



## Newsletter 9 - Wednesday 19th June 2024



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

Since the beginning of the year, I have been working closely with a graphic designer to design new branding and colourways for our school. This was the next stage in our local curriculum professional development that we have been undertaking for the last three years. I am pleased to be able to share with you today, our new colours of teal and sky blue, along with our new logo. The logo depicts tamariki from our school, Mount Kapukataumahaka and our school inside a shield. Our logo has been included in our new school branding, along with our new vision of *'Reaching for the Top!'*, our school name and the year Pine Hill School was established. You can see our new logo at the top of the newsletter, and on the back page. It will be present on all school related documentation. New school sports tops are currently being designed and we have new tatua (belts) and tipare (headbands) being designed for our Kapa Haka group. These items will all be made in teal and sky blue. It certainly is exciting times for us!

Welcome to Harper Renton (Junior Learning Team), Hanah Khalil (Senior Learning Team) and their whānau who have joined our school. We hope they all enjoy their time with us. Our roll currently sits at 48, with more tamariki to join us as the year progresses. It is fantastic to see our roll continuing to grow.

A couple of weeks ago I attended the National Young Leaders Day with year six tamariki Grace Fa'alave and Nagham Al Ashour. The day was extremely inspiring with a number of guest speakers talking about their journeys in life and how having good leadership qualities helped get them to where they are today. We all came away buzzing, after hearing some important messages to help us be good leaders. You can read more about the day from Grace and Nagham further on in the newsletter.

With the cooler weather now upon us, it is good to give our community a reminder about our snow day/late start procedures. If we have to close due to winter weather conditions, or have a late start, there is usually a blanket decision made by the Otago Primary School Principals Association to close all schools in Dunedin. This information will be available on The Hits radio station and their Facebook Page. I will also text you, put it on our school Facebook Page, email you and send a notification out on the Skool Loop app. At times, Pine Hill School will close or have a late start due to winter weather conditions that affect us, and other schools may stay open. If this is the case, I will text you, put it on our school Facebook Page, email you and send a notification out on the Skool Loop app. These decisions will usually be made by 7.30am each day.

Next Thursday from 11-11.45am, we look forward to welcoming everyone in our school and wider community to our Matariki Celebration. Family Ties Childcare will be joining our celebration, doing a performance, and we are excited to have them join us. Please see more information about the event on the attached flier made by some tamariki from the Senior Learning Team. A reminder school is **closed** on **Friday 28th June** to observe Matariki.

*Ngā mihi nui, Melissa Ward - Tumuaki/Principal*

***'Reaching for the Top!'***  
***Aiming High. Respect. Responsibility***

# School Notices

## ENROLMENTS

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.

## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY REPORT - GRACE FA'ALAVE & NAGHAM AL ASHOUR

Kia Ora! On Friday 7th June we went to the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD). It was at the Town Hall. First we did a dance and a song to warm up. Then our two hosts, Nate and Esmay, told us what was going to happen during the day.

Our first speaker was William Pike who lost a leg climbing Mt Ruapehu when it erupted. He spoke about not giving up and he also talked about his journey to becoming a great leader. William even got someone to clean his prosthetic leg and this person got a copy of his book *'Every Day is a Good Day'*. We had a small break where we played a short word game before listening to Te Kahukura Boynton. She spoke to us about bullying, and how she was bullied at our age and how she overcame this. Then she talked about money and the importance of knowing about how it impacts our lives from a young age. The next speaker was New Zealand hockey player Brooke Neal who talked to us about believing in ourselves. Before every hockey game she would say *'I am brave. I am confident. I've got this'* which inspired us to do the same whenever we feel nervous. Musician Yah Yah discussed with us her journey in music and how great risk equals great reward. The last speaker was conservationist Nate Wilbourne. He talked about changing the world, and why. He asked us *"why would we want to change the world?"* and showed us some of his TikTok videos which were interesting.

The main takeaways from this event for us were:

- Be brave
- Be confident
- Be where your feet are

Thank you Miss Ward for coming with us and giving us this opportunity! To the 2025 year 6 tamariki chosen to attend NYLD, have an awesome time! *Grace and Nagham*

## AWARDS

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



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Principal Award - Participating and Contributing	James MacGillivray	Laksh Sharma
Classroom Certificate	Charlotte Duder	Shahed Alibrahem

Thursday 27th June	<i>Matariki Celebration 11-11.45am in the hall (see attached flier for more information)</i>
Friday 28th June	<i>Matariki Public Holiday - school <b>CLOSED</b></i>
Wednesday 3rd July	<i>Mid year school reports sent home</i>
Wednesday 3rd July	<i>Space Learning Celebration at school - 11.45-12.30pm (optional whānau picnic afterwards)</i>
Friday 5th July	<i>Term two school holidays begin</i>
Monday 22nd July	<i>Term three begins, tamariki welcome at school from 8.30am</i>



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