



# Newsletter 5 - Wednesday 14th April 2021



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

Time has flown this term and it is hard to believe that the term one school holidays start this Friday. It has been a busy term here at Pine Hill School and we have been really lucky to have a relatively normal term, sitting at level 1 of the Covid-19 Alert Level System for the most part. A big welcome to Autumn and Ella who have both joined the Junior Learning Team recently. Ella has her big brother Tyler in the Senior Learning Team. It is great to have you both at Pine Hill School and we hope you and your families enjoy your time with us.

We are looking forward to welcoming whanau into school on Friday to celebrate our inquiry topic this term of *'What's Up There?'* where students will be showcasing all of their amazing learning around space this term. Whanau are invited along for an optional bring your own picnic lunch from 12.30pm and the presentations of learning will begin from 1.15pm. Whanau will have the opportunity to walk through classes and see what the students have learnt about, along with seeing their chosen inquiry presentations on something students have taken a keen interest in, during this topic. 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. Students have sent home personalised invitations for their whanau to this event and we look forward to seeing lots of people on Friday.

At our recent Board of Trustees meeting, two Teacher Only Days for 2021 were approved by the board. These Teacher Only Days are set for: **Tuesday 8th June** and **Monday 22nd November**. You will be reminded about these dates closer to the time, and they will also appear in the back of the newsletter on the Reminders section. Teaching staff will be using these days to undertake professional development and assessment work.

In term three students will be doing cross country training for our own school cross country event in late August. In term four students will be participating in training for athletics, before joining in with North East Valley Normal School at their school athletics event. This is wonderful news as we continue to lift our sporting profile at Pine Hill School. We are very thankful to North East Valley Normal School for enabling us to join in their athletics event.

Our new school fence will start going in over the school holidays and will take approximately three weeks to do. There will be traffic management in place during this period by the fencing contractors and there is a possibility drop off and pick up points will be limited to one side of the school when we return to school on Monday 3rd May. I will keep you informed of this as information comes to hand. We also have the new clearlite going in across the outside bay areas of the classrooms. These two projects are fabulous for our school and will look great once they are completed.

School holidays start this Friday and we return on Monday 3rd May from 8.30am. Have a lovely holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for term two.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The JLT have had two very busy weeks and have been hard at work. We were so lucky to receive our Duffy Books last Friday at our Duffy Role Model Assembly. It was so much fun learning new songs with Kath and discussing how important books are for our learning! We have been exploring fractions for maths and been getting experience at cutting different shapes and objects in half and quarters. We have been working really hard on our inquiry projects and are now onto our final step of making conclusions! It would be fantastic to see you at our 12.30pm optional picnic lunch on Friday followed by our inquiry presentations at 1.15pm. The JLT are so excited to see you all there. A big welcome to Ella who joined us last week! It is great to have another member of the JLT. Have a fantastic holiday!

## MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The last two weeks have just zoomed by with having Easter and two short weeks. The Middle Learning Team have been working hard on their individual space inquiry presentations. Every student has been conducting their own research by following the research process. We have learnt about a range of different ways to present our work and will be showcasing these on Friday. Please come along on Friday if you can at 12.30pm for an optional picnic lunch and then 1.15pm to see your child/ren's presentations. Students have worked extremely hard on these and will be so proud to show off their hard work to you all. Last week we had our special Duffy Role Model Assembly with Kath Bee. She is a musical artist and songwriter who taught us even more about the importance of reading. We hope you all have a great holiday!

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

It has been a quick two weeks in the SLT. We have been learning how to ask and respond about the weather in Māori. Students have been engaged in finalising their inquiry projects and are in full swing building and creating masterpieces. They are incredibly excited to share their models and stop motion animations with family and friends this Friday at our Inquiry Showcase for our *'What's Up There?'* space topic. In maths, students have been investigating a question about a group of people, using surveys and data to answer these questions. We have also begun exploring our knowledge of fractions. It has been an awesome term in the SLT and we hope that you all have a fantastic holiday!

## 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 dates for term two are: **Wednesday 26th May, Wednesday 16th June and Wednesday 30th 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 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE - KIRSTYN STANAWAY: PRESIDING MEMBER

Kia ora koutou. Our last Board of Trustees meeting was held on 29th March 2021. There are many positives happening at Pine Hill School for the students, staff and environment. As a school, we are really lucky that Melissa is great at finding and applying for grants/pockets of money to help support families at school along with school projects like the bark and new school fence. Over the upcoming school holidays, the new fence project will begin and the new clearlite roofing is being installed. Being a Board of Trustees member is a great way to get involved with school and supporting students learning. One of our jobs is to ask the questions of how best can we support the teachers, who will then be able to support the students. If you are thinking that you would like to find out more about the Board of Trustees, please feel free to discuss with Melissa or myself about coming along to a meeting. *Thanks, Kirstyn*

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

The Easter Hamper raffle was drawn before Easter under Police Supervision. Results are as follows: 1st - J. Astley, 2nd - Katie B, 3rd - Nusa, 4th - J. Nisbet, 5th - Zav, 6th - Hope, 7th - DD, 8th - A Watt, 9th - Somnium Family, 10th - Paul W, 11th - J. Astley, 12th - Somnium Family. Thanks again to everyone who supported our raffle fundraiser by selling tickets, donating chocolate items and buying tickets! We raised \$563.00 for our school which is fantastic! The next Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin meeting will be held mid term two, date to be set. Have a nice break! *Thanks, Hazel FOTS Staff Rep*

## TERM TWO

In week one and two of next term, we welcome four student teachers from Otago University into Pine Hill School. They will be working in the Middle and Senior Learning Teams for this period. In weeks two and three of term two, students will be participating in the *Kia Kaha - Anti Bullying programme*. This will be taught in conjunction with the NZ Police through Constable Emily Plew. Students will be participating in week two of swimming that was postponed due to Covid-19 Level 2, from **31st May-4th June** (week 5).

## 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)
<p><b>Priya:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Olivia:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Kahli:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Farah:</b> L3 - class ice block party <b>Nathaniel:</b> L3 - class ice block party</p>	<p><b>Faith:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Jayven:</b> L2 - 20min free time with a friend <b>Ruby:</b> L3 - 30mins free time with a friend <b>Shahed:</b> L3 - morning tea with teacher/Miss W <b>Sham:</b> L3 - morning tea with teacher/Miss W</p>	<p><b>Harlow:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Tyler:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Yazan:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Fadia:</b> L2 - 20min free time with a friend <b>Yazan:</b> L4 - class baking activity <b>Sol:</b> L4 - class baking activity <b>Aya:</b> L4 - class baking activity <b>Creation:</b> L4 - pizza party with two friends</p>

## 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 review this term is: Home Learning.

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.

## 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
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## REMINDERS

<b>Friday 16th April</b>	<i>'What's Up There?' - space inquiry open afternoon</i>
<b>Friday 16th April</b>	<i>School holidays begin</i>
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<i>Term two begins</i>
<b>May 10th-21st</b>	<i>Kia Kaha Anti Bullying Programme in conjunction with NZ Police</i>
<b>Monday 24th May</b>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school</i>
<b>31st May - 4th June</b>	<i>Week two of swimming (postponed due to Covid Level 2 in term one)</i>
<b>Monday 7th June</b>	<i>Queen's Birthday observed - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></i>
<b>Tuesday 8th June</b>	<i>Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></i>
<b>Monday 22nd November</b>	<i>Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></i>