poems about a journey we have been on. These will be sent to our buddy class in New Plymouth next week! Unfortunately at this stage we have postponed our SLT camp next week due to the evolving **COVID-19** pandemic. We will be looking to hold the camp later on this year and will keep families updated.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active in the school. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb. The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. Please check your child/ren's hair. If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us.

ASSEMBLY

Due to the rapidly evolving **COVID-19** pandemic, there will be **NO** school Assemblies for the remainder of this term.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday 6th of April at 6pm 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.

FUTSAL

In the last two weeks, the Pine Hill Tigers Futsal team have beaten Sawyers Bay 3-0 and Board Bay 4-2. Well done to Dante Lynch and Braxton Arthur-Jones for being named players of the match for each of these games. Futsal is **cancelled** this week due to the escalating issues with **COVID-19**.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Dante Lynch	Saja Alibrahem
Classroom Certificates	Jensen Pesa	Jasper Lo Tam



FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

At the moment we have the Easter Raffle happening. Every family has two cards with ten tickets on each card to sell. Families are welcome to get more cards to sell if they would like, however they must return their original two cards with money before more cards are issued. Thank you to all those who have sent their chocolate item for the raffle to school. These are due by Friday 20th March. Raffle cards (sold or unsold) are due back at school on Monday 30th March and the raffles will be drawn on Thursday 9th April in Assembly under police supervision. We are looking for more people to join our Friends of the School group as we need more help. Many hands make light work! We have a fundraising BBQ coming up on Saturday 16th May at Mitre 10 Mega. Please keep this date free so you can help out with this very important fundraiser! Our next meeting will be next term, due to the **COVID-19** situation. We look forward to seeing you there! *Monique Pompey and Janine Little*

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM ONE

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. 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 Renee at school via email, text or phone. Due to the current situation with the **COVID-19** pandemic, Transition to School for the remainder of term one has been **CANCELLED**.

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	Senior Learning Team
Braxton Arthur-Jones: level one - ten minutes free time Ossian Gordon: level two - 20 minutes Ako Time activity with a friend Jenna Stanaway: level two - 20 minutes free time with a friend Chloe Prasad: level two - prize box Stella MacGillivray: level two - 20 minutes free time with a friend	Senior Learning Team students are all busy saving up their tickets to cash in for our new rewards at level 3 and 4!! Watch this space for some 'cash ins' in the next newsletter before the end of term one!!



EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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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

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 review this term for whanau is: Recognition of Cultural Diversity.

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

Monday 23rd March
Monday 30th March
Thursday 9th April
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Tuesday 28th April
Saturday 16th May

*Otago Anniversary Day - School **CLOSED***
All raffle cards due back to school
Easter Raffle being drawn
School holidays begin
Term two begins, 9am
Friends of the School Fundraising BBQ, Mitre 10 Mega

