



Newsletter 9 - Wednesday 22nd June 2022



Kia ora, Hello, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vanaka, Marhabaan, Salaam, Namaste

Term 2 is absolutely flying by, the weeks are disappearing very fast. We have three weeks of term to go, and the cooler weather certainly reminds us we are in winter.

On Monday at our Teacher Only Day, staff had a busy day working with Jo Barr from CORE Education around our local curriculum work. CORE have collected feedback about our school from our parent community at the community event back in May, Jo has worked with the children last week to gather their thoughts about our school and yesterday was time for her to work with staff to gather their ideas and thoughts. All this gathered information will be used to help determine the direction of our school, especially in regards to our vision, values and curriculum content. Refreshing and reviewing our local curriculum is a long process and can take up to two years to complete before any significant changes are made. We are well on our way on this journey and we look forward to continuing to work with CORE Education on this.

Board Triennial Elections are coming up. The board has set the date for these to be held on **Wednesday 7th September 2022**. Being on the board is a very rewarding experience and it is a great insight into how schools operate, understanding the role the board plays in governing the school. If you are interested in the board and may be keen to stand at the upcoming elections, please contact myself or Kirstyn Stanaway who is our Presiding Member, for more information or a chat. We are very keen to hear from anyone who wants to know more about the board. Documentation regarding the elections will be coming home soon as the process for these will begin before the school holidays.

Students and teachers have been really enjoying our inquiry topic this term *'Let's Get Specific About the Pacific'*. It is such a rich topic to be learning about as part of our Social Sciences Curriculum. The students had a great trip to Otago Museum to learn more as part of the 'finding out' stage in our inquiry learning cycle. We look forward to students now choosing their own area of interest about the Pacific to study and present information on, as part of the 'going further' stage in the inquiry learning cycle.

It has been great to have most of our students back at school after a real wave of numerous illnesses in the school. Thank you to our families for their ongoing support with keeping children home if they are sick.

This week is a short week, with Teacher Only Day on Monday and the Matariki Public Holiday on Friday. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family over the long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

CARING RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY AIMING HIGH

School Notices

JUNIOR LEARNING TEAM (JLT) UPDATE

Term two is absolutely flying by. We cannot believe we are already in week 8 of the term. The Junior Learning Team have been showing some great improvements with following our Classroom Treaty and have been aiming to show our school values everyday. Our school swimming lessons were a huge highlight for everyone. We made some fantastic progress during our lessons and feel a lot more confident in the water. A big thank you to our awesome swim coaches from JC Swim School for teaching us. We are well into our exciting inquiry topic - *'Let's Get Specific About the Pacific'*. So far we have been trying to find out what our prior knowledge is about the Pacific Islands. Some of us don't know much about the Pacific Islands yet but are feeling very engaged and excited to learn more about our inquiry. Over the next few weeks we will be diving deeper and looking more specifically at what we want to learn more about this topic. During maths time some of us have been using number lines to solve addition and subtraction problems, while the rest of us have been learning all about multiplication. Don't forget to check out your child's fantastic learning on Seesaw!

SENIOR LEARNING TEAM (SLT) UPDATE

What a busy term it has been! The Senior learning team has started with a new timetable and they have shown an awesome attitude towards it. They are slowly adapting to it and improving on working independently. We have been working really hard to manage our time to complete all our tasks. The SLT have demonstrated great growth with the school values and are trying the best they can with these. In Math, we have been practicing our times tables everyday and understanding different math strategies to use in our daily lives. We had a great time learning new skills with our swimming coaches at JC Swim School, and we are really grateful for their hard work. We have presented our tamariki with our new inquiry topic: *'Let's Get Specific About the Pacific'*. It has been great seeing them working as a team, brainstorming ideas, sharing their own thoughts about the Pacific and working hard to build interesting questions for our wonderings.

It was awesome to have the opportunity to go to the Otago Museum and hear from experts about this topic. We even made our own Tapa cloth and we are looking forward to delving deeper into our own inquiries, presenting information about what we want to know about this topic!

KIDSCAN

We are lucky to be a member of KidsCan New Zealand. When every child starts at school they get a free jacket. Some of the other things we have available for free include: shoes for students, food for morning tea and head lice treatment. Please contact school if you require any of these optional items from KidsCan.



FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any enrolments, please contact school and let us know. Having this information is really important for planning for the future.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

There are Pine Hill School Board meetings on **Monday 15th August** and **Monday 12th September** at 7.15pm on the online platform, Zoom. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill School Board would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa, or Kirstyn Stanaway (Presiding Member) if you are interested in attending.

PINE HILL SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - KIRSTYN STANAWAY: PRESIDING MEMBER

Kia ora koutou. In our May board meeting, we heard from Melissa with her principals report, which contained a curriculum report in the area of The Arts: Visual Art. It was really awesome to see what the children and teachers are doing for student learning in this area and how achievement is progressing. Our Welcome Back afternoon held at school on 24th May was a great success. Both children and families/whānau had a wonderful time, being outside, having some fun playing games, catching up and having pizza! It was awesome to have CORE Education supporting the event and getting family/whānau feedback about the school going forward with their local curriculum work. Having Sport Otago there with their "Lucy the Loose Parts" trailer, enabled the children to have a great time! As always part of our goal for the board is to support the school to grow the school roll, so if you hear of anyone looking for a school please feel free to recommend Pine Hill School; it is a fantastic place to be! As one of the visitors from the Ministry put it, "*a hidden treasure*"! Those are still words to be proud of!

This September we have Triennial Board Elections. If becoming a board member interests you, please contact either Melissa or myself, so we can discuss what is involved and what you need to do. We are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining! It is a rewarding job to be on the board, helping govern the school. The process for elections will begin before the upcoming school holidays so please keep an eye out for documentation coming home about these.

A big thank you to Melissa and staff at school. We are still in interesting times with illness and bugs and the team is doing a great job at keeping school going and a safe place for the children to be. I just wanted to acknowledge on behalf of the school and the board, we appreciate what you do. *Ngā mihi, Kirstyn Stanaway*

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

The Pine Hill School Board has approved two Teacher Only Days for 2022. The date for the remaining Teacher Only Day is **Monday 14th November**. School is closed to students on this day. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are active at school. 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. Please check your child/ren's hair. If we notice lice in a child's hair we will contact you so that you can organise treatment. **ALL** long hair **MUST** be tied up. If you would like a treatment kit, please contact us as we have these available for free.

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)	Senior Learning Team (SLT)
Charleen: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Kahli: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Mia: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Marcel: L1 - 10mins free time with a friend Autumn: L2 - 20mins free time with a friend	Jensen: L1 - 10min free time with a friend Tyler: L1 - 10min class game Nox: L2 - prize box Clichē: L2 - prize box Braxton: L3 - morning tea with the principal Saja: L3 - morning tea with the principal Shahed: L4 - class movie and popcorn Jenna: L4 - class hot chocolate and PJ party

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

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Website: www.pinehilldunedin.school.nz	Search Pine Hill School on Facebook and give us a like!
Download the Skool Loop app from the Google Play or Apple Store on your phone and search for Pine Hill School	Seesaw - please see your child's classroom teacher for login information

REMINDERS

Friday 24th June Friday 8th July Monday 25th July Wednesday 7th September Friday 30th September Monday 17th October 20th/21st October Monday 14th November Thursday 15th December	<i>Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED</i> <i>Term 2 school holidays begin at 3pm</i> <i>Term 3 begins from 8.30am</i> <i>Board Triennial Elections</i> <i>Term 3 school holidays begin at 3pm</i> <i>Term 4 begins from 8.30am</i> <i>Senior Learning Team overnight camp @ Otago Museum</i> <i>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED to students</i> <i>Summer holidays begin, school closes at 12.30pm</i>
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