



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 4 - Wednesday 20th March 2024



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

It is quite hard to believe that there are only three and a half weeks of term one to go, with two of these being three day weeks due to public holidays, including Otago Anniversary Day and Easter.

Welcome to Naya Alibrahem, 5, who has started school. Naya has her big sisters Farah and Shahed in the Senior Learning Team. We are sure she will enjoy her time with us at school.

This week, the Pine Hill School Board approved our 2024 Annual Implementation Plan as part of our 2024-2025 Strategic Plan, which was approved at the end of 2023. The Annual Implementation Plan features goals that we will be working towards achieving, which is based on our end of year 2023 data. At the end of last year our data sat at the following for reading, writing and maths: 30% of tamariki were well below or working towards their expected curriculum level for reading with 70% of tamariki working at their expected curriculum level or exceeding it for reading. 59% of tamariki were well below or working towards their expected curriculum level for writing with 41% of tamariki working at their expected curriculum level or exceeding it for writing. 39% of tamariki were well below or working towards their expected curriculum level for maths. 61% of tamariki were working at their expected curriculum level for maths or exceeding it. 77% of targeted tamariki achieved our annual maths targets in 2023 and 70% of targeted tamariki achieved our writing goals in 2023. There have been some big shifts in our data compared to the end of 2022 which is fantastic to see. Overall, as a school and board, we were really pleased with our whole school improvement in our end of year data last year and our target results. This year we look forward to our end of year reading, writing and maths data continuing to have moved in an upward direction. We have also set some targets around moving a female cohort in reading to at or above the expected level and we are also wanting to move more tamariki to working at or above the expected level in writing and maths. Our goals are measurable and achievable, and we are excited to work towards the aims and objectives in both the Strategic and Annual Implementation plans.

A reminder that school is **closed** on **Monday 25th March** for *Otago Anniversary Day*, **Friday 29th April** for *Good Friday*, **Monday 1st April** for *Easter Monday* and **Tuesday 2nd April** for *a school holiday at Easter*. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming long weekends and you get to spend some time with whānau and friends.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 20th May** at 6pm at school and **Monday 17th June** 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 MCGOFF

As we are nearing the end of Term One, I wanted to share with you all the exciting developments happening in our classroom. Our tamariki have been working hard on their relationships. We've introduced visuals and actions around the class to reinforce key principles: *worrying about myself, keeping my hands to myself, and doing what I am asked, when I am asked*. In PE, we're focusing on our striking skills. It's heartening to see tamariki's confidence growing with the use of different equipment. Maths time has been ticking along nicely. We're learning about 'o'clock' and 'half-past' to start with, and it's been fantastic to watch the tamariki make connections and understand the different parts of the clock. Our reading programme is up and running, with tamariki diving into their rotations and routines. We have been working on understanding who we are as we learn our pepeha. We are starting with the basics and building from there. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to the rest of the term.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE - MR LANE

It has been a busy Term One so far in the SLT as Mr Lane and the ākonga have got to know each other, and what makes us all tick as individuals and as a team. We have settled into our routines and have begun to work away at the goals we set for ourselves during Goal Setting Interviews. In Maths we have been practicing a lot of addition, subtraction and multiplicative thinking while trying out problem-solving, Counting Collections, and MoveNProve activities as well our focussed small-group learning. We have also started on our Structured Literacy spelling activities and been having a bit of fun during handwriting using our letter and sound knowledge to come up with interesting words in Boggle. In PE/Fitness we've been doing relays and other activities that help us work as a team while thinking about how our brain makes our body move and practicing moving our bodies in certain ways. It's been a wonderful start to the year and I think everyone in the SLT is looking forward to what 2024 will bring!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following tamariki who have recently cashed in their reward tickets in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:



Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
Ella: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Indi: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Eli: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mercy: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Jasper: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mila: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mahi: L1 - 10min free time with a friend	Teroina: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Zarih: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Parua: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Aurora: L1 - 10min class game Farrah: L1 - 10min class game Ribha: L1 - 10min class game Zain: L1 - 10min class game	Marcel: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Taksh: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Lucas: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Kaea: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Nembeka: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mia: L1 - 10min free time with a friend	Shahed: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Nagham: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mohammad: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Kahli: L2 - prize box Faith: L2 - prize box

REMINDERS

Friday 22nd March Monday 25th March Friday 29th March Monday 1st April Tuesday 2nd April Friday 5th April Friday 12th April Monday 29th April	Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall Otago Anniversary Day - school CLOSED Good Friday - school CLOSED Easter Monday - school CLOSED Easter Tuesday - school CLOSED (a school holiday) Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall Term one school holidays begin Term two begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am
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