

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora e te whānau

### **Trips in an uncertain world!**

We have been working hard to keep life as normal as possible despite the changes in our practices to comply with covid level 2 restrictions. It has been a challenge when it comes to trips! We have been in touch with Te Papa and they are unable to find suitable dates for us to go on this trip this term. Instead, we have confirmed dates for the first week of Term 4 as follows: 14 October Rms 6, 8 & 10; 15 October Rms 7, 9 & 3; 16 October Te Wai, Rms 4 & 5. If you have already provided permission for the trip, you don't need to do this again. If you were helping on the day, or now can, please get in touch with your child's teacher to confirm this. This does mean Term 4 will be a busy term trip wise as we are also planning to reschedule the Botanical Gardens trips that were canceled in Term 1 and we are also planning a school picnic to Avalon Park later in the term. And of course, there's swimming at Stokes Valley Pool in Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 4! We are mindful of how busy this looks, however think it is important that we ensure children don't miss out on trips that we had planned.

### **Tik Tok and Social Media**

You may have heard in the media earlier this week that there has been some widely spread video of a suicide through Tik Tok, Facebook and other social media. All of these social media platforms have age limits and this is a really good example of why it is important to stick to them. Unfortunately, there are people out there who use these really inappropriately and once a child has seen this type of thing, along with adult content, they can't 'unsee' it.

### **Building Update!**

We are nearly at the end of our building process and it's been a long time coming! We will be very pleased to have access to all of our spaces again. Room 1-5 classes are really enjoying their new learning spaces, as are the teachers. It was great to get acknowledgment of the new spaces with a post on the Ministry of Education's Facebook Page over the weekend.

### **Strategic Consultation - Board of Trustees**

There is a reminder on the next page with all the details of our upcoming curriculum evening to get parent views around what we should be teaching in our local curriculum. Background reading in preparation for the meeting can be [found here](#).

**Kaylene**

## KEY DATES

21 September - BOT Consultation Evening

25 September - School Assembly 2.25pm

25 September - Last day of Term 3

12 October - Term 4 Starts

14, 15 & 16 October - Te Papa Trips

31st October - Family Fun Day!

**Advanced Notice:** 14 December - Year 6 Leavers' Dinner

## NEW STUDENT

Welcome to Dominic B who has 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

## Curriculum Evening



Come and share your ideas about what we should be teaching our children.

We are keen to hear views from all parents so we can identify priorities for the next 1-3 years.

### Format for the evening:

6.30pm Welcome & brief overview

6.45pm Time to wander stations, share ideas, ask questions (roving around rooms)

7.15pm Consolidation of ideas

7.30pm Meeting ends

- Childcare available supervised by Teachers for those who require it (drop off Room 6 from 6.20pm)
- Light refreshments provided
- Opportunities to meet and chat to the Board of Trustees and Staff
- See the newly refurbished classes!

**6.30-7.30pm Monday 21 September in Rooms 1-5**

For catering purposes, please rsvp to [office@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:office@pinehaven.school.nz) and if you need childcare, please ensure you let us know when you rsvp (so we can ensure we have enough supervision)

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

**Don't forget to complete our community survey about our Vision and Values!** <https://forms.gle/Z3fXTUU4v2enwMZC8>

## ENROLLMENTS FOR 2021

If you know of anyone turning 5 next year intending to enroll at Pinehaven School, we would like to know about it asap. Thanks to those of you who have already completed enrollment forms! 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. Kaylene is happy to meet with prospective parents and show them around our wonderful school.