



Newsletter 4 - Wednesday 30th March 2022



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste

Recently we have had our first cases of students with Covid reported to school. Up until then, we had been one of the very few schools in Dunedin that had not had any cases. I have really appreciated how quickly whānau are informing me if they have any Covid cases at home, along with following the public health advice around isolating and keeping safe. School continues to be a safe place for students and it is imperative they come to school if they are well and able. I must commend how fabulous our senior students have been with wearing masks and appreciate whānau support around this.

This week we welcome Rawia Matar to the Junior Learning Team. Rawia has turned 5 and is Fadia's sister, who left at the end of 2021 to go to intermediate. Welcome to Rawia and her family, we hope you enjoy your time with us at Pine Hill School.

At the end of term, Mrs Hazel Astley is going on maternity leave. Thank you to Hazel for her contribution to our school over the last five terms and we wish Hazel, Jason and Abigail all the best as they prepare to welcome their new family member. Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias who is currently team teaching for term one in the Senior Learning Team, will take over Hazel's teaching role of three days per week while she is on leave. Valentina will teach Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as my principal release teacher in the Senior Learning Team and I will be teaching Mondays and Fridays.

Last week we welcomed the Otago Institute of Sports (OIS) students into school for their weekly physical education sessions with our students. We have had a relationship with the Institute of Sport for the last four years and really enjoy having the students involved with our school. The sessions each Friday are always a hit and we know they are really enjoyed by our students. The OIS students will be with us weekly, until the end of term three.

Unfortunately Otago Museum has canceled all school overnight stay bookings for term two. This means we have moved the Senior Learning Team camp to the first week back in term four, on Thursday and Friday 20th/21st of October. We have had to move the camp three times now, and we can only hope for third time lucky!

Our 2022 Charter has been approved by the Pine Hill School Board. Based on achievement data from 2021, some excellent targets have been set for the period of January-December 2022. The board looks forward to our student achievement continuing to lift, which we have seen happen over the last few years. The Charter goes to the Ministry of Education to be confirmed. Once this happens, there will be a copy of the Charter available for reading at the school office and it will be on our website.

A reminder school holidays begin on **Thursday 14th April** at 3pm due to Easter being in the holidays, and we are back at school on **Monday 2nd May** from 8.30am.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

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School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are Pine Hill School Board meetings on **Monday 23rd May** and **Monday 20th June** at 7.15pm on the online platform, Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending either of these meetings.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care is now on offer at Pine Hill School. This service is available to whānau from our school and Liberton Christian School. Mana Before and After School Care are the outside providers running this programme and it is called 'Pine Hill Mana'. We are excited to have before and after school care up and running. Whānau are able to enrol children now by going to www.manaafterschoolcare.com and clicking on the 'Click To Enrol' tab.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has been working hard over the last few weeks and have been completing our work to a much higher standard which is fantastic to see. We are becoming more confident at counting and using a variety of addition and subtraction strategies at maths time. Most of us are getting much better at managing our independent maths time and got to explore a new maths may do this week called maths playground. During writing time we have still been focusing on igniting our writing using our senses. We have had a big focus on using our sense of hearing and seeing. The JLT students have been listening carefully to see if we can guess the mystery sounds and have created our own avatar characters that we are writing about by describing what we can see. We had our first session with the students from the Otago Polytechnic for P.E and fitness. It was so much fun playing games with them and learning some exciting new skills. We can't wait to develop these further each week. A big welcome to Rawia who has started school this week! It is great to have her join the JLT! Don't forget to check out all our hard work on Seesaw!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team had a great performance of their play - The Emperor's New Hair! They worked so hard over the last few weeks and it was great to hear that they had so much enjoyment working on it! The SLT cannot wait to perform another play and have a go in other areas. The seniors put lots of effort into each one of their tasks for the play and we have been able to see a huge improvement in their learning around presenting a play! Over the last week, we have been working on some descriptive writing where we have been able to perform activities as a class and talk about the different things we have observed, felt and experienced. It has helped students to develop more complex sentences by adding more details into their writing, making their work so much more interesting and exciting to read! We have enjoyed having a go at cricket and have been working on some batting and throwing skills, along with working as a team. The Otago Polytechnic students have started coming on Friday afternoons to do fitness and sports with us. We are so lucky to get this opportunity and enjoy it alot! We cannot wait to have them next week to learn some fun, new games and skills!

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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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<p>Ella: L2 - prize box Charleen: L2 - prize box Autumn: L2 - prize box Farah: L2 - prize box</p>	<p>Shahed: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Sham: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ruby: L1 - 10min free time with a friend x 2 Sham: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Shahed: L1 - 10min class game Luke: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend Clichē: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend Jenna: L3 - 30mins free time with a friend</p>

KIDSCAN

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



ABSENCES

Please ensure you message us via the school cell phone, email, Skool Loop App or call us to inform us if your child is going to be away and the reason why they are not here e.g. sickness. It is part of our health and safety policy to know where children are when they are not at school. We appreciate being contacted prior to school starting at 9am as it saves us having to chase whānau. If your child is away consecutive days for something like sickness, you need to message us each day and tell us.

WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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<p>hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Hazel Astley: Senior Learning Team Teacher</p>	<p>office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary</p>
<p>principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Melissa Ward: Principal/Senior Learning Team Teacher</p>	

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

The Pine Hill School Board has approved two Teacher Only Days for 2022. The dates for these are **Monday 20th June** and **Monday 14th November**. School is closed to students these days. Reminders will be sent closer to the times.

REMINDERS

Thursday 14th April
Monday 2nd May
Monday 20th June
20th/21st October
Monday 14th November

School holidays begin at 3pm
Term two begins from 8.30am
Teacher Only Day - school closed to students
Senior Learning Team overnight camp @ Otago Museum
Teacher Only Day - school closed to students

Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School
for your child?



AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

Low student to teacher ratios
Highly skilled teachers
Personalised learning
Interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes
Innovative learning environments
Strong use of digital technologies

Sporting and cultural groups
Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes
Before and after school care
Expansive grounds
A family focus and community engagement
A friendly, welcoming environment



Get in touch!



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