



Newsletter 4 – Wednesday 3rd April 2019



Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

The weeks have absolutely flown by and it is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the term. The recent cooler mornings have reminded us that autumn and winter are on their way.

Congratulations to Nox Somnium from the Junior Learning Team and Brooke Chettleburgh from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. These two students have reflected our school value of Aiming High extremely well over the last two weeks. Well done to you both.



Thank you to everyone for supporting 'Colour Your Day' that we took part in on Friday 22nd March to show our love and support for those affected by the recent tragedy in Christchurch. There was a bright array of colours all around the school which was lovely to see. We donated \$62 to the 'Our People Our City' Mayoral Fund in Christchurch. One of our school values is caring and it has been heartwarming to see the care and empathy all students have been showing one another at school in the wake of this horrible tragedy. If you feel you need to talk at any time, or would like advice about how to deal with this event with your children, please come and see me at school.

On Thursday students and staff enjoyed a trip to the Museum for our inquiry study we are currently undertaking called 'Around the World with Pine Hill School'. Students learnt about what makes New Zealand 'kiwi' with then looking at why people move to our wonderful country to live. There was also a focus on learning about different cultures around the world along with celebrating all the unique cultures of students at our school. Classes will now be going further with this inquiry study by working together to carry out small group studies about a country around the world. On Friday 12th April at 12.30pm, we will be having a Cultural Celebration where all of our school families and friends are invited to come along. This will begin with a shared lunch, compromising of each family bringing a plate of food from their culture, or a culture of their choice to share for lunch. After lunch students will be sharing their country culture study with families and friends. We will then finish the day with having a small Assembly to hand out class and end of term awards. We look forward to seeing lots of you on Friday 12th April to join in this wonderful celebration with us.

Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you enjoy some time together with your family over the holidays.

Ngā mihi nui – Melissa Ward

Respect
Caring

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Responsibility

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Over the last two weeks the Junior Learning Team have been busy finding out more about our inquiry topic around culture. We all thought of our wonderings and have been researching these to discover more information. We are now working in small groups with the SLT to find out more about a country or culture of our choice. As part of our inquiry topic, we went to the Otago Museum and learnt more about different cultures around the world. We had an enjoyable time and loved seeing the Egyptian Mummy along with going into the Planetarium.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Last week we visited the museum as part of our inquiry topic on culture. Our guide Emily took us to three different galleries where we learnt all about New Zealand culture and why people want to live here. We were also lucky enough to visit the Planetarium for a 3D screening of our solar system. This week Clare from Open VUE came to teach us about lizards. We learnt some cool information and we are really excited to have Clare back at Pine Hill School. In maths we are using Data Squares to investigate the different characteristics of members in our classroom.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY

Kia ora. We are currently running our Easter raffle, \$1 per ticket. This will be drawn on the 11th April, just in time for Easter! Our last meeting for term one will be on Monday 8th April at 3.15pm. We welcome any new or existing parents/caregivers along. We also have our Mitre 10 BBQ on the 23rd June. Closer to the time we will look for volunteers to help at this. Thank you, Kirstyn.

ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your child/ren are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for your child/ren's absence when you phone to inform us. It is policy for us to know where students are when they are not at school.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holidays start on Friday 12th April at 3pm. Term two begins on Monday 29th April at 9am.

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 to keep if they need them, food for morning tea/lunches and head lice treatment. Please contact Essie or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



ONLINE BANKING

You are able to make online payments for school related business. This can be set up as a bill payment or automatic payment. The school bank account number is 02-0900-0000428-000 (BNZ). If paying online, please use your family name and the event/item you are paying for as a reference/code.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving classroom awards at assembly in the last week of term three:

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Saja Alibrahem	Ryley Prasad
Classroom Certificates	Luke Little	Aaliyah Rouvi-Pompey



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have cashed in their reward tickets for different levels in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme over the last two weeks:



Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Luke Little: level one - class game Jenna Stanaway: level two - prize box Ruby Dustow: level two - prize box Nox Somnium: level two - prize box Nagham Al Ashour: level two - prize box Stella MacGillivray: level two - prize box Jett Wilson: level two - prize box	Quinn Morris: level one - free time with a friend Dustin Still: level one - free time with a friend

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM TWO

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 term two dates are: **Wednesday 15th May, Wednesday 29th May and Wednesday 26th June**. 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 welcome to also stay for lunch after this with being collected at 1pm. If you would like to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Renee at school via email or phoning.

PRE-SCHOOLERS

If you know of or have pre-schoolers that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. This information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Coming home with this week's newsletter is our flowchart for parents/guardians with a concern. We send this home once a term to our school families and it can also be found on our school website.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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essie@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Essie Share: Senior Learning Team Teacher	office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Nikola Ballard: Secretary



ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School .	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday 9th of April at 6.30pm in the Junior Learning Team at school. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

SCHOOLDocs

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review these policies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for these policies. You have all term to review the policy. If you have any questions or would like to review paper copies, please contact Melissa at school. Policy reviews this term are: Alcohol, drugs and other harmful substances.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

REMINDERS

Monday 8th April
Tuesday 9th April
Thursday 11th April
Friday 12th April
Friday 12th April
Monday 29th April
15th-18th October

Friends of Pine Hill School meeting, 3.15pm at school
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm at school
Easter Raffle Drawn
Inquiry Culture Celebration, 12.30pm at school
Term One ends, school holidays begin
Term Two begins
Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau

