



Newsletter 5 - Wednesday 13th April 2022



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

It is hard to believe that after 11 weeks, we are at the end of term one. The term has flown by, and through all the adversity, we have managed to keep things relatively normal at Pine Hill School. Thank you to all our whānau who have supported us throughout the term in these trying times, and to our students who have been fabulous. I particularly want to commend our senior students who have been just fantastic with the compulsory wearing of masks. Masks are going to be part of life now, whether it is compulsory or optional to wear them, we are going to continue to see them around. Our senior students have adapted to the wearing of masks incredibly well and just got on with it, which has been awesome to see.

Next term on Tuesday 24th May, we are having a Welcome Back to School get together for whānau after school from 3.15-4.45pm. There will be activities for children run by Sport Otago and food will be provided for afternoon tea. The idea is to welcome everyone back into our school after such a muddy few terms due to Covid. CORE Education will be here to gather voice from our community around what is important for our school, as part of our Local Curriculum Professional Learning Development contract we are in. Everyone that takes part in answering a couple of questions with facilitators from CORE to gather voice, will go in the draw to win one of two \$30 New World Vouchers. We look forward to seeing lots of you at this event in term 2. Attached with the newsletter is a poster about this event, please make sure you get the date on your calendars!

We farewell our teacher aide Anna Craw at the end of this term. Anna has been with us for a few years and we are very thankful to her for her contribution to our school during her time here. We wish Anna all the best for her future.

Unfortunately due to low numbers, Before and After School Care will be ceasing at the end of term one. We will revisit this if there is a need at a later stage. Thank you to those that have supported this service over the last two terms.

In the school holidays we have some upgrades happening in classrooms. Cabinetry is being replaced in both the JLT and SLT and we have new sliding doors going in the junior end of the school. There is new carpet going in the library and senior classrooms. We look forward to these upgrades being completed.

Thank you to everyone for your support this term. Next term is looking as busy as usual and we will be participating in school swimming in weeks 3 and 4. More information will come out about this closer to the time.

Have a great holiday break, enjoy Easter and keep safe. We look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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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.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

In weeks one and two of next term, children will be participating in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme as part of our health education delivery plan. We teach this programme every two years and alternate it with the Kia Kaha Anti Bullying Programme, which are both programmes created by the New Zealand Police. Generally Constable Emily Plew comes in and delivers some lessons as part of both of these programmes, but unfortunately due to the backlog with Covid this year, she will not be coming in to teach any Keeping Ourselves Safe lessons. Teachers will be picking up her lessons and delivering all of the programmes. Pamphlets about the programme have been sent home today. Unfortunately due to Covid and Emily's unavailability, there will not be a parent meeting before this programme commences. If you have any questions about it, please let Melissa know and she will pass on to Constable Emily to answer.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had a fantastic and busy end to term one. We have been doing some exploring during music time in the afternoons and have been learning about different rhythms and beats using a range of musical instruments. The students have been learning how to play rakau by following the rhythm and beats of some of our favourite songs. We also worked with a buddy to create our own funky beats using a creative app called Music Labs and had to share and perform these to the rest of our class. The JLT students have continued to work hard on igniting our writing using our senses. We read the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and have created our very own Wild Thing creatures that we have written about in lots of detail. These will be posted on Seesaw by the end of the term so don't forget to check them out and leave us some comments. During our sessions with the Polytech students, we have been working on our catching and throwing skills. We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school for term two.. HAPPY EASTER everyone! Don't eat too much chocolate!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The Senior Learning Team has had a great and super busy first term. We have worked a lot on independent learning and achieving our goals in different areas. Every student is putting in a great amount of effort to get better every day. The SLT have enjoyed their independent reading, learning more about their novels and telling us how excited they are to go to the library and get their next book. Over the last week, we have been doing several activities about ANZAC Day, and learning more about the history of it by reading stories, doing research, brainstorming ideas and discussing our thoughts about this day. SLT students have developed a better knowledge about poetry and descriptive writing where they had the opportunity of exploring our new season! Autumn! The students have worked hard on creating their own descriptive writing and poetry! We also worked on some Autumn art and they have done such an amazing job. Our team have enjoyed learning more skills and working as a team with the Otago Polytechnic students. We wish you a wonderful and relaxed holiday and we are looking forward to seeing you back to school for term 2. Farewell to Mrs Astley! Thanks for being a wonderful teacher and all the best with your new family member! Have an awesome Easter!

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GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS WITH A CONCERN

Attached with today's newsletter is a copy of our Guidelines for Parents with a Concern Procedure. Please refer to this if you have any concerns around anything at school.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

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



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)
Ella: L1 - 10min free time with a friend James L: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Kahli: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Marcel: L2 - prize box Max: L2 - prize box Charleen: L2 - prize box Autumn: L2 - prize box Priya: L2 - prize box Mia: L2 - prize box Farah: L2 - 20min free time with a friend	Jett: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Luke: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ruby: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Clichē: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Nagham: L1 - 10min class game Tyler: L1 - 10min class game Sham: L2 - prize box Grace: L3 - ice block party with the class Stella: L4 - pizza party with two friends Faith: L4 - pizza party with two friends Jensen: L4 - pizza party with two friends Nox: L4 - class PJ party and hot chocolate Saja: L4 - movie and popcorn with the class



WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School	Seesaw - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

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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
16th-27th May
Tuesday 24th May
Monday 6th June
Monday 20th June
Friday 24th June
20th/21st October
Monday 14th November

School holidays begin at 3pm
Term two begins from 8.30am
School swimming lessons for all students, DNI Pool 1.30pm daily
Welcome Back to School Get Together for whānau, 3.15-4.45pm @ school
*Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED***
*Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED** to students*
*Matariki Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED***
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



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