



Newsletter 8 - Tuesday 30th May 2023



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

This week our newsletter is out a day early due to me being away at the Rippa Rugby tournament with the Senior Learning Team on Wednesday.

Thank you very much to our school community for the support with closing classes over the last fortnight due to sickness with teachers. I really appreciated the kind and supportive messages from you all. This week the Junior Learning Team is closed on Wednesday due to Mrs Alvarez Farias being very sick with the flu, union meetings for teachers commencing at 1pm and also myself being away at the Rippa Rugby tournament. Yet again, this is another example of how stretched schools are and the huge load carried on a principal's shoulders to try and do everything. Usually I am pretty good at doing 'everything' but this week I physically can not be in two places at once - the Rippa tournament and at school with the Junior Learning Team. Again, thank you to our community for your continued support.

Today I am at the National Young Leaders Day at the Town Hall with Luke Little, Stella MacGillivray and Jensen Pesa. These year 6 tamariki have been identified as having excellent leadership skills and they are great role models in our school. The National Young Leaders Day is a very inspiring and interesting event which involves a number of speakers talking about what it means to be a good leader. Every year we take a few year 6 tamariki to this event that we have identified as having great leadership skills. Luke, Stella and Jensen will share some of their key takeaways from this event in the next newsletter.

On **Thursday 8th June**, we will be holding a Whānau Hui after school. We will be looking at our school Māori plan and talking about our upcoming Matariki celebration. The school Kapa Haka group will be singing some waiata with Tomuri, our tutor. Everyone is welcome to attend this hui from 3-4pm at school. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

On **Wednesday 28th June** we will be having a Matariki celebration at school. This will be from 1.30-2.15pm and all whānau and friends are invited. There will be more information to come out about this in the next couple of weeks.

A reminder that school is closed this coming **Monday, 5th June** to observe King's Birthday. I hope you all have a lovely long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 12th June** at 6pm at school. 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 of our meetings.

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLD TAMARIKI

We have Transition to School visits for all four year old tamariki 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 final date for term two is: **Wednesday 21st June**. 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 tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE - SCHOOL WHĀNAU

Thank you to the group of parents who came to the fundraising meeting a couple of weeks ago. There were some good discussions about ideas to raise money for the school and there a few activities being looked at for term four this year. There will be another meeting to discuss these ideas and confirm going ahead with them on **Wednesday 21st June** at 3.15pm at school. We need help to organise these fundraising events and would like to see as many people as possible at the upcoming meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Pine Hill School Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Presiding Member

Pine Hill School Board of Trustees

11 Hislop Street

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by 5pm Monday 26th June 2023

REMINDERS

Friday 2nd June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 5th June	<i>King's Birthday, school closed</i>
Thursday 8th June	<i>Whānau Hui - everyone welcome: 3-4pm @ school</i>
Friday 9th June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Monday 12th June	<i>Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm at school</i>
Thursday 15th June	<i>Art Gallery trip - whole school</i>
Wednesday 21st June	<i>Transition to School - all four year old tamariki</i>
Wednesday 21st June	<i>Fundraising meeting - 3.15pm at school</i>
Friday 23rd June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
Wednesday 28th June	<i>Matariki Celebration @ school: 1.30-2.15pm</i>
Friday 30th June	<i>Term two school holidays begin at 3pm</i>
Monday 17th July	<i>Term three begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
Tuesday 13th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>