

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora e te whānau

Term 3 has started here with plenty of pace! There is a lot going on at school and it is great to finally have a plan for moving Rooms 1-5 back into our refurbished space. There's a note on the next page around what to expect as we go through the move process. During the school holidays, Room 9 & 10 had a new roof installed and there were some smaller roofing maintenance tasks carried out on Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8. The builders will now move to the hall, which will remain closed as it gets a complete re-roof before the Arts & Crafts Exhibition. Then life should be back to normal!

Behaviour

As I explained in my last newsletter, we started the term with a focus on how to treat others and deal with issues at school. Over the break, we reviewed our behaviour management procedures and a copy of these can be found in the "our school" section of our website. The teaching team also planned a range of activities that all classes are working through to help children to learn about their own emotional triggers and what to do if they are feeling annoyed. Over the next few weeks, children will be developing tools and strategies that they can put in place if they are feeling upset or annoyed. This is all in a bid to ensure children are well equipped for social interactions - we all get angry and annoyed at times, we just need to make sure we have positive strategies for dealing with it. All classes are also going over a poster outlining the first things you should do when annoyed by someone else: try to ignore it, tell them to stop, move away, get help from an adult.

In addition to the teaching programmes, we have looked at the consequences in place for students who physically hurt others. As I said in my previous newsletter, this behaviour is completely unacceptable at school and we need to ensure children understand that. Please be assured that consequences for this are not new, we have always had consequences in place and there are a variety at our disposal. However, we are ensuring we are taking a more consistent approach to dealing with this and while there is always a need to consider these on a case by case basis, we are increasing our use of reflection time at lunchtime for these children, accompanied by messages to parents. There are cases where children have their learning and play time separately from others and in some instances, parents will be asked to come and meet with a member of the Leadership Team to discuss their child's behaviour. There are more formal consequences that we also use if the situation requires it. Just a reminder that we follow up with any incidents of concern as soon as we are aware of them. If you do have concerns about anything that takes place at school, please contact the school directly so we can follow up.

Learning Conversations

A huge thanks to you all for your commitment to attending learning conversations this week with your children. Teachers are always buzzing after meeting with you and seeing children celebrate their learning achievements. As always, we have large numbers of people attending these meetings. This year, it was unfortunate that POSCA was unable to find an alternative venue with us using every available space in the school. I know some parents were unhappy about this. We do our best to accommodate POSCA and everyone's needs, however when they moved to our site from the Playcentre, they did so understanding that there would be times in the year where the school would not be able to accommodate them and they would need to find an alternative venue. These situations are few and far between. POSCA is a separate entity from the school and any queries about their venues/programmes should be directed to them, not the school staff.

Have a great weekend everyone - bring on next week with the big move to new classrooms!

Kaylene

KEY DATES

30 July: 3 Way Learning Conversations (2pm finish today!)

31 July: G Block Blessing

8.30am - meet between the Library & Staffroom

3 August: Moving Day!

Any volunteers to help email principal@pinehaven.school.nz by 12 noon Friday

11 August: Pinehaven V Silverstream Soccer Game

Some Year 5/6 students @ Silverstream School

18 August: Board of Trustees Meeting

6.30pm Staffroom

21 August: Teacher Only Day

School Closed - please make alternative arrangements

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Harper C, Kate M, Olivia O & Sunday F who have all started school this term.

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

THE BIG BUILD!

We are good to go! Here's what you need to know.....

The blessing is taking place at 8.30am tomorrow - anyone wishing to attend should meet on the deck between the Staffroom and Library. We know it is short notice, but we'd love to see you there if you can make it!

Heaters are expected to be installed tomorrow and if necessary, over the weekend. That means we are planning to move on Monday. If you are able to help, please let Kaylene know by 12noon Friday.

Turns out Mr Stanton even fits in one of the new reading nooks!



GREAT STUFF!

Well done to everyone who participated in the **Interschool Cross Country** on Sunday! We won 3 of the grade cups (one shared with Trentham) and came 2nd overall! Congratulations to Anna G, Kayden T, Zoe H, Hazel H & Josh B who placed in the top 3 in their races and Kristen S, Aaron F-M, Milan W, Zac M-S, Jack M, Benjamin W & Sophia M who placed in the top 12. Students who placed in the top 10 will go on to represent Upper Hutt in the Regional event.

I would like to thank Tracey Scott, Courtney Fale, Victoria McCarthy, Jo Finlay, Cherene van der Lith, Tam Oosterkamp-Parks & Shelley Dixon for taking up the **netball** coordinator, coaching and managing roles for the netball season which got off to a great start last weekend. We really appreciate your work.

Well done to Riley M who won us a **\$500 PE equipment voucher** when she won a competition at Your Fitness Studio in Lower Hutt. Thanks to Dale and the team there for this money!



Family Fun Day - White Elephant Goods

Do you have saleable second hand goods that can be donated for our White Elephant stall? We can now store your items on site thanks to Friday Homes providing us with a storage solution. There will be Family Fun Day Planning Team members at the containers in the carpark on the following dates to take items off your hands:

Sunday 9th August 3.00-4.30pm and Sunday 23rd August 3.00-4.30pm

Also, if you think you can help with the gala in anyway, please contact the team via email: pinehavengala@gmail.com

Skipping Rope Fundraiser

Thanks again to Jo Finlay for her work around the skipping rope fundraiser. We raised a total of \$227.06 for the school. In addition to this, we had a generous donation of 58 skipping ropes purchased for the school by one of our families. It was great that so many people supported this fundraiser - we really appreciate this!

No Boundaries Eggs

With the support of Jason and Sarah van Dyk at No Boundary Eggs, we are selling free range eggs for \$8.00 a dozen. A percentage of sales are donated to the school. Orders are to be emailed to the office by 1pm Tuesdays for collection from the office on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure payment is made at the time of ordering, directly to: No Boundaries Eggs 38 9017 0071842 00, Reference: Pinehaven, Code: Customer Name.

Fundraising - We need you!

We would like to run the following events and need some volunteers to coordinate for us. If you can help, please email Pamela in the office to let us know.

Calendars - we need a volunteer to coordinate our annual calendar fundraiser. Easy instructions to follow are provided to the coordinator who then liaises with Rachel to ensure classes complete the artwork and Pamela in the office around advertising, taking and distributing orders. It isn't a huge job.

Alternative Lunches - we need a volunteer who is happy to contact a provider (e.g. bakery, pizza, fish and chip shop, etc) to arrange an alternative lunch day. This person would put together a price list, order form and then liaise with Pamela in the office around distribution on this information and taking/placing the order. It also involves collecting and delivering lunch on the day, which might mean finding a friend or two to help! Ideally, we would like to arrange one lunch this term and one next term.

Activity Fees & Donations

Tomorrow you will receive updated statements from the Office with regards to Activity Fee and Donation payments. We have a trip coming up later this term to Te Papa for the whole school and the Activity Fee needs to be paid in order for your child to attend. Payment can be made via Kindo or directly into the school bank account: 12 3140 0337477 00

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have 3 key events we really need our community support with coming up:

14 September - Community Future Planning event to support the BOT with strategic planning

18-20 September - Arts & Crafts Exhibition - 50th Year Celebration!

31 October - Family Fun Day