



Newsletter 9 - Wednesday 14th June 2023



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

Winter has arrived with a bang and we have been experiencing some rather chilly mornings. If there happens to be a late start or school is closed due to weather related issues, you will get a text from me. I will also post this information on the school Facebook Page, email you and send a notification out on the Skool Loop app.

Thank you to all those that attended our Whānau Hui last week. It was great to get together and have some korero (discussion) around our long term plan for Māori in the school, listen to our Kapa Haka group sing and explain about our upcoming Matariki Celebration in the last week of school. We are very appreciative to Luana Thomas, our Resource Teacher of Māori who is helping our school refine our Māori delivery programme. There will be another hui before the end of the year. Please keep an eye out for the date for this in upcoming newsletters.

Two weeks ago I had the privilege of taking Jensen Pesa, Stella MacGillivray and Luke Little to the National Young Leaders Day at the Town Hall. Each year we take some year 6 students who stand out as leaders and role models to this event. It was a brilliant day and you can read a report from Jensen, Stella and Luke about the day, further on in the newsletter.

We had two teams from the Senior Learning Team attend the local Rippa Rugby Tournament at the Logan Park Turf a couple of weeks ago. This was a great event to attend and the tamariki were fantastic representatives of our school, giving their games their very best. Thank you to Jasmine Ackroyd who helped out with the teams.

There has been a lot of sickness through the school over the last few weeks, especially in the Junior Learning Team. I really appreciate whānau keeping their tamariki home while they are sick as this helps them recover and it also stops the spread of any bugs. If your tamariki are sick for consecutive days and they don't seem to be recovering as well as you would expect, it would be a really good idea to get them checked out at your Doctor. Medicine like antibiotics are able to come to school for us to administer, we just need to have a chat with whānau about the requirements for this and get you to sign some paperwork. Please ensure tamariki are coming to school with warm clothes and footwear in the winter months.

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools. ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. Our focus is around the implementation of Structured Literacy across our school. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set against our focus. Public reports like our Profile Report are published on ERO's website. A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative requirements, has also been published.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE - MRS ALVAREZ FARIAS

Lots has been happening during these past few weeks and we continue keeping ourselves busy in the JLT. We have started our new writing stations at writing time, and it has been working really well for the Junior tamariki. Everybody loves each station and they are very engaged during writing! We have finished our topic of learning about the weather. The Junior Learning Team tamariki have created a weather booklet and have added new learnings about the weather to it. It was exciting to learn about how each type of weather happens! During maths time, we continue to work on our independent stations along with practicing our timetables. Our tamariki have also been learning about how multiplication works, using different resources around our classroom. In the JLT we are also enjoying learning our basic facts, creating patterns, and getting more confident with our maths knowledge. It was great to see lots of people at our Whānau Hui along with seeing our tamariki performing some waiata. Year 2 and 3 tamariki really enjoy going to Kapa Haka each Friday. We are so lucky to have our wonderful kaiako (teacher) Tomuri taking us for this. Collage has been our focus for visual art this term and we teamed up with the Senior Learning Team to work on a piece of collage art. We look forward to learning about our new topic for the rest of the term, Matariki. There is going to be a celebration in the last week of term for Matariki and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE - MISS HODGES

The SLT has been enjoying all the engaging learning we have been doing so far this term. We have just finished our mini topic focus about the weather and have been growing our brains with so much new learning. One of the highlights was creating our own weather reports and learning about the icy frosts we have started to experience during these cold winter mornings. During our reading programme, we have been upskilling on using Google Slides to record and present our learning. We have learnt lots of new tricks from each other and have even been teaching Miss Hodges some cool features she did not know about.

At maths time we are loving our 'number of the day' independent maths task and have been very competitive at trying to think of the most equations for the number each day. We get to work in buddies to share our mathematical thinking and learn off each other which can be very rewarding. Every Friday we get so excited to work with our amazing kapa haka kaiako Tomuri. We have been working really hard to learn some new, challenging waiata for our Polyfest performance later in the year. Last week we got to perform for everyone at our Whānau Hui at school. The SLT tamariki have also been learning a new song that was written and created by Tomuri.

Some lucky tamariki will be selected to perform alongside Tomuri and other Dunedin schools at the 2023 Sing Up Day at the Otago Museum in a couple of weeks. We can't wait to support him!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE - SCHOOL WHĀNAU

There is a fundraising meeting to discuss ideas for term four fundraising 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.

KIA KAHA ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMME

This week, tamariki started the biennial Kia Kaha Anti Bullying programme. Kia Kaha enables students to develop strategies for respectful relationships where bullying behaviours are not tolerated.

This programme will be taught in conjunction with the New Zealand Police and our local community Constable, Emily Plew will be the officer taking some of the lessons with classes.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY (NYLD23) REPORT

On Tuesday 30th May, we (Jensen, Luke and Stella from the Senior Learning Team), got to go to the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD23) in the Town Hall. There were tamariki from year 6-8 from all around Otago and Southland at this event.

There were speakers who came out and spoke to us about the theme for the day which was 'Leading the Self'. This means self leadership is really important as part of our leadership journey. If we want to be good leaders, we must be able to lead ourselves.

The speakers included: Brad Smeele, Julia Grace, Gracie Kim, Georgia Latu and Georgia Lines. All these people spoke to us about their life experiences and how these helped them grow as self leaders. We have chosen three of them to share with you some learnings we took away. Brad is a world champion wakeboarder from New Zealand who became a quadriplegic after trying to complete a triple back somersault while wakeboarding in America. He has overcome lots of challenges around accepting the fact that his life has changed forever in an instant. Brad spoke about still being a leader even though he is a quadriplegic. Having a positive mindset has been Brad's journey and will continue to be. Gracie Kim is an author, who tried '*lots of different ice cream flavours*' until she found the flavour that she liked and worked for her! This means she has tried lots of different career pathways until she found 'the one'! Gracie is an author and has written *The Last Fallen Star*. She has another book being released soon and spoke about how she needed to keep positive and have faith in her leadership skills until she found the '*ice cream flavour*' for her! Georgia Lines is a New Zealand singer/songwriter. She told us to keep going and follow our dreams and not listen to people's bad opinions. There are always going to be people that don't like you and you can only control what you like, you can't control others! Georgia is an awesome leader in her profession who has great self belief, and we were lucky to get to hear her sing and have a dance! Thank you to Miss Ward for coming with us, Janine for transporting us, and Pine Hill School for the opportunity to go to the National Young Leaders Day. We had a fabulous time and know that the year 6 leaders chosen to go in 2024 will get lots out of the day, just like we did, to help us on our leadership journey. ***By Jensen, Stella and Luke***

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS

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 remaining 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.

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

Liberton

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by 5pm Monday 26th June 2023

MATARIKI CELEBRATION - WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE

On **Wednesday 28th June**, we will be having a Matariki Celebration at school. This will start with a whānau (extended whānau and friends welcome) picnic at 12.30pm where you are welcome to bring lunch and have this with your tamariki at school. We will then move into a Matariki Celebration from 1.30-2.15pm. The celebration will involve performances from our Kapa Haka Group, information sharing, waiata (song/s) mihi and art displays. Family Ties Educare will be bringing a group of tamariki along to do a performance, and we are excited to welcome them into our school for this. This event will double as an open afternoon for our school. Please invite anyone you know that is looking at schools for their tamariki, or anyone that you think would like to come along and see our awesome little school in action! Everyone is welcome.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) REWARDS

Well done to the following tamariki who have recently cashed in their reward tickets in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme:



Junior Learning Team (JLT)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
Indi: L1 - 10min free time with a friend x 2 Aurora: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Eli: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Mila: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Ariana: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Autumn: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Zain: L1 - 10min class game Parua: L1 - 10min class game Ariana: L1 - 10min class game Teroina: L2 - 20min free time with a friend James L: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Rawia: L2 - prize box Priya: L2 - prize box Ella: L2 - 20min free time with a friend James M: L4 - 2 x Moana Pool vouchers Max: L4 - hot chip party with two friends	Farah: L2 - prize box Shahed: L2 - prize box Mohammad: L2 - prize box Privilege: L2 - prize box Sham: L2 - prize box Stella: L1 - 10min class game Mia: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Ruby: L2 - 20min free time with a friend Nagham: L3 - morning tea with principal/teacher Jensen: L4 - pyjama party Luke: L4 - movie and popcorn Zav: L4 - movie and popcorn

AWARDS

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

	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Responsibility	Autumn Storer	Grace Fa'alave
Classroom Certificate	Indi Moeke	Jensen Pesa

REMINDERS

Thursday 15th June	<i>Art Gallery trip - whole school: 10am-1pm</i>
Friday 16th June	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the hall (last one for the term)</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>
Wednesday 28th June	<i>Matariki Celebration @ school: 1.30-2.15pm (12.30pm optional whānau picnic)</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 12th December	<i>Final Assembly @ 11am in the hall, school finishes for the year</i>