



Newsletter 9 - Wednesday 22nd July 2020



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

It is lovely to be back at school for term three. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the 2020 school year, especially due to the disruptions from Covid-19. There are about 19 weeks of school left altogether for the year, which is scary to think about!

Sadly we farewell Amelia Ingley and Damian Dillion-Ross-Green from our school. They have both moved to different parts of Dunedin and we wish Amelia, Damian and their families all the best for their futures.

Well done to Nox Somnium from the Junior Learning Team and Clichē Boyd-Tione from the Senior Learning Team for receiving Principal Awards at Assembly on the last Friday of term two. During the two weeks leading up to our Assembly, we had been focusing on our school value of responsibility. It was really nice to hear from classroom teachers how responsible Nox and Clichē are. Congratulations on your well deserved awards and keep up the fabulous effort.



It was great to have some publicity for our school through the Governments Lunches in Schools Programme in the last week of term two. Our school was recommended to be used for this by the Ministry of Education. We featured on the front page of the Otago Daily Times and I was also interviewed by them and this was on their website. I also had a phone interview with Newstalk ZB. I have received lots of wonderful feedback about the publicity our school received around the Lunches in Schools programme, which was very heartwarming.

Over the holidays I received confirmation that an application I made for centrally funded professional learning development for teaching staff through the Ministry of Education, was successful. We have been allocated 40 hours over the next year to work with Rach McNamara from CORE Education to help us with weaving digital technology through our reading and writing programmes. Staff are really excited about this and I am thrilled that the application I made was successful. 40 hours is a significant amount of learning time and we are looking forward to starting this professional development this term.

Students must be at school by 9am every day. School is open to students from 8.30am and being here between 8.30-9am is ideal as this allows students time to play with their friends and talk to their teachers. Building relationships and working on social skills are key parts of school life. Continual lateness will be followed up on with families if there is no reasonable excuse for it. Students coming in late are extremely disruptive to everyone.

Teachers look forward to meeting with parents at Parent/Teacher interviews next week. Please ensure you return booking forms by tomorrow (Thursday 23rd July).

Ngā mihi nui - Melissa Ward

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School Notices

FRIENDS OF PINE HILL SCHOOL DUNEDIN

The first meeting for the Friends of the School group will be on Tuesday 4th August at 3.15pm at school. The fundraising BBQ has been rescheduled for Saturday 5th September at Mitre 10 Mega. We will need lots of help at this BBQ and this meeting will be dedicated to getting this fundraising event sorted. We look forward to seeing lots of people at the meeting on the 4th. Thanks!

SCHOOL REPORTING

Due to the disruption with Covid-19 this year, we are holding parent teacher interviews on **Wednesday 29th July 2020**, instead of our usual Student Led Conferences. Children will **not** be present at these interviews. Please note, this change in verbal interview format is for 2020 only. At these interviews, teachers will be reporting on children's learning and progress for the first half of the year. Due to having limited time in class and the undue stresses caused by Covid-19 on teachers and students, teachers will **not** be informing parents where their children are sitting in relation to their curriculum levels. This information will be on end of year reports that are sent home in December. School closes at 12.30pm this day. Please ensure your booking form for these interviews has been returned to school by **Thursday 23rd July**.

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 dates for term three are: **Wednesday 19th August, Wednesday 2nd September and Wednesday 16th September**. 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 or Renee at school via email, text or phone.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to go on the school newsletter email tree, please contact Nikola at the school office.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can contact us on the following email addresses:

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WAYS TO CONTACT/FIND US!

School phone number: 03 473 9148	School cell phone number: 027 528 7198
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

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students for receiving classroom awards at Assembly:



	Junior Learning Team	Senior Learning Team
Duffy Award	Sham Alibrahem	Aya Alibrahem
Classroom Certificates	Revelle Rubin	Sol Somnium

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

There are Board of Trustees meetings on Monday 10th of August at 7.15pm via Zoom and Monday 14th September at 6pm at school. Public presence is welcome at our meetings and the Pine Hill Board of Trustees would like to welcome you along. Please contact Melissa or Kirstyn Stanaway (Board Chairperson) if you are interested in attending either of these meetings.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE - KIRSTYN STANAWAY: BOT CHAIR

Greetings, kia ora koutou. Recently we had our Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom. We had 100% positive feedback from the community about opting into the Government Donation scheme again for 2021. This means that the school is granted \$150 per student from the Government for curriculum activities (excluding school camps). This has worked well for our school in 2020. We have discussed the state of the fencing around the school and are looking at applying for grants to cover some of the costs to replace areas of this. The roll growth is looking great for the school. Our aim is to reach 51 students and when this happens, it will mean another teacher and classroom for the school. If you know anyone in the community thinking about schooling for a child turning 5 years old, or you're looking for a change and want to see what Pine Hill School has to offer, please get in touch with Melissa. Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be 10 August via Zoom again. People interested are welcome to attend, just get in touch with Melissa or myself.

Thank you, Kirstyn Stanaway

DUNEDIN NORTH INTERMEDIATE OPEN NIGHT

On Thursday 23 July at 5.30pm we'll be holding our annual Open Night. This is a chance to come and have a look around, meet our people and learn more about what we're all about. Printed information has been sent home with all year six children in the last week of term two. We look forward to meeting you and your tamariki.

Heidi Hayward, Principal

MORNING TEA AND WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure children come to school with their morning tea and a water bottle each day. Lunch is provided every day for each student due to us being in the Governments Lunches in Schools Programme until the end of 2021.

REMINDERS

Wednesday 22 July	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching for both classes at school</i>
Monday 27th July	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 29th July	<i>Parent/Teacher Interviews: school closing at 12.30pm</i>
Thursday 30th July	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching for both classes at school</i>
Friday 31st July	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 3rd August	<i>Digital Ignition Workshops at school: year 3-6 students</i>
Monday 3rd August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Tuesday 4th August	<i>Friends of Pine Hill School Dunedin Meeting, 3.15pm at school</i>
Wednesday 5th August	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching for both classes at school</i>
Friday 7th August	<i>Elgregoe Magician Show at Liberton School - whole school</i>
Monday 10th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Monday 10th August	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.15pm on Zoom</i>
Wednesday 12th August	<i>Small Sticks Hockey Coaching for both classes at school</i>
Friday 14th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 17th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 19th August	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 20th August	<i>Larnach Castle whole school trip for Inquiry study on Dunedin</i>
Monday 24th August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 28th August	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 31st August	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 2nd September	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Saturday 5th September	<i>Friends of the School Fundraising BBQ - Mitre 10 Mega</i>
Monday 7th September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 11th September	<i>Bike Safety Sessions at school: year 6 students</i>
Friday 11th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 14th September	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm at school</i>
Monday 14th September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Wednesday 16th September	<i>Transition to School for all four year olds</i>
Thursday 17th September	<i>Harold and the Life Education Bus visit</i>
Monday 21st September	<i>Institute of Sport Students: physical education lessons: both classes</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall</i>
Friday 25th September	<i>Term three school holidays begin</i>
Monday 12th October	<i>Term four begins</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i>School summer holidays begin</i>

