



Newsletter 6 - Wednesday 27th May 2020



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

It's fantastic being back at school and seeing everyone again. We are impressed with how well our students have settled back into school - it is like they haven't been away. For the first two weeks back, teachers are focusing on well-being and getting back into the routine and swing of school with students. This has been working well and it is great to see and hear the buzz of our students around school.

We have welcomed two new students into Pine Hill School since school has started back. Kahu Gordon has turned 5 and has his big brother Ossian in year 3. Blaide Mason has joined our school in year 3 and his family is new to our school. Both of these students are in the Junior Learning Team and it is really exciting to have them join our school. We know these students and their families will enjoy being part of our wonderful school community.

Thank you very much to all of our amazing families who have been very understanding and cooperative with our Alert Level 2 plan that we currently have in place. Nikola Ballard and myself have been out greeting students at two entry points each morning and it has been really neat to meet students and catch up with parents and other family members. In the afternoons, Renee Hodges and Charlie Parson (classroom teachers) have been at the gates doing road patrol and farewelling students along with catching up with families. We have been alternating the gates we are at so that we get the chance to catch up with everyone that we can. It has been great to see some of our younger students becoming more independent, having the confidence to walk into school and get themselves organised for their day at school.

We will be closely following guidelines from the Ministry of Education in regards to when we can make changes to our Covid-19 Alert Level 2 plan.

I am very excited to announce that on Monday 8th June we will be starting in the Government's Lunches in Schools Programme. This programme sees every student at Pine Hill School receive free lunch, each school day, until the end of 2021. We are thrilled to be in this programme and look forward to getting it underway. Kaan's Catering will be providing the lunches for our students and the menu that I have seen looks absolutely delicious. There is a real variety of food for students and I am sure they will all be extremely thankful and enjoy the daily lunch they will be provided with. Students still need to bring food for morning tea and a water bottle each day to school. I hope to be able to share a sample menu for the lunches with our school community next week.

This term we will be having a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 3rd July**. This is the day the term two school holidays begin at 3pm, so the school holidays will start a day earlier for Pine Hill School students.

A reminder that this weekend is Queen's Birthday Weekend so there is no school on Monday. We hope you enjoy the long weekend with your family.

Ngā mihi nui
Melissa Ward

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School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have had an amazing first week back at school and it feels so good to be back in our classroom. We have welcomed two more students into the JLT - Kahu (year 1) and Blaide (year 3) who have already made fantastic starts here at Pine Hill School. Over the last week we have been settling back into our classroom routines and programmes. We have been learning about shape during maths time and have been doing so many fun activities to teach us more about 2D shapes. We have continued to use Seesaw at writing time but also have the option to do our writing on paper which some students prefer. In the afternoons we have been creating some stunning Autumn artwork after doing an Autumn walk around our school grounds. **Miss Riley and Miss Hodges**

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

What a wonderful restart to term two the SLT has had. It has been fantastic to see each other once again! We have been busy getting back into our school routine during our first two weeks back to school. For our latest topic, we have been practising mindfulness to help us with maintaining a positive and productive mindset. During maths time, we have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. Students had a go at making their own 3D shapes out of playdough and toothpicks. Our writing focus is learning to write an instructional 'how to' piece of writing. Students are working hard to present their writing to put in our library corner to teach others a new skill. Seesaw is being used to celebrate students' new learning. We love this platform, so be sure to log in and check out what we have been doing! **Miss Parson**

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

Thank you to all those that brought raffle tickets to support our Easter Hamper Fundraiser and to all of our families who donated an item for the raffle. We raised \$460 for the school. We had 11 Easter Hamper draws (drawn under Police supervision) and results are as follows:

1st - Averil Pettitt	2nd - Sophia Fangupo	3rd - Zara Fishlock	4th - Shirley Bee
5th - Stacey Tuhura	6th - M Stefani	7th - Euan Russell	8th - Amy Riley
9th - Shirley Sudol	10th - Amy Riley	11th - M Stefani	

All winners have been notified. There will be **no** Friends of the School meeting until term three. We are still looking for someone to run this group. If you are interested in this, please contact Melissa.

SCHOOL REPORTING

Due to the disruption with Covid-19, there will be **no** written mid-year reports this year. Usually in term three we have Student Led Conferences, but this year we will be having Parent/Teacher Interviews instead and children will **not** be present at these interviews. Please note, this change in verbal interview format is for this year only. At these interviews, teachers will be reporting to parents/guardians on their child's achievement and progress for the first half of the year. There will be a written report at the end of the school year for all students.

These interviews will be held in week two of term three and booking information will be sent home in the first week of school in term three.

ABSENCES

Please ensure you contact the office with any absences for your children. We have to know where students are when they are absent. If your child is sick for consecutive days, you must inform us of their absence each day they are away. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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