



Newsletter 5 - Wednesday 22nd April 2026



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

Welcome back, everyone! We hope our tamariki all had a wonderful, refreshing break and enjoyed some quality time with whānau. It is great to be back and everyone is ready to get stuck into what is going to be a very productive 11 week term.

Our learning programmes are in full swing as we continue our dedicated work with Structured Literacy and Maths. Alongside these core subjects, we have a fascinating lineup of units including a study on the history and significance of ANZAC Day and the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme for health. We are also particularly excited about The Great Kiwi Kitchen Lab, which will provide a fantastic hands-on experience for tamariki as they explore Technology.

Welcome to Razwa Saleh, a Graduate Primary student from the University of Canterbury, who is joining us for a seven week placement in Room 1. We hope she has a rewarding and enjoyable time as part of our team.

It is great to have Deepasha Priyajoti from Otago Polytechnic back with us three days per week for her placement. As part of her study requirements, she is starting a daily fitness programme from week 3 with our tamariki, and we are very excited to see the energy and health benefits this will bring to our school day.

The hall is out of action for the majority of this term as the vinyl has been removed over the holidays in preparation for carpet tiles to be laid. There is no set date as to when this will be happening but I will keep everyone updated. Assembly will be held in Room 4 until such time the hall is back in action.

On **Monday 18th May**, we will be having a Numicon Maths Open Afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm. This is an opportunity for our school and wider community to come into school and see Numicon in action. We are excited to share this programme with everyone and there will be more information about the open afternoon coming out soon.

Kapa Haka kicks off again this term for all of our Year 2 to 6 tamariki. This is always a fabulous programme that our tamariki take great pride in, and we know they are especially keen to get started as they begin their preparations for Polyfest in Term 3.

A reminder school is closed on **Monday 27th April** to observe ANZAC Day.

Ngā mihi nui, Melissa Ward - Tumuaki/Principal

'Reaching for the Top!'
Aiming High. Respect. Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 18th May** and **Monday 22nd June** at 6pm on Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Amie Hawkins (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending any meetings.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the dates for **Term 2** are: **Wednesday 6th May, Wednesday 20th May** and **Wednesday 3rd June**. Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10:40am, and then spend the middle block from 11:00am - 12:30pm with the Room 1 tamariki. They are also invited to stay for lunch, with being collected at 1:00pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school, please check the hair of your tamariki. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb. The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. We will contact you so that you can organise treatment if we see head lice or eggs in your tamariki's hair. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you'd like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving awards at our most recent Assembly:

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
Classroom Certificate	Eric Thorburn	Matt Miller	Mila Driver	Isla Frewen
Principal Awards	<i>Year 1-3: Jasper Saunders Aiming High</i>		<i>Year 4-6: Priya Rewha Aiming High</i>	
Caught Being Good Term 1	Dalia Matar	Dea Nolial	Eva Murphy	James Lees
Attendance Shield	<i>Room 2 and 3 joint winners with a total of 98% attendance rate for the last three weeks of school!</i>			



REMINDERS

Monday 27th April	School CLOSED to observe ANZAC Day
Friday 1st May	Assembly - 2.20pm in Room 4
Wednesday 6th May	Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Monday 18th May	Numicon Maths Open Afternoon - 1.30-2.30pm
Wednesday 20th May	Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Friday 22nd May	Assembly - 2.20pm in Room 4
Monday 1st June	School CLOSED to observe King's Birthday
Wednesday 3rd June	Transition to School - all four year olds in the area
Friday 12th June	Assembly - 2.20pm in Room 4
Friday 26th June	Assembly - 2.20pm in Room 4
Friday 3rd July	Term two school holidays begin
Monday 20th July	Term Three begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am