



## Newsletter 8 - Wednesday 9th June 2021



*Kia Ora, Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam*

It is hard to believe we are over halfway through term two. The weeks seem to be flying by and there are still lots of things to fit in before the end of the term.

We had a very good professional learning development day on Tuesday at our Teacher Only Day. Our jobs are extremely busy and these days are important for us as it allows us time to delve into our school professional learning focuses. We have been looking at digital fluency through reading and writing and we spent a very productive day working with our facilitator Rach McNamara from CORE Education.

This term we are studying *'From Then to Now - How Did We Get Here?'* This is part of the social studies curriculum and covers the continuity and change strand. Classes have begun delving into this topic and had a great trip to Toitū Settlers Museum today as part of the finding out stage of Kath Murdoch's inquiry cycle that we follow. There was lots of fabulous learning that took place and the students' task now, is to reorganise this information as part of the third stage of the inquiry cycle. Students are also looking forward to hearing some guest speakers over the next few weeks for more of the finding out stage and the Middle and Senior Learning Teams also have a trip to Olveston House. We are very lucky to have amazing places to visit, and wonderful people to speak to our students, about this topic. Students will be moving off into an area of their own interest related to the topic, for the going further part of the inquiry cycle.

In the coming weeks students will be learning about Matariki and we will be sharing this learning with our school community. Please keep an eye out for dates confirming how and when we will be celebrating this very important event.

Mid year reports will be coming home on Wednesday 7th July for all students who started school up until mid March this year. As you can understand, it is not appropriate to write reports for students who have recently started school as they need time to settle. There will be Student Led Conferences in early term three that all students will attend, and lead conversations with whānau around their learning at school.

This term, Ōtepoti Ki Te Raki - North Dunedin Community of Learning are holding a parent/whānau session at our school on the **17th June from 5.30pm-6.30pm** called ***Let's Talk Teeth***. The kaupapa of this session is dental hygiene and the importance of this for early oral language skills. This has been identified as a key concern voiced across the North Dunedin kāhui. There will be two guest speakers: Amberleigh Stenhouse (speech/language therapist) and Lisa Hansen (Dentist). Tea and coffee and childcare are available. Feel free to come along to this very informative session.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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# School Notices

## JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

The Junior Learning Team has been working hard over the past two weeks. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and have improved both in their water safety skills and overall confidence in the water. Miss Riley was really impressed to see students going outside of their comfort zone and trying their best. Students have been working hard to improve the quality of their reading 'Must do' and 'May do' tasks. Some children have started to delve into creative writing for one of their reading 'May Dos' and have been blowing Miss Riley away with their creativity! We have also been generating questions surrounding our new Inquiry topic and the JLT are especially interested in school life back in the day. We enjoyed our trip to Toitū and look forward to hearing from our guest speakers to help aid the 'finding out' process of this inquiry!

## MIDDLE LEARNING TEAM (MLT) UPDATE

The Middle Learning Team have been busy completing some fantastic learning over the last two weeks. We have been diving into our new inquiry '*From Then to Now - How Did We Get Here?*' So far we have brainstormed all the things we know about this topic, looked at some thought provoking images from the past and have posed some inquisitive questions and wonderings that we want to know more about. We had a great trip to Toitū and have some exciting guest speakers coming to speak to us who might be able to answer some of our questions. After a long wait, we had our second week of swimming and it certainly did not disappoint. We were busting at the seams everyday to get down to the pool to develop our water confidence and swimming skills. Miss Hodges was thrilled by the progress we all made throughout the week.

## SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

The SLT have been splashing their way into the second half of the term. Students stunned us with their swimming and put in huge amounts of effort to learn new skills. For inquiry, we are studying '*From Then to Now - How Did We Get Here?*' SLT students began exploring key events in New Zealand's history and learnt notation skills in the process. Students have also been exploring what they already know about the past and were interested in how technology has changed over time. Trees waved and the wind whispered in writing, as students tried out their hand at personification. In Maths, we have started an exciting practical measurement activity as we try to measure and sew our own reading tent for the classroom! See us on the Facebook Page doing this!

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

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 16th June and Wednesday 30th 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 to enrol your child in this programme, please contact Amy at school via email, text or phone.

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## **FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN (FOTS) UPDATE**

Our cheese roll fundraiser is out now! Every family has been given forms to sell cheese rolls and all orders and monies are due back to school by **Friday 18th June**. Cheese rolls will be made on Saturday 26th June from approximately 9am at the Dunedin North Intermediate School kitchen (more info to come).

We will need helpers this day, even if you are able to give up a couple of hours to help out, that would be awesome!

All monies raised are put back into our school for our students. If you would like to order cheese rolls and don't have access to an order form, please contact the school office.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday 21st June** at 7.15pm on Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meeting and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

## **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:

Chairperson

Pine Hill School Board of Trustees

11 Hislop Street

Liberton

DUNEDIN 9010

***by 5pm Tuesday 22nd June 2021***

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE: KIRSTYN STANAWAY - PRESIDING MEMBER**

Kia ora koutou. Our last Board of Trustees meeting was held on the 24th May 2021, at Pine Hill School. Recently the board has filled a general vacancy, via selection and I would like to welcome Tala Pesa into this seat. We look forward to having Tala on our school board. Sadly we are saying goodbye to Hinewai Broughton, as she vacates her seat. Thank you for your contribution to the board, Hinewai. This means we now have a vacant seat, which the board has elected to hopefully fill by selection.

The meeting was very informative and gave a great outline of initiatives and student achievement within the school. The school is ticking along great and our strategic and annual plans are moving along nicely. It is really neat to see the School Council up and running. We do have a current focus on growing the roll, so please remember to use 'word of mouth' and share how awesome and forward thinking our wee school is!

It was good to have a member of the public visit us in this meeting, as we extend out invitations to everyone via the school newsletter. If you are interested in coming along, please feel free to contact Melissa or myself about this before the meeting.

***Ngā mihi***

***Kirstyn Stanaway - Presiding Member***

## 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)	Middle Learning Team (MLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
<b>Max:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Ella:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Autumn:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>James L:</b> L1 - 10min free time <b>Olivia:</b> L1 - 10min free time <b>Zav:</b> L1 - 10min free time <b>Kahū:</b> L1 - 10min class game <b>Charleen:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Kaea:</b> L2 - prize box <b>Priya:</b> L3 - class ice block party	<b>Shahed:</b> L1 - 10min free time with a friend <b>Luke:</b> L2 - 20min free time with a friend	<b>Bella:</b> L4 - class PJ party and hot chocolate <b>Tyler:</b> L4 - hot chip party with two friends

## SCHOOLDOCS

SchoolDocs is a website where our school policy and procedures are held. Each term, policies are up for review and at times, whanau are able to review a policy/ies and provide feedback if desired. Please see instructions below on how to review and provide feedback for the appropriate policy/ies. If you have any questions or would like to review the policy/ies on paper, please contact Melissa at school. Policy review this term is: **Reporting to Parents**.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website  
<http://pinehilldunedin.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pinehilldunedin) and password (hislop).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## REMINDERS

<b>Thursday 17th June</b>	<i>Let's Talk Teeth - Oral Health Seminar: Pine Hill School, 5.30-6.30pm</i>
<b>Friday 18th June</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Monday 21st June</b>	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.15pm on the Zoom platform</i>
<b>Wednesday 23rd June</b>	<i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i>
<b>Thursday 24th June</b>	<i>Middle and Senior Learning Team trip to Olveston: 9.45-12.30pm</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th June</b>	<i>Transition to School - all four year olds in the area</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th June</b>	<i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i>
<b>Friday 2nd July</b>	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall</i>
<b>Wednesday 7th July</b>	<i>Otago Institute of Sport Sessions - all classes: 1.30-3pm</i>
<b>Wednesday 7th July</b>	<i>Mid year student reports sent home</i>
<b>Friday 9th July</b>	<i>School holidays begin</i>
<b>Monday 26th July</b>	<i>Term three begins</i>
<b>11th-12th November</b>	<i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp at school</i>
<b>Monday 22nd November</b>	<b><i>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</i></b>