



PINE HILL SCHOOL
'Reaching for the Top!'



Newsletter 8 - Wednesday 5th June 2024



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

The term is flying by with this week being week six. There has been lots of fantastic learning taking place across our school and we have started our Matariki topic which is our next theme focus this term, working towards our school Matariki Celebration on **Thursday 27th June**.

Last year we began our Structured Literacy journey and we have seen some excellent progress and results from using this approach to teach literacy. The Government has mandated this programme in primary schools and it is great that we are already doing this and have seen how positive the programme is for our tamariki. All teaching staff are undertaking professional development and we are excited to keep building our knowledge and understanding around Structured Literacy.

Last week, teaching staff undertook a Teacher Only Day that introduced us to the curriculum refresh - Te Mātaiaho. Te Mātaiaho has eight learning areas, which are being developed and released in phases. Schools have until the beginning of 2027 to start using the fully refreshed curriculum, although they must use the refreshed mathematics and statistics and English learning areas from the start of 2025. It is designed to give practical effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and be inclusive, clear, and easy to use. The current government may be making some changes to Te Mātaiaho, which we are waiting to hear about.

Recently tamariki enjoyed a trip to Otago Museum to learn more about space, which is what we have been studying for the first part of the term. Tamariki also got the opportunity to learn about fossils. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic resource on our back doorstep to aide in learning opportunities for our tamariki. At the end of term two, we will be having a learning celebration with our community to share our new learnings about space. Keep an eye out for more information about this very soon.

It has been brought to my attention that there has been a number of dogs with their owners from the Pine Hill area on the school grounds outside of school hours. A reminder that dogs are **not** allowed on our grounds and I ask that this is respected. There are big signs on our school gates stating that dogs are not allowed and they can not be missed. If you know of anyone using our grounds with their dogs, please ask them to take them elsewhere to exercise/play with them.

On Friday I am attending the National Young Leaders Day at the Town Hall with year 6 tamariki; Grace Fa'alave and Nagham Al Ashour. Grace and Nagham have been selected to attend this event as they display excellent leadership skills. The day is full of inspiring speakers sharing their leadership journeys and we are all looking forward to it.

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.

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE - MISS MCGOFF

We can't believe we are halfway through term 2 already! Welcome to Oakley, Abby and Charlotte who have joined our class. The Junior Learning Team has been super busy exploring the topic of space, integrating this theme into various areas of the curriculum. We're also diving into the topic of Matariki, and we are looking forward to sharing our work with you soon. For PE, we've been working on different ball skills, including dribbling, chest passing, and bounce passing. The tamariki are showing great progress and having a blast while developing their coordination and teamwork skills. In maths, we are focusing on measurement. The children have been absolutely loving the hands-on activities we've been doing. It's fantastic to see them so enthusiastic and involved in their learning. In writing, we are looking into our sentence structure and learning about the process of publishing. We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks, finishing off different tasks and continuing to make the most of different learning opportunities within the classroom.

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM UPDATE - MR LANE

What an awesome and busy start to term two it has been in the SLT! To begin with, we welcomed Isabella into our class and the school. In between our regular programme of daily reading, writing and maths we have had numerous opportunities to take our learning outside the normal routines of the classroom. We had a visit from an expert to teach us about the history of the Moa, went to the Logan Park High School production of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and during a visit to Otago Museum we took a trip around the solar system in their planetarium. Speaking of the Solar system, the SLT is a storm of newsprint and glue as we attempt to build a scale model of our solar system as part of our inquiry into space!. It has been a great opportunity for us to mix our study of collage in art and space in science all together to create something special. There will also be an associated slide-show to go with it that will give us an opportunity to use the descriptive writing we have been working on during literacy. In maths we have conducted statistical investigations into subjects of interest to the ākongā and we've also been exploring how to use Te Reo to help us understand place value. To top it all off we've been talking about our learning goals and reflecting on ways to achieve them every week so feel free to have a chat about them at home with your tamariki.

AWARDS

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



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Thinking	Parua Ellison	Nembeka Ganaii
Classroom Certificate	Aurora Fishlock-Sawers	Ella Hampson-Waho

Friday 7th June

Friday 14th June

Thursday 27th June

Friday 28th June

Wednesday 3rd July

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Friday 5th July

National Young Leaders Day - Miss Ward, Grace Fa'alave (Y6) and Nagham Al Ashour (Y6) Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall

Matariki Celebration 11-11.45am in the hall (more information coming out soon)

*Matariki Public Holiday - school **CLOSED***

Mid year school reports sent home

Space Learning Celebration at school - 11.45-12.30pm (optional whānau picnic afterwards)

Term two school holidays begin