



Pinehaven School 2025

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Kia ora e te whānau

This week our year 5 and 6 students have been enjoying camp while year 1 to 4 students had an Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) week. There will be some tired children this weekend however we have enjoyed being outdoors with your children, enjoying a different style of learning this week. There have been many opportunities to put our school values into practice, in particular how to show grit when faced with a challenge. Thank you to the staff for their organisation of these events, in particular our hub leaders, Melanie Wakeham & Alice Gibb, as well as the many parent helpers who gave their time to assist us.

Road Safety

Once again we have become increasingly concerned about the driving behaviour in the playcentre driveway around pick up and drop off times. Families are frequently parking on yellow lines, and driving too fast at the top end of the school. Your children's safety is our primary concern. This driveway does not belong to us and is shared access for the Pinehaven Progressive Association and Playcentre. It is not designed to be a stopping, parking or drop off area for school children.

We have also noticed an increasing number of parents not using the crossing by the hall when the road patrollers are out. While this isn't a law as such, we encourage you to consider your actions as children are often present. Here are a few reminders about keeping our students safe around our school:

- Our carpark is closed when the road patrollers are on duty. The cones and chain signal this and are not to be moved by whānau or staff. You are welcome to use our carpark if you are prepared to wait until it is open again.
- Pedestrians should not use the carpark – please use the path on the other side of the hall.
- The disability park is only to be used by those with permits.

2025 Activity Fees and School Donations

We have a number of new families in the school who haven't had information about activity fees and donations. We are making progress in setting up the finance side of HERO, to enable you to view this information for yourself via the app. In the meantime, the year is now well underway and we have had our first activity fee trip with the junior school.

At the end of last year, the board made the decision to keep activity fee payments and school donations the same as previous years. Families who have been at our school in previous years will know how important it is for us to receive 100% of activity fee payments, to enable us to provide additional experiences for the children. We greatly appreciate those families who are able to pay the voluntary school donation as this means we are able to purchase resources and materials to enhance teaching and learning. We welcome your payments at any stage throughout the year and our preferred method of payment is by direct credit into the schools main bank account [12-3140-0337477-000](https://www.pinehaven.school.nz/12-3140-0337477-000).

We understand the current financial pressures families are under. If you would prefer to pay the activity fee and school donation each term rather than all at once, you are more than welcome to this.

Activity Fees for 2025

Activity Fees are \$12.50 per term (\$50 for year). These fees pay for activities that are over and above the delivery of the curriculum such as costs involved with shows, class trips and performers. If Activity Fees are not paid, children may not be able to attend these activities.

School donations for 2025

School Donations cover costs for additional resources & materials used for teaching & learning. Donations are voluntary and being a donation are tax deductible.

One child: \$150 a year or \$37.50 a term

Two children: \$280 a year or \$70.00 a term

Three or more children: \$360 a year or \$90.00 a term

Donation towards bike helmet \$20 (one off payment, usually paid for in your child's first year at Pinehaven)



Welcome to new students

A warm welcome to Emily and Billie who joined Te Wai recently. It is lovely to have you at Pinehaven School!

Movin' March

Get ready to walk or wheel! Movin' March is almost here, and we're gearing up for a week of fun and active journeys to school. Due to our busy camp and EOTC week, we have pushed back our Movin' March week until Monday 17 – Friday 21 March. We've planned some exciting activities, including the Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge, where you can collect stamps for every trip. Let's all join in and make this a fantastic Movin' March! More details will be sent home next week.



Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

This year's event is on **Tuesday 20th May**. As this is not organised by the school, if your child would like to participate you need to register them and pay online. Students who enter need to be supervised by an adult. See instructions below for how to do this. This event has a limited number of spots available so please head online to enter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

How to Enter Online - Instructions

If you would like to enter your child for the 2025 Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge please enter your child online.

Step 1: Go to: <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

Step 2: Select 'Enter Online Here'

Step 3: Select 'Register Someone Else', fill out all the details required (it will ask for parent/whānau details first)

Please ensure your student is entered for the Wellington Tuesday 20th May event.

Step 4: When asked for 'school name' please enter "PINEHAVEN" in capital letters.

Step 5: When asked 'Bib Number Pick Up' select "Teacher" so we can pick up the race bibs in one go on race day.



Lunch Online

We have lunch deliveries available on Wednesdays (sushi), Thursdays (pizza) and Fridays (Pita Pit). This is an ongoing fundraiser for the school. Orders can be made via lunchonline—www.lunchonline.co.nz

Interschool Netball – Year 3 and 4

Congratulations to these Year 3's and 4's who attended the 'have a go' at Heretaunga College. We are so proud of these awesome tamariki who gave it such a good go! They also displayed the Pinehaven values and were supportive of each other.

A huge thank you to whānau, who transported, coached and cheered on our tamariki. We couldn't offer these amazing opportunities without your support. Thank you also to Kelsey Smith & Nadine Duncalf for organising the event.



HERO - Sign in to Hero-App

It has recently come to our attention that over the summer holidays some parents may have been signed out of the HERO app on their phones and are not receiving notifications as normal. It may pay to check to see the app is open and that you are logged in, then set your app to email you if you have an alert so you don't miss any key messages. If you need assistance with HERO, feel free to pop into the office and ask for some assistance. Many thanks.

Upcoming Key Dates

- **School Assembly** – Friday 14 March
- **Moving March Week** – Monday 17 – Friday 21 March (Note the change of week, info to follow)
- **Upper Hutt Student Leaders Conference** - Wednesday 26 March
- **Cross-Country & Colour Run** – Wednesday 2 April (details to follow)
- **Disco** – Thursday 3 April
- **School Assembly** – Friday 4 April
- **Term 1 Ends** - Friday 11 April – 3pm

Easter & Anzac Day Holidays (All in the school holidays this year)

- **Good Friday** -18 April
- **Easter Monday** - 21 April
- **Easter Tuesday** - 22 April
- **Anzac Day** – Friday 25 April

Term 2 Begins

- **Monday 28 April**

Ngā Mihi

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team

