



## Newsletter 9 - Wednesday 17th 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 how quickly this term is flying by! We have been incredibly fortunate with a stretch of beautifully settled weather.

It is fabulous to walk through the school and feel just how settled classrooms are, with our tamariki working hard on their learning every day. As we head into the final stretch of Term 2, please note that mid-year school reports will be emailed out on **Wednesday 1st July**. If you have recently changed your email address, please let Nikola in the office know as soon as possible so we can ensure your child's report reaches you smoothly.

With the winter season officially here, we do have a few winter bugs lurking around the classrooms. This is a gentle reminder to remain vigilant about illness, and a huge thank you to whānau who have kept their tamariki at home when they are unwell. Your actions aid their recovery and play a massive role in stopping the spread of these bugs to other tamariki and staff. We appreciate your ongoing support in keeping our school community healthy.

We are all looking forward to our Matariki Wearable Arts Celebration on **Friday 26th June** at 12:00pm. The tamariki are incredibly excited to share the creations they have been working so hard on as part of our integrated Technology and Māori unit. Whānau and friends are warmly invited to attend the celebration, and you are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch together afterwards. Tamariki are also permitted to go home with their families at the conclusion of the event.

Over the next few weeks and throughout the upcoming holidays, you will notice some exciting property works kicking off around the school. Initial projects include laying a brand new carpet tile floor in the hall and beginning upgrades on the caretaker's shed. The transformation will continue over the break with a new kitchen installed in the hall and the installation of new heat pumps in the classrooms, hall and other areas of school. A number of other smaller property jobs will also be completed to fix up minor issues, ensuring our school buildings remain warm, comfortable and inspiring spaces for our tamariki to learn.

*Kā mihi, Melissa Ward  
Tumuaki/Principal*

***'Reaching for the Top!'***  
***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.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - FOUR YEAR OLDS: TERM THREE

Each term at Pine Hill School, we hold Transition to School visits for all four year olds. These visits allow new tamariki to become familiar with the school environment. These sessions are held over three different dates each term, and the dates for **Term 3** are: **Wednesday 5th August, Wednesday 26th August** and **Wednesday 16th September**. Tamariki are welcome to come for morning tea at 10:40am, and then spend the middle block from 11:00am - 12:30pm with the Room 1 tamariki. They are also invited to stay for lunch, with being collected at 1:00pm. If you would like your tamariki to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Alvarez Farias at school.

## 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.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

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

## REMINDERS

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