



## Newsletter 4 - Wednesday 22nd March 2023



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

There has certainly been a change in the weather to begin this week! Cooler temperatures have arrived and the end of daylight savings is nigh, and I say this with a sigh!

A reminder, that if school is closed or there is a late start for any reason, I will contact you all via text, email and the Skool Loop app. I will also post to the school Facebook Page. Rarely do we close or have late starts but if we do, the usual causes of these will be ice or snow.

Welcome to Indi Moeke who has turned 5 and joined the Junior Learning Team. Indi's big brother Kaea is in the Senior Learning Team. We hope Indi enjoys her time with us. We have 42 tamariki on our school roll and this number will continue to grow as the year goes on, which is fantastic.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our *'All Around the World'* country study by having a shared kai (food) cultural celebration at school. Thank you to all those that came along to share this with us, and to those that could not make it, but sent food along. There was a real variety of kai and it was great for tamariki to try something new on their palette!

Welcome to Aiden, Paige and Marnix from the Otago Institute of Sport (OIS) who have started their weekly fitness and physical education sessions with each class. Every year we have OIS students carry out these sessions every week, for close to three terms and we know our tamariki enjoy them.

Each year we have a number of sporting codes come in and do coaching sessions with both classes. This term we have had Otago Touch visit and Otago Hockey are also in the process of carrying out three visits. Ice Hockey Otago also has a visit scheduled for early term two at school with our senior class, which is something new! As a school we know the importance of sports and physical education, which is why on top of our classroom programmes we teach, we have outside coaches visit. We look forward to welcoming in other sporting codes as the year goes on.

Next week we begin swimming lessons for the last two weeks of term. Please ensure tamariki come to school each day with their swimming togs, a towel and goggles (if they have them). All tamariki will be participating in half hour swimming lessons each day. Thanks to all those who have indicated they can help with changing and organising students for their lessons - I will be in touch on Thursday to confirm times we need your help.

*Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward*

**CARING RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH**

# School Notices

## **JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE - MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS**

It has been a great and busy few weeks! We are happy to welcome two new students into our team, Aurora and Indi! In the Junior Learning team we have implemented a new kitchen station into our play based learning area and our tamariki are loving it! They are getting very creative at cooking all sorts of different meals! During writing time, we have been learning and writing about different countries such as Italy, France, Pakistan and India. It has been very interesting learning about the food they eat, the beautiful buildings each country has and all the animals you can find in them. During maths we continue to work independently along with learning our different stations and finishing our tasks. These tasks are all about applying number knowledge e.g. addition, subtraction, number formation. At reading time, tamariki have been working on applying letter/sound knowledge, rhyming words, doing some spelling work and much more. We have been lucky to have many visitors to the JLT. A few weeks back we had Constable Emily teaching us all about crossing the road safely. Our tamariki enjoyed working as a team, applying everything they learnt from Constable Emily. The JLT and SLT also had the privilege to have Duffy Theatre come to our school to perform an exciting play; where we were taught everything about space! Lately we have been practicing all sorts of sports such as tennis, cricket and hockey. The Junior Learning Team are really enjoying the many skills that they are learning with the Otago Institute of Sports students in their weekly sessions.

## **SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE - MR COOK**

We have had a great month in the SLT class. It has been a busy and productive time. SLT ākongā have been thoroughly enjoying their Country Study topic and we have all learnt lots of curious things about many different countries and cultures already. There are a variety of resources available and we have been weaving this topic work into our reading and writing programme, where we can. There is awesome material all around us, even in the good old School Journals! It is great to see the tamariki being so enthusiastic about their learning and sharing it with their peers and I have noticed some nice collaborative efforts happening during this topic work. We look forward to sharing more of our work with each other once we have had a chance to put it into Google Slide formats. Our PB4L system is ticking along and it is really nice to see the tamariki enjoying cashing in for various rewards for their efforts at school.

We have been making the most of the great weather and getting outdoors for PE and sport regularly. We have been covering a wide variety of disciplines such as hockey, cricket, tennis and rounders. We have been focusing on striking the ball and using control and accuracy rather than just power. It has been brilliant having the support of Sport Otago, Otago Hockey, Otago Cricket and the Otago Institute of Sport to enhance our learning and skill development.

## **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.



## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

After school care is up and running at Pine Hill School through Te Kaha Kids. Tamariki can use this service full time, part time and on a casual basis. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Please go to [www.tekahakids.com](http://www.tekahakids.com) to register your tamariki.

## ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your tamariki are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for their absence when you contact us as we need this information for when we mark our school roll. It is part of our Health and Safety policy to know where tamariki are when they are absent from school.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

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 tamariki to become familiar with the school environment, getting a taste of school life. The sessions are held over three different dates each term and the remaining date for term one is: **Wednesday 29th March**. Tamariki 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. Tamariki are invited to stay for lunch after the class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Valentina Alvarez Farias at school.

## ENROLMENTS


If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. We have a number of tamariki pre-enrolled already for this year which is fantastic! Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Monday 24th April**, school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day. ANZAC Day is on **Tuesday 25th April** and tamariki will be back to school for term two on **Wednesday 26th April**.

## 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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT) 
<p><b>James L:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Eli:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Teroina:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Mila:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Tutanekai:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Rawia:</b> L2 - prize box</p>	<p><b>Kaea:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Faith:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Mia:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Ruby:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Shahed:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Marcel:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Kahli:</b> L2 - prize box <i>Lots of senior tamariki are saving up to cash in for level 3 and 4</i></p>

## PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There are board meetings on **Monday 15th May** at 6pm at school and **Monday 12th 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 of our meetings.

## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving classroom awards at Assembly last week (two of each certificate this Assembly due to it being the last one for term 1):

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Caring	Ariana Young-Gray Ward	Faith Miller
Principal Award - Aiming High	Joseph Sipa	Kaea Moeke
Classroom Certificate	Tutanekai Knight-Kepa	Jett Wilson
Classroom Certificate	Charleen Nath	Ruby Dustow

## WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

<b>School phone number:</b> 03 473 9148	<b>School cell phone number:</b> 027 528 7198
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz">www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a>	Search <b>Pine Hill School</b> on <b>Facebook</b> and give us a like!
Download the <b>Skool Loop app</b> from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for <b>Pine Hill School</b>	<b>Seesaw</b> - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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<a href="mailto:principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Melissa Ward: Principal	<a href="mailto:office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary

## REMINDERS

<p>27th March - 6th April</p> <p>Wednesday 29th March</p> <p>Thursday 6th April</p> <p>Monday 24th April</p> <p>Tuesday 25th April</p> <p>Wednesday 26th April</p> <p>Tuesday 13th December</p>	<p><i>School swimming lessons @ DNI pool for all tamariki</i></p> <p><i>Transition to School - all four year olds (10.40-12pm due to swimming)</i></p> <p><i>Term one school holidays begin @ 3pm</i></p> <p><i>Teacher Only Day - school <b>CLOSED</b> to tamariki</i></p> <p><i>ANZAC Day - school <b>CLOSED</b></i></p> <p><i>Term two begins</i></p> <p><i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i></p>
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