



Newsletter 6 - Wednesday 3rd May 2023



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

It is great to be back at school for term two. The holidays already seem to be a distant memory as we are into week two of the term already!

Welcome back to Miss Renee Hodges who was on leave in term one. Renee has settled back into school and is really enjoying her role as the Senior Learning Team kaiako (teacher). Welcome also to Anna Crow who is teacher aiding in our Junior Learning Team in a part time role this term. Anna has worked in our school previously and it is great to have both Renee and Anna back on board.

You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI TE Riu Roa members have voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit our work hours. We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations. We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where tamariki are learning during this time. Our day-to-day work to do this will continue, but we will no longer be working with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us. We will continue to meet with our boards. We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays. This includes sending or receiving digital communications. We will not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays. We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.

A reminder that if you have any queries or concerns about anything to do with your tamariki at school, please contact their classroom kaiako in the first instance.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are board meetings on **Monday 15th May** at 7pm on Zoom and **Monday 12th June** at 6pm at school. 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 of our meetings.

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLD TAMARIKI

We have Transition to School visits for all four year old tamariki each term at Pine Hill School. The purpose of these visits is to allow tamariki 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 10th May, Wednesday 31st May** and **Wednesday 21st June**. Tamariki 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.

Tamariki are invited to stay for lunch after the class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

FUNDRAISING MEETING - SCHOOL WHĀNAU

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 16th May** from **3.15-4pm** in the Senior Learning Team about fundraising for school. This meeting is open to all whānau members to attend and is an initial meeting to discuss possible options for raising money for school. Childcare is provided and some afternoon tea for those adults who attend the meeting. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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REMINDERS

Friday 5th May	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Wednesday 10th May	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Monday 15th May	<i>Board of Trustees meeting - 7pm on Zoom</i>
Tuesday 16th May	<i>Fundraising meeting - open to all whānau members, 3.15pm at school</i>
Wednesday 17th May	<i>Otago Museum trip - whole school for weather topic study this term</i>
Friday 19th May	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Wednesday 31st May	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Wednesday 31st May	<i>Whānau Hui (meeting) at school - 3.15-4pm</i>
Friday 2nd June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 5th June	<i>King's Birthday, school closed</i>
Friday 9th June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 12th June	<i>Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm at school</i>
Wednesday 15th June	<i>Art Gallery trip - whole school</i>
Wednesday 21st June	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Friday 23rd June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Friday 30th June	<i>Term two school holidays begin at 3pm</i>
Monday 17th July	<i>Term three begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Tuesday 13th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>