

## PINE HILL SCHOOL

'A Community of Learners'





# Newsletter 8 - Wednesday 8th June 2022



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

The term certainly is flying along. This short week marks the start of week six, with five weeks of term two left.

There has been a huge amount of sickness affecting children and families at our school. We are very appreciative to everyone for keeping us informed about their families health. It has also been really good to see children staying away until they are well enough to come back to school. In my 17 years of education, I have never known sickness to be so rampant. We are dealing with cases of Covid-19, the flu is making an appearance, along with the usual coughs and colds and stomach bugs.

Please ensure children are coming to school dressed for the cold weather. It is winter and with so many bugs going around, it is imperative that children are coming with warm clothes.

Due to the amount of sickness around, Assembly will not be starting until **week 2 of term 3** to avoid spreading anything. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

We have a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 20th June.** This has been communicated in the newsletter since mid term one. School is **closed** to children this day. There is also a Public Holiday for Matariki on **Friday 24th June** and school is closed this day. As these two days fall in the same week, it will be a three day week for our students.

Ngā mihi nui Melissa Ward

# School Notices

#### PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

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 any of our meetings.

#### **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.

#### 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 remaining dates for term two are: **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 class session with being collected at 1pm. If you would like your child to attend, please RSVP to Renee Hodges at school.

#### MUSEUM TRIP FOR INQUIRY TOPIC

On **Wednesday 15th June** in the afternoon, we are heading to the Otago Museum for a 'finding out' session about our inquiry topic 'Let's Get Specific About the Pacific!' Children in year 4-6 **must be masked** for this trip as per the Museum rules. Please ensure your child comes with their mask this day.

### 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)  | S.C. |
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| James L: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Mia: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Marcel: L1 - 10min class game James M: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Farah: L2 - prize box Charleen: L2 - prize box Kahli: L2 - prize box | Luke: L1 - 10min class game Stella: L1 - 10min class game Faith: L1 - 10min class game Ruby: L2 - 20min free time with a friend |      |

#### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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|---|---|
| Miss Renee Hodges: Junior Learning Team   | Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias: Senior Learning Team                    |
| Teacher   | Teacher   |
| principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Melissa Ward: Senior Learning Team Teacher and Principal | office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Nikola Ballard: School Secretary |

#### REMINDERS

| Wednesday 15th June    | Otago Museum trip - whole school for inquiry topic  |
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| Monday 20th June       | Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED to students</b> |
| Friday 24th June       | Matariki Public Holiday - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>      |
| Friday 8th July        | Term 2 school holidays begin at 3pm                 |
| Monday 25th July       | Term 3 begins from 8.30am                           |
| Friday 30th September  | Term 3 school holidays begin at 3pm                 |
| Monday 17th October    | Term 4 begins from 8.30am                           |
| 20th/21st October      | Senior Learning Team overnight camp @ Otago Museum  |
| Monday 14th November   | Teacher Only Day - school closed to students        |
| Thursday 15th December | Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm     |
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