



Newsletter 8 - Wednesday 3rd June 2026



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

It is hard to believe that we are already over halfway through Term 2! Time seems to be flying by as we officially enter the winter months.

This term, our tamariki have been diving into an exciting Technology unit focused on recycling and wearable arts, beautifully tied in with our Matariki celebrations. We cannot wait to showcase their creativity and hard work, and we invite you all to celebrate this study with us when our tamariki share their wearable art creations at our upcoming Matariki Assembly on **Friday 26th June at 12pm**. Please note the change of time for Assembly this day. Whānau are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch at the conclusion of the Assembly and tamariki can go home with them afterwards.

Teachers are busy writing mid-year reports, which will be emailed home on **Wednesday 1st July**. If you have changed email addresses recently, please let Nikola know at the office.

As a reminder for the remainder of this term, Mrs. Alvarez Farias is away on leave. We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful teaching team filling in: Miss Ally Ward is teaching Years 1 and 2, Miss Tait Duncan is with Years 3 and 4, and Miss Tara McGoff continues to teach Years 5 and 6. All classes will resume back to normal at the start of Term 3 when Mrs. Alvarez Farias returns.

There are a number of exciting property upgrades scheduled to happen over the coming months for our school. These improvements include laying cozy carpet tiles on the hall floor, installing a brand-new kitchen in the hall, and fitting new heat pumps in all classrooms to keep our tamariki warm. These upgrades will be hugely beneficial to our school, and best of all, they are entirely funded through external projects, meaning no school funds had to be used. It certainly is time for these upgrades to be happening, and we look forward to getting them underway.

*Kā mihi,
Melissa Ward
Tumuaki/Principal*

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Aiming High, Respect, Responsibility

School Notices

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There is a board meeting on **Monday 22nd 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.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school, please check the hair of your tamariki. Treatment of head lice has to be done thoroughly. There are a number of ways to do this but one of the best ways is to cover the hair in conditioner to stun the lice. You then need to comb through the hair strands carefully and pull out any eggs along with removing the live lice. The egg cases can be empty but are still really sticky and need to be pulled out by hand or fine metal comb. The live eggs are dark and live approximately 1mm from the scalp. Live lice crawl around the head. We will contact you so that you can organise treatment if we see head lice or eggs in your tamariki's hair. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

ENROLMENTS

We welcome new enrolments at Pine Hill School. We are not zoned, which means we are able to take enrolments from all areas. If you know of or have any tamariki that will be attending Pine Hill School in the future, please let Melissa know at school. Enrolment information is very helpful with planning for the immediate and distant future. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Every school day counts, and regular attendance is crucial for the learning, social development, and academic progress of tamariki. If your tamariki are going to be absent due to illness or an unavoidable appointment, please notify the school office via phone, text email, or the Skool Loop app by 9.15am on the day they will be absent.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact Kaimahi (staff) on the following email addresses:

valentina@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Valentina Alvarez Farias: Room 1 (year 1) Kaiako/Teacher	ally@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Ally Ward: Room 2 (year 2 & 3) Kaiako/Teacher
tait@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Tait Duncan: Room 3 (year 3 & 4) Kaiako/Teacher	tara@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Tara McGoff: Room 4 (year 5 & 6) Teacher/Kaiako
principal@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Miss Melissa Ward: Tumuaki/Principal	office@pinehilldunedin.school.nz Mrs Nikola Ballard

REMINDERS

Friday 12th June Friday 26th June Friday 3rd July Monday 20th July	<i>Assembly - 2.20pm in Room 4</i> <i>Matariki Assembly - 12pm in Room 4</i> <i>Term two school holidays begin</i> <i>Term Three begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>
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