



## Newsletter 4 - Wednesday 31st March 2021



*Kia Ora, Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste*

Thank you very much to all those who helped out with the bark spreading Working Bee on Monday at school. The corner playground area was dug out by Nichols Landscaping before the new bark was spread. It looks great and it is really good to have the first playground completed. In the next few weeks, the playground beside the lunch eating area will be dug out and re-barked. We will be holding another Working Bee to spread the bark for this playground. Thank you very much to both the Otago Community Trust and Bendigo Foundation for granting us the money to carry out these projects. I will let you know the date for the second Working Bee when it is confirmed.

Well done to Marcel Rewha from the Junior Learning Team, Nagham Al Ashour from the Middle Learning Team and Bella Stefani from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. Over the last two weeks, classes had been focusing on our school's value of aiming high. We are very proud of these students' efforts and they are thoroughly deserving of these awards. Keep up the great work!



Today we held our Writing and Seesaw Open Afternoon. It was great to see lots of people here and be able to showcase how writing is taught in our school. Teaching staff have been very lucky to be involved in Professional Learning Development (PLD) with CORE Education around digital fluency through reading and writing. Rach McNamara is our facilitator for this PLD and we have all learnt an immense amount which has been transferred into classroom programmes and teaching practice. It was also good to touch on Seesaw again with whanau. Seesaw is such a fabulous way to engage with children's learning at school through an interactive, online platform. If you were unable to make the sessions today, please contact your child's classroom teacher and they will be happy to talk you through what was shared.

Our 'What's Up There?' planet earth and beyond space inquiry has been very popular with our students this term. On Friday 16th April Whanau are invited along to an Inquiry Open Afternoon. Whanau will have the opportunity to walk through classes and see what the students have learnt about, along with seeing students chosen inquiry presentations on something that they have taken a keen interest in, during this inquiry unit. There is an optional bring your own picnic lunch from 12.30pm and class walkthroughs/presentations of learning will begin from 1.15pm. The afternoon will conclude at 2.00pm and students are welcome to go home with whanau at this time for the term one school holidays.

Have a lovely Easter. A reminder school is closed from Thursday 1st April at 3pm and re-opens on Wednesday 7th April at 8.30am.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has been hard at work these past few weeks. We have been enjoying practicing our striking skills during P.E and have been getting really good at batting and fielding. Make sure you check out Seesaw to see some videos of us practicing our skills! For inquiry, we are doing our own research into a planet that interests us. We have started to use different resources to help us come to conclusions. For writing, we have been focusing on writing letters to different people. We have started to write letters to the Physics Department at the University of Otago. We have been thinking of some questions to ask the experts surrounding our topic of space! A big welcome to Autumn who started school last week and congratulations to Kāhu for receiving our classroom certificate at Assembly on Friday.

## MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team has had another busy few weeks. We had the Senior Learning Team join us for a day and we created some amazing astronaut art for our inquiry. These will be up in our classroom so come and have a closer look. Miss Hodges has been teaching us how to use our new Google accounts and we can't contain our excitement! So far we have learnt how to create our own Google Slides and we had some fantastic helpers from the SLT showing us all the tips and tricks. We will continue to build on these skills and hopefully some of us will use Google Slides for our end of inquiry Going Further presentations, that we will share with our whanau on the last day of term. Congratulations to Luke for receiving our classroom certificate at Assembly last week.

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

Learning just keeps on accelerating in the SLT! We have recently begun our own personal inquiries into 'What's up There?' and have been learning about how to ask good questions along with a range of different research skills. The SLT loves playing tennis so much! We have been learning how to strike the ball better and hit it back over the net. We have also been exploring oil pastel techniques of smudging and blending to create our own galaxy pictures. Competition has been rife this week as the SLT battle each other to learn the months and days of the week in Te Reo Māori. We have been using digital quiz platforms that encourage collaboration and communication to do this. Congratulations to Clichè for receiving our classroom certificate at Assembly last week.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

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.

The sessions are held over three different dates each term and the remaining date for term one is: **Wednesday 7th April**. 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 Amy at school via email, text or phone.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday 24th May** at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (BOT Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending this meeting.

## FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN (FOTS) UPDATE

We would like to thank all those who sold the Easter Raffle tickets for their awesome support! Tickets are back in and we have had lots of donations of chocolate items come in, to make 12 appetising prizes. Thanks to all those families who sent a chocolate item to school for the raffle. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow on the 1st of April by Constable Emily Plew at 2.45pm. FOTS executive members will be phoning those lucky winners to notify them, after the draw. Again, thank you all for your efforts and contributions with this fundraiser. The next newsletter will update you with how much money was raised.

**Hazel Astley - Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Staff Representative**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Pine Hill School Board of Trustees

11 Hislop Street

Liberton

DUNEDIN 9010

**by 5pm Tuesday 13th April 2021**

## KIDSCAN

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



## 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)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<b>Priya:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Charleen:</b> L2 - 20mins free time with a friend <b>Marcel:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Kaea:</b> L2 - 20mins free time with a friend	<b>Mazyad:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Mohammad:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Stella:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Braxton:</b> L2 - 20mins free time with a friend <b>Jensen:</b> L2 - 20mins free time with a friend <b>Nagham:</b> L3 - class ice block party <b>Ossian:</b> L4 - pizza party with two friends <b>Jett:</b> L4 - Moana Pool double child swim pass	<b>Tyler:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Clichē:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Aya:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Saja:</b> L4 - pizza party with two friends <b>Bella:</b> L4 - class movie and popcorn

## SPORTS UPDATE - TERM TWO HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Mrs Astley has sent out notices regarding term two hockey and netball. Please ensure you respond by Friday 9th April if your child/ren are interested in participating. If you have any questions about either of these sports, please contact Mrs Astley.

## 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:

<a href="mailto:amy@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">amy@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Amy Riley: Junior Learning Team Teacher	<a href="mailto:renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">renee@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Renee Hodges: Middle Learning Team Teacher
<a href="mailto:hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">hazel@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Hazel Astley: Senior Learning Team Teacher	<a href="mailto:office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary
<a href="mailto:principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz">principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a> Miss Melissa Ward: Principal	

## REMINDERS

<b>Thursday 1st April</b> <b>Friday 2nd April</b> <b>Monday 5th April</b> <b>Tuesday 6th April</b> <b>Wednesday 7th April</b> <b>Friday 9th April</b> <b>Friday 16th April</b> <b>Friday 16th April</b> <b>Monday 3rd May</b> <b>Monday 24th May</b>	<i>FOTS Easter Hamper Raffle drawn under police supervision</i> <i>Good Friday - <b>school CLOSED</b></i> <i>Easter Monday - <b>school CLOSED</b></i> <i>Easter Tuesday (school holiday) - <b>school CLOSED</b></i> <i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i> <i>Duffy Role Model Assembly for students - <b>NO</b> normal school Assembly</i> <i>'What's Up There?' - space inquiry open afternoon</i> <i>School holidays begin</i> <i>Term 2 begins</i> <i>Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school</i>
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