



Newsletter 7 - Wednesday 22nd May 2024



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

The weather has certainly been rather nippy recently which is a sure sign winter is on its way! At Pine Hill School it is great to be able to still get tamariki outside for physical education, and at break and lunch times where possible, as fresh air during the colder months of the year is important for everyone!

Staff and tamariki have been attending a few Education Outside the Classroom trips recently. Last week I had the privilege of taking the Senior Learning Team tamariki to Logan Park High School's production of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. It was an outstanding performance and an experience the tamariki really enjoyed. Logan Park should be very proud of their efforts with their production. A number of our tamariki feed into Logan Park at high school age, so it was really good for them to see the curriculum areas of drama and the arts on display. This week tamariki went to Liberton School to watch Elgregoe, a magician, who talks about how to have a great day at school through reflecting key values. This is always a favourite event on the school calendar and unfortunately after 30 years, this is Elgregoes last year performing to schools all around New Zealand. Tamariki enjoyed this event and were in awe of how Elgregoe performs his magic tricks, while listening to his key values messages. Today, staff and tamariki are visiting the Otago Museum for our Space theme we have been studying. Space has been an amazing scientific area for tamariki to learn about as it integrates across many areas of the curriculum. There has been real excitement around learning about space at school, which has been awesome to see and hear.

At our board meeting this week, the board was really excited to hear about the growth in our school roll. We have a fabulous school and it is fantastic to see people choosing to send their tamariki to us for their education. We currently have 47 tamariki on the roll and need 51 to open a third classroom. If you know of any enrolments, please get in touch as this is extremely helpful for the immediate and distant future.

On **Thursday 27th June**, we will be having a Matariki Celebration in the hall. This will be from 11-11.45am and all whānau and friends are invited. The celebration will involve performances from our Kapa Haka Group, information sharing, waiata (song/s) mihi and art displays. Family Ties Educare will be bringing a group of tamariki along to perform, and we are excited to have them part of this special celebration.

A reminder that on **Wednesday 29th May**, there is a Teacher Only Day. Staff will be undertaking professional development around the new curriculum, working with curriculum leads from the Ministry of Education. King's Birthday is observed on **Monday 3rd June** and school is closed this day as well.

Ngā mihi nui, Melissa Ward - Tumuaiki/Principal

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School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 17th 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.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We offer Before School Care five mornings per week from 7.30-8.30am. Tamariki can join any time during this period and the rates are: \$6 per tamariki from 7.30am onwards and \$3 per tamariki from 8am onwards. You can use Before School Care casually, part time or on a full time basis. Please contact the school office for more information, or if you would like to make a booking.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

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 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 12th June, Wednesday 26th June** and **Wednesday 3rd July**. 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 child to attend, please RSVP to Miss Tara McGoff at school.

KIDSCAN

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



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following tamariki for receiving classroom awards at our most recent Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Relating to Others	Mercy Fa'alave	James Lees
Classroom Certificate	Teroina Rewha	Priya Rewha

Wednesday 22nd May	Whole school trip to Otago Museum for Space theme study
Wednesday 29th May	Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED to tamariki
Friday 31st May	Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall
Monday 3rd June	King's Birthday - school CLOSED
Friday 7th June	National Young Leaders Day - Miss Ward and two year 6 tamariki
Friday 14th June	Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall
Thursday 27th June	Matariki Celebration 11-11.45am in the hall
Friday 28th June	Matariki Public Holiday - school CLOSED
Wednesday 3rd July	Mid year school reports sent home
Friday 5th July	Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall
Friday 5th July	Term two school holidays begin