



Newsletter 7 - Wednesday 29th May 2019



Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Namaste, Marhabaan, Ni Hao

Today you receive the fortnightly newsletter a day later than normal due to school being closed for the biggest Strike in New Zealand history yesterday. Primary schools have joined with high schools across New Zealand to make it extremely clear to the government that the current offers on the table for our new collective agreements, aren't good enough. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused to our families but we have to make a stand. The Government is missing the point on why we are striking. We are striking for our students and the future generations of teachers. Our students deserve the best deal with their education and we need the Government to recognise this. We are asking for more time to teach, more time to lead and better conditions and pay for teachers and principals alike. Our teaching staff at Pine Hill work extremely hard for our students, as we love our jobs and are extremely passionate. Teachers are becoming burnt out and leaving the profession in droves due to the demands and stress of the profession. We want the government to realise this and listen to our needs, which benefit our students. I will keep you up-to-date with where to now, as more strikes could be on the cards.

Thank you to everyone for collecting students on Friday of last week at lunch time. Renee, Essie and myself spent the afternoon moderating samples of writing from students, which is a very important part of professional development. Writing is our big focus area this year and we have been doing lots of work around our understanding of writing and the delivery of this to our students.

On Friday this week, SeeSaw will be rolled out to families. SeeSaw is an online platform where students upload samples of their work online, as it happens, for their family to see. SeeSaw is a powerful way to see work as it happens. I have enjoyed looking through some students work that is already uploaded, leaving comments, which is what families can do. We are excited to roll SeeSaw out to our families and look forward to working with you around it. Information sheets on how to access SeeSaw have been sent home to families.

Currently we have two fabulous volunteers working in our school. Dina Alhasan is working three mornings a week in the Junior Learning Team doing teacher aide work experience and Yolanda Schaumann is working in our school on Fridays, helping in both classes. Yolanda is a trained teacher who wanted to help out in our school. We are very thankful to Dina and Yolanda for giving up their time to help our students and we are lucky to have them both working with us.

This week we farewell Chris Burgess and Sandra Souquet from the Board of Trustees. Both have given significant time and effort to Pine Hill School and we are extremely thankful for all they have done. Michael Prasad, Janine Little, Kirstyn Stanaway and Renee Hodges join the board from our next meeting in June.

Enjoy the long weekend, we will see you everyone back at school on Tuesday.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team have continued to be intrigued by our animal inquiry. We have started researching more information about different animals of our choice at reading and writing time. Last week we had Miss Henderson taking us and it was exciting having her! We learnt more about fish and created some amazing rainbow fish artwork. On Friday we got to make biscuits with Miss Hodges for our writing. We all made them together and then we got to decorate our own biscuit and write about it. Miss Hodges tried to trick us by saying she had burnt all of our biscuits!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Last week the Senior Learning Team made some rice bubble cake as part of a learning experience for writing. We were all very excited especially when we got to eat some at the end. We even shared some with the juniors because there was so much! The rice bubble cake was very sweet and chewy. Miss Ward spent a lot of time with us last week as she is Miss Share's new release teacher! She took us out for fitness a few times, did newsboard with us and we started some cool Meowing at Midnight art. When we have finished drawing our pictures with vivid, we'll use fluoro pastels to colour them in and black dye to do the night sky. We can't wait to see what they turn out like!

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY

Kia ora. Our current fundraiser needs your help! We are having a BBQ at Mitre 10 Mega on Sunday 23rd June from 10am-4pm. The money raised from this will support the children at our school for learning activities such as Reading Eggs, Duffy Books and Mathletics. You can help by giving an hour or two of your time to work the BBQ on this day. We have sent a note home and need more people responding. Please, if you can help let us know ASAP. Thank you, Kirstyn.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

School is closed this Monday 3rd June for the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - RESULTS

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nomination, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Prasad, Michael
Stanaway, Kirstyn
Little, Janine

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Hodges, Renee

Nikola Ballard
Returning Officer

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following students who have recently cashed in their reward tickets for different levels in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:



Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
The JLT students are busy saving up their tickets!!	Rowan Burgess: level one - class game Jasper Lo Tam: level four - pizza party

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME - TERM TWO

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 term two remaining dates are: **Wednesday 12th June and Wednesday 26th 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 welcome to also stay for lunch after this with being collected at 1pm. If you would like to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Renee at school via email or phoning.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM SKILLS AND DRILLS

On Tuesday 11th June, the Senior Learning Team students will be going to the Edgar Centre for a morning of sports skills and drills from 9am-1pm. There is a cost of \$7 per student for this to cover the bus and entry to the Edgar Centre. This must be paid by the morning of 11th June, **otherwise students will not be able to attend**. Students must have their morning tea and water bottle with them and it is imperative they wear appropriate footwear for doing sport in.

PRE-SCHOOLERS

If you know of or have pre-schoolers that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. This information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

principal@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Melissa Ward: Principal	renee@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Renee Hodges: Junior Learning Team Teacher
essie@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Essie Share: Senior Learning Team Teacher	office@pinehilledunedin.school.nz Nikola Ballard: Secretary



ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
Website: www.pinehilledunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School .	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday 30th of May at 6pm in the Junior Learning Team at school. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along.

APPOINTMENTS

We do realise there are times when the scheduling of appointments is beyond families control, but we ask that parents/caregivers make every effort to arrange appointments for students **outside of school time**. If collecting your child for an appointment, you must go to the school office and Nikola or Melissa will get your child for you. This is imperative for health and safety. You also need to contact school as early as possible and inform them that your child will be getting picked up so their classroom teacher knows and can plan for this accordingly.

REMINDERS

Thursday 30th May	<i>Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Friday 31st May	<i>National Young Leaders Day - two year six students</i>
Monday 3rd June	<i>Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED</i>
Wednesday 5th June	<i>Football coaching for both classes</i>
Wednesday 5th June	<i>Hockey coaching for both classes</i>
Friday 7th June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Mon 10th June - Fri 5th July	<i>Kia Kaha (Anti-Bullying) programme with NZ Police</i>
Tuesday 11th June	<i>Skills and Drills @ Edgar Centre - Senior Learning Team</i>
Wednesday 12th June	<i>Transition to School visit for all four year olds</i>
Wednesday 12th June	<i>Football Coaching for both classes</i>
Wednesday 12th June	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Friday 14th June	<i>Hockey coaching for both classes</i>
Tuesday 18th June	<i>Hockey coaching for both classes</i>
Wednesday 19th June	<i>Football coaching</i>
Thursday 20th June	<i>Ōtākou Marae visit</i>
Friday 21st June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Sunday 23rd June	<i>Friends of the School BBQ Fundraiser - Mitre 10</i>
Wednesday 26th June	<i>Transition to School visit for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 27th June	<i>Hockey coaching for both classes</i>
Friday 5th July	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the School Hall</i>
Friday 5th July	<i>Term two ends</i>
Monday 22nd July	<i>Term three begins</i>
15th-18th October	<i>Senior Learning Team Camp to Pukerau</i>

