

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora e te whānau

Covid alert level 2

It was a shame to hear of the Pinehaven Art & Crafts Committee's decision to postpone the 50th year celebrations. There was too much uncertainty around the event due to Covid constraints. If you have sold raffle tickets, we will be back to you asap with an update on this.

As you will be aware, we continue with our level 2 covid protocols. Please continue to ensure you:

- drop off and pick up your child from the gate
- only come into the school via the office, where you need to sign in
- keep your child home if they are sick

We have decided trips are too difficult under level 2, so we have had to further postpone one of the Te Papa trips. We are seeking information from the Ministry about whether our children are expected to wear facemasks on the school bus and will be in touch with bus families as soon as we know anything further. I thank you for your support with this. Hopefully we will be back to normal practice soon.

Calling all 4 year olds!

We are currently looking at projected numbers for 2021 and it would be really helpful if we have enrollments in place for anyone who is turning 5 next year intending to enroll at Pinehaven School. If you have a 4 year old in your family, please contact the office for an enrollment form. If you have a neighbour in our zone who you think may be coming to Pinehaven, please talk to them and encourage them to start the enrollment process. I am happy to meet with prospective parents and show them around our wonderful school.

Strategic Consultation - Board of Trustees

On Monday 14 September, we will be having a parent evening here at school to get your views on our strategic plan moving forward, particularly in the area of curriculum and what is taught to our students. Please keep this date free - we will have some activities for children as well so that those who can't get childcare can still attend!

Kaylene

KEY DATES

28 August: Daffodil Day!

Come wearing yellow/springtime colours and bring a gold coin to support the Cancer Society.

31 August: ICAS Maths Exam

2 September: ICAS Spelling Exam

Te Papa Trips:

7 September - Te Wai, Rooms 4 & 5

8 September - Rooms 6, 8 & 10

11 September - Rooms 3, 7 & 9

14 September - BOT Consultation Evening

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Jude D and Evie D who have both started school since our last newsletter.

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.

FAMILY FUN DAY

We have our Family Fun Day scheduled for 31 October and are continuing with planning despite the current environment. We are doing lots of positive forecasting for this event to go ahead (weather wise and covid wise)!

Please mark the date on your calendar:
Saturday 31 October.

Like/follow the Family Fun Day Facebook Page for updates

<https://www.facebook.com/pinehavenfamilyday>

Watch this space for more information about when you can drop off items for the white elephant stall. We have had some great items donated so far!

If you think you can help with the event in anyway, please contact the organising team via email:

pinehavengala@gmail.com

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.

LUNCH ONLINE

Don't forget you can order Sushi on a Wednesday and Pita Pit on a Friday for your child's lunch via lunchonline. The school gets a small percentage of income from every lunch ordered!

<https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

Upper Hutt Education Cluster Update (update from all UH Principals)

The Upper Hutt Cluster continues to work closely together as we have for a number of years. Our cluster includes all primary, intermediate and secondary schools, as well Whānau Manaaki, our local kindergarten association. We work together towards our vision of *shaping our future through engaging learning pathways for nga ākonga (learners)*. We are focused on ensuring the best possible outcomes for students across our city.

We have a strategic plan for the cluster which has 3 key strategic goals with action points:

1. *Develop agentic learners across the UH Cluster*, with a focus on unpacking what is essential for all students to learn and how schools can work together to support our students as they transition through their education.
2. *Having a resources model and plan that considers people, funds, time and their allocation across the cluster*, working on bringing key resource groups together to support our students and the work of schools, developing processes around our recently appointed Learning Support Coordinators, and looking at how we can share and access resources to support our work.
3. *Strengthen the capability of teachers and leaders within the UH Cluster* which has a focus on providing quality professional learning opportunities for staff working in our schools across the cluster. This has included shared teacher only days and providing opportunities for our teachers and school leaders to learn alongside and from each other.

We are also focused on making sure our practices are culturally responsive for all members of our community. Our work was recently highlighted by the NZ Principals' Federation as a great example of schools collaborating together.

Part of our strategic plan is to ensure we keep our community informed of our work together. We are incredibly proud to be in such a collaborative, hardworking and innovative cluster and we know our students across all of our schools are benefiting from the dedicated and united approach to getting the best outcomes for our students.

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us

TENNIS COACHING - TERM 4

Places are available in this programme which takes place at the school on Thursdays from 12.40-1.20pm, starting Thursday 15 October, 2020, and continuing for 6 consecutive weeks. The coach will be Mr Gary Nelson, an experienced teacher and qualified tennis coach. All equipment is provided including rackets. Cost is \$50-00 for the block of 6 lessons and should be paid at the first lesson.

If you wish to enroll please phone Gary Nelson (Ph 5897178) as soon as possible. Enrollments will be taken on a first in, first served basis.