



## Newsletter 6 - Wednesday 12th May 2021



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

Welcome back to term two. It is great to have everyone back and refreshed after the term one holiday break.

We welcome James MacGillivray (5) into the Junior Learning Team. James has his big sister Stella in the Middle Learning Team. We also welcome Grace Fa'alave (7) into the Middle Learning Team. We hope both James and Grace and their families enjoy their time with us at Pine Hill School. Sadly we farewelled Nathaniel and Jayven Marsh who moved over the holiday break. Thank you to the Marsh family for their contribution to Pine Hill School while they were here. Our school roll sits at 43 students, with more students to come in as the year progresses.

Well done to Charleen Nath from the Junior Learning Team, Jett Wilson from the Middle Learning Team and Ryley Prasad from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on Friday. The focus for these awards had been around the key competency of participating and contributing. It was wonderful to hear from classroom teachers how well these students reflect this competency at school. Keep up the fabulous work.



We are very lucky at the moment to have four first year student teachers from the University of Otago here on their first ever teaching placement. Miss Tamala-Mani and Miss Nguyen are working with Miss Hodges and the Middle Learning Team and Miss Highsted and Miss Rokotakala are working in the Senior Learning Team with Mrs Astley. The student teachers have been here since the start of the term and finish their placements on Friday. We hope they have enjoyed their time here, taking away lots of learnings for their teaching careers.

Catherine McKinley is working in our school twice a week with our English Language Learners for the first five weeks of this term. She is from the Auckland University of Technology and runs the education programme for former refugees in Mangere. As this programme was put on halt last year due to Covid, Catherine has been deployed to Dunedin and is working with schools at present. Catherine is bringing a wealth of knowledge to our school and we are very thankful to have her working with us.

We welcome Sherlayn Weepers, our local Resource Teacher of Māori who is working with our students and teachers once a week on Te Reo, Tikanga and Kapa Haka. It is fantastic to have Sheralyn's expertise in our school to help out with our Māori programme.

Welcome also to Cameron Graham, Toni Isamaeli and Tom Funke from the Otago Institute of Sport. They have begun working with our students every Wednesday afternoon for physical education and health lessons.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had an awesome start to Term 2 and are so excited to be back! For visual arts, we have been exploring the art of collage. We read the story 'The Rainbow Fish' and have been creating our own fish collage using cut up pieces of paper. It was so amazing to see our fish come to life! Tamariki have been reflecting on ANZAC Day for writing and have been thinking of words to describe our brave soldiers. We published a piece of writing outlining the qualities of a soldier. We had a school ANZAC ceremony last Thursday which was a great time to reflect on the soldiers who fought in the war. Congratulations to Priya who received our classroom certificate at Assembly last week and a big welcome to James who has joined the JLT this week!

## MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team have had a fantastic start back for Term 2. We welcome Grace Fa'alave and her family to Pine Hill School. We are so lucky to have so many kind students helping Grace settle in at her new school. We also have two student teachers from the University of Otago who are here for two weeks. Miss Tamala-Mani and Miss Nguyen have been helping the students with their learning and each took the class for an amazing large ball skills session. They also taught the class some cool dance moves. Thank you for visiting the MLT and teaching us. We have been learning about ANZAC Day and created some beautiful poppy art using the technique called collage. Congratulations to Mazyad for receiving an award at Assembly last week.

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

What a wonderful start to the term it has been. SLT are back into full swing, refreshed and eager to go after a wonderful break. We are enjoying having two student teachers from the University of Otago who are here for two weeks. We welcome Miss Highsted and Miss Rokotakala to our classroom and are enjoying learning with them. We have been learning about ANZAC Day and have also produced some amazing ANZAC themed collages. Jump onto Seesaw to have a look! For maths, students have been engaged in practical measurement tasks around the school and classroom, measuring the turf, their height and the distance to their homes among other things. Congratulations to Aya who received our classroom certificate at Assembly last week.

## 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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## ABSENCES

Please ring/text the School Office and inform us if your child/ren are going to be absent from school for any reason. Please ensure you give us a reason for your child/ren's absence when you contact us. It is part of our Health and Safety policy to know where students are when they're absent.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING - WEEK 2

Week two of school swimming will be held from Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June at Dunedin North Intermediate Pool with Jill Clarke Swim School. Students need to come with their togs, towels and goggles (if they have these) every day for this week. Lunch will be from 12-1pm and we will be leaving for swimming at 1.15pm. Swimming will be from 1.30-2.45pm. Usually we do two weeks of swimming early in term one but the second week was postponed this year due to moving back into level 2 of the Covid-19 Alert Level System. There is no cost for families for school swimming lessons as this is covered by the Governments Donation Scheme that we are in.

## CLASS TIME

Students are expected to be at school by 9am every day. Being at school by 8.45am or earlier (anytime after 8.30am) is ideal as this allows students to get ready for the day and socialise with their peers. Students coming in late are disruptive to the class programme and this can be frustrating to teachers when they have already started the school day. We understand if there are special appointments in school time that cause students to be late to school for example dentist, optometrist, doctor. Please try your very best to make appointments out of school time. Students are required to stay in class until 3pm each day. If you arrive early to collect your child/ren, please wait in the office area or you're welcome to wait in your child's class until the bell rings. Continual lateness is not acceptable and will be followed up.

## KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a Warriors jacket. Some of the other things we have available include: shoes for students, food for morning tea and head lice treatment. Please contact Renee or Nikola if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

There are Board of Trustees meetings on **Monday 24th May** at 6pm at school and **Monday 21st June** at 7.15pm on Zoom. 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 (Board Chairperson) if you are interested in attending.

## CLEARLITE AND FENCE REPLACEMENT

The clearlite in all classroom bays on the main block of school was replaced over the school holiday period. It looks great and is letting a lot more natural light in. The new fence won't be finished for a few weeks yet due to more panels needing ordered. Please be vigilant if using the Wilkinson St entry/exit point as there is only a small access point for people to use on the grass. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## ASSEMBLY

There will be **NO** Assembly on Friday 4th June due to staff attending professional development and school swimming lessons.

## 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)
<b>Kaea:</b> L2 - 20min free time with a friend <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	<b>Mohammad:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Stella:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Chloe:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Nagham:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Jett:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend	<b>Cliché:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend

## REMINDERS

<b>10th-21st May</b> <b>Wednesday 12th May</b> <b>Friday 14th May</b> <b>Wednesday 19th May</b> <b>Thursday 20th May</b> <b>Friday 21st May</b> <b>Monday 24th May</b> <b>Wednesday 26th May</b> <b>Wednesday 26th May</b> <b>Friday 28th May</b> <b>31st May-4th June</b> <b>Wednesday 2nd June</b> <b>Friday 4th June</b> <b>Monday 7th June</b> <b>Tuesday 8th June</b> <b>Wednesday 9th June</b> <b>Wednesday 9th June</b> <b>Wednesday 16th June</b> <b>Wednesday 16th June</b> <b>Friday 18th June</b> <b>Monday 21st June</b> <b>Wednesday 23rd June</b> <b>Wednesday 30th June</b> <b>Wednesday 30th June</b> <b>Friday 2nd July</b> <b>Wednesday 7th July</b> <b>Wednesday 7th July</b> <b>Friday 9th July</b> <b>Monday 26th July</b> <b>Monday 22nd November</b>	<i>Kia Kaha Anti Bullying Programme in conjunction with NZ Police</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>El Gregoe Magician Show at Liberton School: 1.30pm</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Rippa Rugby Tournament at Logan Park Turf - Senior Learning Team</i> <i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i> <i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Year 4-6 Skills and Drills Session: 9.00-12.45pm Edgar Centre</i> <i>Week 2 of school swimming lessons - DNI Pool: 1.15-2.45pm</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <b>NO Assembly</b> <b>Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Trip to Toitū Museum for Inquiry</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.15pm on the Zoom platform</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i> <i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i> <i>Mid year student reports sent home</i> <i>School holidays begin</i> <i>Term three begins</i> <b>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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