



Newsletter 5 - Wednesday 5th April 2023



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



Thursday this week sees the school holidays begin. We have had an 11 week term here at Pine Hill School as we started school for 2023 on the earliest day possible. It has gone extremely fast, and it has been a busy term full of lots of excellent learning.

With the term coming to an end, it is time to farewell Mr Tim Cook. Tim has been relieving here this term while Renee Hodges has been on leave. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Tim as part of our school environment and he will certainly be missed. Tim slotted in really well to our team and has been an outstanding teacher for the Senior Learning Team tamariki while being here. He coached a touch team and contributed to our school in any way possible. Thank you Tim, we appreciate all your mahi over the last 11 weeks and we wish you all the best for the future.

Next term we welcome Renee back to her teaching position in the Senior Learning Team.

A few weeks ago we had a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO). Their model has changed and they now work alongside us in a partnership role. It was a good visit and we have a draft profile report written that has our school focusing on using Structured Literacy as the method of teaching reading, with this method flowing into our writing programmes. This method will be taught across the whole school. Valentina Alvarez Fairas and myself are currently doing the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) study through the University of Canterbury. This is a form of structured literacy and the Junior Learning Team are well on their way down the structured literacy path with Valentina implementing excellent programmes for teaching reading which is seeing a flow on effect into writing, already. The tamariki in this class are picking up new learning quickly and it is absolutely amazing to see how beneficial this new way of teaching has impacted learning for the junior tamariki. Renee Hodges will be beginning her approach to teaching structured literacy when she returns in term two. We look forward to continuing our journey with structured literacy, working alongside ERO to ensure all of our tamariki are receiving excellent and equitable learning opportunities and outcomes.

At the last board meeting, the Charter for 2023 was approved. This is the guiding document for our school and is on display at the school office and is on our school website.

This week I have met with our Resource Teacher of Māori, Luana Thomas. She is helping me review our Māori delivery plan so it is in line with our local curriculum work we are doing. On **Wednesday 31st May**, there will be a Whānau Hui at school at 3.15pm. This is an opportunity for school whānau to catch up and chat about our Māori programme at school, and discuss anything else that relates to school. Our Kapa Haka group will be performing at this. Please get this date in your diary and we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Thank you to Miss Abby Harris and Mr Cooper Heath, our two first year training teachers from the University of Otago, who have been here on placement in the Senior Learning Team. We have certainly appreciated their contribution to our school over the last two weeks and we wish them all the very best for their teaching careers.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and holiday break with your whānau. It has been a busy term, especially finishing off with two weeks of school swimming and we know our tamariki are ready for a break. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for term two which begins on **Wednesday 26th April** due to a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 24th April** and Anzac Day on **Tuesday 25th April**.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

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**.

THANK YOU FROM MR COOK!

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Pine Hill School for the opportunity to work here this term; I have thoroughly enjoyed the term. The Senior Learning Team are a great bunch of tamariki and we have packed a lot into this term and have had lots of laughs along the way. It has been really nice to get to know the Pine Hill community and I really appreciate all of the support. Thanks to Miss Ward and Mrs Alvarez Farias for all your help and also to the Board of Trustees for the employment opportunity and the kind gift! I hope to see you all again in the near future as I will be available for relieving in Term 2 and beyond. Ka kite ano. *Mr Cook*

MOVE IT MARCH

Well done to the following tamariki who won prizes in our 'Move It March' spot prize draw: *Eli, Ariana, Rawai, James M, Charleen, Ivy, Farah, Kaea, Grace and Stella*. These tamariki have 'moved it' to school for more than 60% of the month of March! Ka pai!

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)
Indi: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Aurora: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Parua: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ariana: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Autumn: L1 - 10min free time with a friend James L: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ella: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Tutanekai: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Priya: L4 - pizza party with two friends	Ruby: L1 - 10min free time with a friend x 2 Faith: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Farah: L2 - prize box Jett: L2 - prize box Sham: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Alex: L4 - pizza party with two friends Grace: L4 - pizza party with two friends Nembeka: L4 - pizza party with two friends Mohammad: L4 - pizza party with two friends Jenna: L4 - pizza party with two friends



REMINDERS

Thursday 6th April	<i>Term one school holidays begin at 3pm</i>
Monday 24th April	<i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED to tamariki</i>
Tuesday 25th April	<i>ANZAC Day - school CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 26th April	<i>Term two begins, tamariki welcome from 8.30am</i>
Wednesday 10th May	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds</i>
Wednesday 31st May	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds</i>
Wednesday 21st June	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds</i>
Tuesday 13th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>