



Newsletter 4 - Wednesday 19th March 2025



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

Thank you to everyone that attended Goal Setting Interviews a few weeks ago. We really value and appreciate our home/school partnerships. It was great to connect with parents/caregivers and tamariki, looking at what is going well at school, with setting some goals for the coming year.

This term we have been studying countries, as part of learning about one another and who we are. We are excited to invite you to our upcoming school cultural event on **Thursday 10th April at 12pm**, where we will celebrate the rich diversity within our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for tamariki to share their learning about different cultures and traditions with whānau. The event will also feature a special shared lunch, where everyone can enjoy delicious dishes from around the world. We look forward to coming together to embrace our global community and explore the flavours, stories, and experiences that make us unique. Tamariki brought home personalised invitations to this event for whānau this week. If you are coming along, please bring a plate of food to share from a country that has a special significance to your whānau. Extended whānau and friends are welcome to attend. Don't miss this chance to taste new foods, learn something new, and connect with one another in a meaningful way!

A reminder that chocolate donations for our Easter Raffle are due at school by **Friday 21st March (this Friday)**. All raffle cards are due back at school on **Wednesday 26th March**, sold or unsold. Thank you to all those that have returned their cards and sent along their chocolate donations.

A reminder school is closed on **Monday 24th March (this coming Monday)** to observe Otago Anniversary Day. Have a lovely long weekend.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

'Reaching for the Top!'
Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

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.

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 final date for **Term 1** is: **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.

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When tamariki start at school they get a free jacket. Some of the other things we have available for free include: shoes for tamariki, food for morning tea and head lice treatment. Please contact school if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



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 - Respect	Eva Murphy	Rawia Matar	Kaea Moeke
Classroom Certificate	Oakley Visser	Taua-Raangi Hemopo-Smith	Taksh Patel

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REMINDERS

Friday 21st March Monday 24th March Wednesday 26th March Friday 28th March Monday 31st March Thursday 10th April Friday 11th April Monday 28th April Monday 9th June	<i>Chocolate Donations for Easter Raffle due</i> <i>Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED</i> <i>All raffle cards due back at school, sold or unsold</i> <i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall</i> <i>Board meeting, 6pm on Zoom</i> <i>Cultural Study Celebration, 12pm at school</i> <i>Term one school holidays begin at 3pm</i> <i>Term two begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i> <i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED</i>
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