PINE HILL SCHOOL

'A Community of Learners'

Newsletter 5 – Wednesday 1st May 2019

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

Term two has started and classes are really busy getting into their learning. I hope everyone managed to find some time to relax over the holiday period. Our staff certainly did and it is great to have the batteries recharged ready to go for term two!

Sadly we farewelled the Somnium family from Pine Hill School at the end of last term. Thank you Liz, Kad, Sol and Nox for being wonderful members of our school and for everything you did for us. We enjoyed working with you and will miss you very much! We wish you all the best for your move to Mornington.

This term we are studying the Animal Kingdom for our inquiry topic and the big question we are looking at is '*what makes an animal an animal*?'. Teachers and students are looking forward to getting stuck into this topic and are excited about the new learning that will happen. A museum trip is planned for next week, which will be fabulous for the finding out part of our inquiry process. This topic will be integrated into as many areas of our teaching curriculum as possible.

Well done to Jenna Stanaway from the Junior Learning Team and Jasper Lo Tam from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at our last term one Assembly. The focus for these awards had been our school value of caring. It is really great to see these students standing out and showing exceptional effort related to this value.
Congratulations to our end of term award recipients; Maram Al Hassan for being awarded the Alex Barton Enterprise trophy and Brooke Chettleburgh who was awarded the Fair Play Cup.

Thank you to all those who came to our Cultural Inquiry Celebration on the last day of term one. This event was absolutely fabulous and it was wonderful that it was so well supported. There was a huge variety of food from a range of different cultures, which was tasted by many. Seeing over 80 people at this celebration to support our students inquiry learning throughout term one was heartwarming. I received lots of positive feedback and it was great to see and hear people mingling with one another at the event. Our students were certainly proud to share their food and inquiry studies with whanau and our school community. It was nice to have all of our school families represented (minus some that had sick children, but they did plan on being at the celebration); even if they were not able to be present, they still sent along some food. Having the support of our school community for such events is important and a great opportunity to get to know other whanau members.

With it getting colder and winter just around the corner, please ensure you keep your children home if they are sick. This helps reduce the spread of bugs and also ensures your child can get better before they come back to school.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

RESPECT CARING

AIMING HIGH RESPONSIBILITY

School Notices

CULTURAL INQUIRY CELEBRATION PHOTOS!

More photos can be viewed on our school Facebook page!

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Board of Trustee elections are coming up. Parents and caregivers should have received nomination forms in the mail. In this cycle there are three seats coming up for election on the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees. All state and state-integrated schools in New Zealand have a Board of Trustees. The Board are the crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. They are the employer of all staff in the school and responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with all involved with the school. They are also responsible for ensuring their school provides a safe environment and quality education for their students. Boards have the role of overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration. If you require another nomination form, please contact Returning Officer, Nikola Ballard at the school office.

Being on a Board of Trustees is a very rewarding role. If you would like to contribute to our school by becoming a Board member, take some time and visit http://www.trustee-election.co.nz for more information. Alternatively you can speak to current members: Chris Burgess (Chair)), Melissa Ward, Sandra Souquet, Monique Pompey and Michael Prasad. Nominations close on Monday 20th May.

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY

Kia ora. At the end of last term we had our Easter raffle, thank you families for supporting this. Quinn Morris won 1st place and second place went to Aileen Ramsay. Our big fundraiser for this term is the BBQ at Mitre 10 Mega on Sunday 23rd of June. We approached Hellers for the sausages as they offer sponsorship called Sausages for Schools and they gifted us 960 sausages! This is very generous and we are extremely thankful to Hellers. We will need parent/caregiver help for the fundraiser (seniors with adult supervision is also welcomed). If you are able to give a couple of hours help, please get in touch with Kirstyn, or Nikola at the office. We will send a note home looking for helpers.
Our next Friends of the School meeting will be Monday 13th May, 3.10pm at school. Everyone welcome. *Thanks Kirstyn.*

AWARDS

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

	Junior Learning Team	**Senior Learning Team**
Duffy Award	Bianka Talbot	Creation Boyd-Tione
Classroom Certificates	Nox Somnium	Sol Somnium

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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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**.	

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.

ELGREGOE SHOW

We are going to Liberton Christian School on Friday 10th May to see Elgregoe's 'You've got the Power' school show. He is a magician whose show aims to give a clear message about being positive at school. There is a cost of $5 per student for this. Please pay this to the school office by Friday 10th May. Please note Assembly will be at 11.30am this day due to Elgregoe. Families are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch after Assembly this day.

REMINDERS

Wednesday 1st May	*Author visit - Fifi Colston*
Monday 6th May	*Author & illustrator visit - Kathryn van Beek & Robyn Belton*
Thursday 9th May	*Museum trip for inquiry*
Friday 10th May	*Assembly 11.30am in the hall: time change due to Elgregoe*
Friday 10th May	*Elgregoe show at Liberton Christian School, 1.30pm.*
Monday 13th May	*Friends of the School meeting, 3.10pm at school*
Wednesday 15th May	*Transition to School visit for all four year olds*
Monday 20th May	*Board of Trustee Election Nominations close, 12pm*
Friday 24th May	*Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall*
Wednesday 29th May	*Transition to School visit for all four year olds*
Wednesday 29th May	*Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30pm at school*
Friday 31st May	*National Young Leaders Day - two year six students*
Monday 3rd June	*Queen's Birthday - **SCHOOL CLOSED***
Wednesday 5th June	*Football coaching for both classes*
Wednesday 5th June	*Hockey coaching for both classes*
Friday 7th June	*Board of Trustee Elections*
Friday 7th June	*Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall*
Mon 10th June - Fri 5th July	*Kia Kaha (Anti-Bullying) programme with NZ Police*
Tuesday 11th June	*Skills and Drills @ Edgar Centre - Senior Learning Team*
Wednesday 12th June	*Football Coaching for both classes*
Friday 14th June	*Hockey coaching for both classes*
Tuesday 18th June	*Hockey coaching for both classes*
Wednesday 19th June	*Football coaching*
Thursday 20th June	*Ōtākou Marae visit*
Friday 21st June	*Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall*
Wednesday 26th June	*Transition to School visit for all four year olds*
Thursday 27th June	*Hockey coaching for both classes*
Friday 5th July	*Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall*
Friday 5th July	*Term two ends*
Monday 22nd July	*Term three begins*
15th-18th October	*Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau*