



Newsletter 6 - Wednesday 6th May 2026



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

I hope you have been enjoying the stunning, calm, sunny weather we have had lately. There is something truly special about these crisp, bright days, and I am finding that this beautiful autumn weather has been a wonderful improvement compared to our recent summer, making for a much more pleasant time for tamariki when they are outside at break times, or as part of their learning.

This week, we welcome Sally Matunga to our school community. Sally is a second year trainee teacher from the University of Otago College of Education, and she will be based in Room 3 with Miss Duncan for the next three weeks. We are excited to support Sally in her professional journey and hope she gains a wealth of experience and has a fantastic time with us.

Everyone is invited to our Numicon Open Afternoon on **Monday 18th May** from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school whānau and the wider community to see firsthand how we teach our mathematics programme across the school. There are some spot prizes to give away during the event, and the first five people to register will receive a special prize, so please be sure to check the poster attached to this email for more information and get your registration in! Trish Bunting, our 2026 Numicon Facilitator, will be present and she will host a Q&A session at the conclusion of the class and group lessons.

Finally, I must share a quick reminder that head lice are currently quite rampant. Please take the time to check the hair of your tamariki thoroughly and treat it immediately if any lice or eggs are present. Because missing just one egg or live lice can see the whole cycle begin all over again, I ask that you check hair a few times a week to help us keep this problem under control. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our tamariki healthy and comfortable. Please get in touch if you need any treatment or combs.

Kā mihi , 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 remaining dates for **Term 2** are: **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	Sophia Chaudhary	Emre Tekinkaya	Zain Chaudhary	Autumn Storer
Principal Awards	Year 1-3: Dea Nolial <i>Relating to Others</i>		Year 4-6: Indi Moeke <i>Relating to Others</i>	
Attendance Shield	<i>Room 3 were the winners with a 97% attendance rate for the first two weeks of school!</i>			



REMINDERS

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

