

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

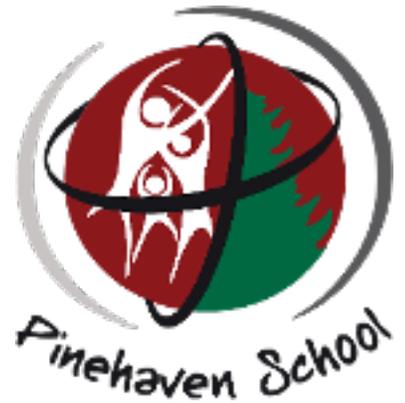
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## PRINCIPAL'S PEN - A NOTE FROM KAYLENE.....

Kia ora!

What a great week it has been! We have loved having everyone back at school and the children have coped really well with the transition back. I understand that the limits on parents coming on site have not been ideal and we REALLY appreciate your support! If you need to make an appointment with a teacher, you still can - you just have to contact them first to make a time. On Monday, we will hear more from the government about whether there will be any changes to level 2 procedures. We will then determine whether or not we need to/can adjust anything here at school.

Covid 19 has impacted on school operations in a number of ways and like other organisations and businesses, this includes financial implications, the biggest of which we had to put a number of fundraising opportunities on hold. The Board of Trustees are monitoring this closely as the term progresses and we will look to get fundraising up and running when we can. In the meantime, we do get a small percentage of the lunchonline orders for Sushi (Wednesday) and Pita Pit (Friday), so please support this if you are able to.

We had planned to have a Teacher Only Day next Friday, 29 May. We had also planned one for the 27th of March. The school closure affected the first one and we decided to postpone the upcoming one as another day of school being closed is probably the last thing you all need! It is going to be a long term for us all, but the teachers and children still get the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The last day of term has not changed - it remains at 3 July.

The following page of the newsletter does include some information about reporting as this has some slight tweaks for mid year and we want to signal what you can expect. We are also undertaking a review of our distance learning provision and would love to hear your voice - details on the next page.

Please ensure you are keeping your child at home if they are sick. If they have any colds, coughs, sneezing, ear or flu like issues, they MUST stay home. They need to be symptom free, or have a doctor's clearance to return to school. Have a great weekend everyone!

Kaylene

## KEY DATES

**1 June: Queen's Birthday**

School Closed!

**8-26 June: Dental Van Onsite**

Routine checks for all classes

**16 June: Board of Trustees Meeting**

6.30pm Staffroom

**21 June: Interschool Cross Country**

Proposed date as it was moved due to Covid 19 (confirmation at the end of May)

**3 July: Last day of Term 2**

**20 July: First day of Term 3**

Make sure you've joined our school facebook group where we are sharing lots of information! Email [facebook@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:facebook@pinehaven.school.nz) with your child's year, your email address linked to the your facebook account.

# ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Trustees are required to submit an annual report to the Ministry of Education by 31 May each year.

Ours was submitted a week ago. It includes our audited financial accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019, as well as an analysis of variance in relation to our 2019 annual achievement targets.

A copy of the report can be found on the 'Our School' section of our website for anyone who is interested.

## Lunch Online

You can order Sushi on a Wednesday and Pita Pit on a Friday for your child's lunch. All done online from the comfort of your home

Go to [lunchonline](https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/) and follow the prompts. Just make sure you do submit your order to complete it

The school receives a small donation from Lunchonline for every lunch ordered.

## Reports

At the end of this term, we are due to send out mid year reports, along with holding 3 way learning conversations between students, parents and teachers. We want to signal early to you that there will be some minor tweaks to the reporting process mid year which includes:

- no picture collage attached to the report
- possibly less specific information about academic achievements due to teachers being unable to carry out all planned assessments
- reports will be sent out a few weeks later than expected and 3 way learning conversations will be postponed until early Term 3.

There will still be a full set of comments about your child's learning skills and attitudes towards learning, written with a slightly different lens due to us learning more about how they have managed with distance learning. If you have any observations from their learning from home that you think would be useful for your child's teacher to know, feel free to send them through!

## Distance Learning Review

While we hope not to have to move to deliver distance learning again any time soon, it is important for us to undertake a review of the programmes we offered. In any situation like this, there are things we learn for future. This review will include 3 key lines of information gathering:

1. The voice of the children - over the next week, teachers will be gathering information from children about their perspectives about the distance learning programmes.
2. The voice of teachers - we are undertaking a process whereby we will be looking at what we might leverage as we move back into the school setting - what might we continue with, do more of or do less of? What are the positives that have come out of the distance learning programme that we can use to change our previous practice?
3. The voice of parents - while many of you have sent us feedback, we are interested in taking a more formal approach to check how manageable the programme was for you and your perspective on what we might be able to use in our programmes moving forward.

The staff were put well and truly out of their comfort zones by moving to distance learning so quickly, as I know many of you would have been too. For many of us, we didn't even know what a google hangout was, let alone having participated in one or set one up! We had a number of parents who were working from home as well supporting their child through distance learning and we know that was incredibly challenging for many of you. It was a HUGE team effort!

If you would like to participate in our review, please use the link below to the google form.

<https://forms.gle/7oHcGNmDGoRedwRY7>