



## Newsletter 7 - Wednesday 25th May 2022



*Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste*

Dunedin has certainly been living up to its name weather wise over the last few weeks. We have seen some lovely autumn days but we have definitely felt the cold! Please ensure your children are coming to school with warm clothes so they can layer up, as we can see four seasons in one day here at Pine Hill School!

Farewell to Kāhu and Ossian Gordon who have left our school. A big thank you to their family for their contribution during their time here and we wish them all the best.

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to our Community Event yesterday. WOW! This is how I can only really describe the support for it! We had a huge number of people present, which is just fabulous for our little school. It was lovely to see people reconnecting and making new connections after such a long period of time not being able to be on school grounds due to Covid. Thank you to everyone for all your anonymous feedback to help with the future direction of our school. We will be working through all of this feedback with Jo Barr from CORE Education who is our local curriculum professional learning development facilitator, in the very near future. Going forward, you will be kept informed with how the information will be used. To those that were unable to make it, a Google Form will be sent out before the end of the week so that we can get your anonymous feedback, if you would like to provide it.

It has been great to see the progress children have been making with their swimming over the past ten days. Thank you to Jill Clarke Swim School for the fantastic lessons, helping our children improve their swimming skills.

Thank you to our families for their continued support with keeping children home if they are sick. There are a number of illnesses floating around at the moment. If you feel it is not suitable for your children to come to school due to having any sickness symptoms, please keep them at home until they are better.

Ngā mihi nui  
Melissa Ward

## School Notices

### 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 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 1st June, Wednesday 8th June and Wednesday 22nd 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 your child to attend, it is imperative you RSVP to Renee Hodges at school via email, text or phone.

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team are so excited to be back at school and into our learning. Miss Hodges has reminded us about our important classroom Treaty that we created together to ensure we are all trying our best and showing our school values so that everyone feels happy and safe at school.

We loved having Constable Emily here teaching us all about how to keep ourselves safe. She taught us about the importance of knowing our own address and phone numbers, what to do if we need help or get lost, what the proper names are for all our body parts, different touches we like and dislike and good and bad secrets.

During writing we have been thinking about all the reasons that make us special and unique. Some of us are special because we are from different cultures, or because we are good at reading or maths to name a few. We are so lucky to have so many unique students in the JLT!

The year 3s have been busy singing and performing on Fridays at our school Kapa Haka sessions with our wonderful kaiako Tomuri. We also had a visit from some of the Highlanders Rugby team. They played some awesome skills with us to help us improve our ball skills and we all got given a flag and ball to take home.

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

Kia ora! It is great to be back to Term 2 and see everybody ready to learn some more! This term we are so lucky to have Miss Ward with us on Mondays and Fridays, helping us with our learning!

The past few weeks we have had the great opportunity to have Constable Emily talking about 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. She taught us about the importance of talking to people that we trust when we are not feeling safe in certain environments or situations, as well as using the proper names for each one of our body parts.

The SLT team has been working really hard towards their independent work and time management to complete each one of their reading and math tasks, and they are doing great!

During our Te Reo Māori learning, we have been enjoying learning our vocabulary through music, by learning songs, sign language for some words and studying with a buddy and working as a team.

Swimming is back! And our tamariki are doing awesome learning new skills! They have been practicing their kicking, putting their head under the water and learning freestyle! We have also started Kapa Haka again with Miss Hodges and Tomuri learning new waiata and dance moves.

## PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There is a Pine Hill School Board meeting on **Monday 20th June** at 7.15pm on the online platform, Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

## TEACHER ONLY DAYS

The Pine Hill School Board has approved two Teacher Only Days for 2022. The dates for these are **Monday 20th June** and **Monday 14th November**. School is closed to students these days. Reminders will be sent closer to the times.

## ABSENCES

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

## FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any enrolments, please contact school and let us know. Having this information is really important for planning for the future.

## KIDSCAN

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



## HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school. 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. Please check your child/ren's hair.

If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment.

**ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

## 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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<b>Priya:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Mia:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Marcel:</b> L1 - 10mins free time with a friend <b>Rawia:</b> L2 - 20mins free time with a friend	<b>Luke:</b> L1 - 10min class game  <i><b>We are all saving up for cashing in at higher levels!</b></i>



## EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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## WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

<b>School phone number:</b> 03 473 9148	<b>School cell phone number:</b> 027 528 7198
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz">www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz</a>	Search <b>Pine Hill School</b> on <b>Facebook</b> and give us a like!
Download the <b>Skool Loop app</b> from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for <b>Pine Hill School</b>	<b>Seesaw</b> - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

## REMINDERS

**Monday 6th June**  
**Thursday 9th June**  
**Wednesday 15th June**  
**Monday 20th June**  
**Thursday 23rd June**  
**Friday 24th June**  
**Thursday 7th July**  
**Friday 8th July**

*Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED***  
*Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall*  
*Otago Museum trip - whole school for inquiry topic*  
*Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED** to students*  
*Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall*  
*Matariki Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED***  
*Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall*  
*School holidays begin at 3pm*

# Kia ora,

Have you considered Pine Hill School for your child?



### AT PINE HILL SCHOOL WE OFFER:

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| Low student to teacher ratios                          | Sporting and cultural groups                        |
| Highly skilled teachers                                | Exciting Education Outside the Classroom programmes |
| Personalised learning                                  | Before and after school care                        |
| Interesting and engaging classroom learning programmes | Expansive grounds                                   |
| Innovative learning environments                       | A family focus and community engagement             |
| Strong use of digital technologies                     | A friendly, welcoming environment                   |



**Get in touch!**



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*Pine Hill School - the hidden treasure in Pine Hill*

**Pine Hill School**  
A Community of Learners