



Pinehaven School 2025

School Newsletter Term 2 2025

8th May 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to Term 2.

Brick day

Pinehaven School had a very fun Lego Day, where everyone got to learn with Lego all day. A person from Lego Masters came into the school to teach us about Lego. She showed us how to break the thin bricks off the boards we were using.

The Lego Day at Pinehaven School was exhilarating in every way.

In the Mathematical Mosaic session everybody got to create their own patterns out of Lego. We used math patterns such as angle, and symmetry. We had a range of colours to choose from, but we had to make sure that it was only one brick deep. We could do multiple mosaics, and we had lots of people on their second mosaic when the session was finished, including me. Then we gave all the mosaics to the Lego master, we all crowded around as she took some photos. We got to tell other people about our favourite mosaic that wasn't our own.

By Lola Douglas



The Lego day at Pinehaven was amazing. There was Lego car racing, mosaics, and more. But the things I enjoyed the most was... complete creativity and pass the brick.

Pass the brick was you and a team of 6-8 people had to build a build out of Lego bricks, but there was a catch, you had to start the build and when the timer went off you had to pass it to the next person in your team who had to carry on with it.

Complete Creativity was where you had to pick a Lego mat to work with there was: jungle, space and Lego friends. Me and my friends picked jungle and what we built with it was absolutely epic!

Overall I really enjoyed Lego day.

By Harvey Rance

Advance notice: Read-a-thon Fundraiser

For this term's fundraiser we will be running a Read-a-thon, children will be encouraged to "Read the Shelf" and seek sponsorship to challenge themselves to read as many books as they can over four weeks! The start of the reading challenge coincides with the start of 'Book Week' and the read-a-thon will run from **Monday 19th of May to Friday 20th of June**. Funds raised will be going towards new furniture and equipment for our students. Watch this space for more information and look out for details for how to 'read the shelf' and participate in this fundraiser.



Book week

This year Pinehaven School's book week will be from May 19th - May 23rd. Highlights will be an author visit from Fifi Colston on Wednesday 21st of May and dress up as a book character day on Friday 23rd of May. Thank you, Mrs Blackadder, for organising this fun week for our tamariki.

School Photos date change

Due to a clash on the school calendar the date for school photos has been moved and school photos will now take place on Wednesday the 28th of May & Thursday the 29th May. Due to the later date Sue has extended the order period and you can now order your child's photos up until 1pm on Tuesday the 27th of May. A reminder that your child will not be photographed individually unless you place an order in advance. All children will be included in the class photo.

This is the link to the Sue Allman People Google form to order this year's school photos:

[Pinehaven School Photo Order Form](#)

Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for late orders received after this date.

Teacher Only Day – Term 2, 2025

As advertised in our 2025 Term Dates, Pinehaven School will be closed on Friday 30th May to enable Teachers to undertake Professional Development, with Ministry of Education Facilitators, on the new mathematics curriculum. Thank you for your ongoing support.



New Students

A warm welcome to Dustin and Jamie who have recently joined Te Wai. It is lovely to have you here at Pinehaven.

Interschool Football

Well done to all the children who took part in the recent interschool football tournament. Thank you to the parent helpers for their support on the day and to Penny Jones for organising the Pinehaven teams.

Parent Portal

The Minister of Education has launched a new and informative webspace for parents and whānau, designed to help support children's learning at home and strengthening the relationship between families, schools and kura.

What is the new webspace and what does it include?

The Parent Portal is an online platform that provides parents and whānau with easy-to-use resources and tools to support their child's education at home. It allows them to work in partnership with their school or kura and to keep informed about what their child is learning, by including:

- Year-by-year Curriculum Learning Guides: parent-friendly versions of both The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, detailing what children are learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it.
- Practice activities: activities that parents and whānau can use to support their child's learning at home, such as phonics cards with audio files to model correct sounds.
- Informative videos and resources: videos explaining new assessments like the Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro, which help identify additional support a child might need, and resources to help parents prepare for the first day of school and parent-teacher interviews.

The Parent Portal can be accessed here:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/your-childs-learning>



HERO - Reporting

Last term we started online reporting with our Pinehaven School Values and Literacy Posts sent out to all families. In week 5, General Comments will be shared with whānau, providing an update on how your child is working in class and information on what they have been working on for inquiry learning.

Given the upcoming changes it is now extremely important that all families can log on to HERO. If you are having trouble logging into HERO, please do not hesitate to come into the office to seek assistance.

Upcoming Key Dates

Term 2

- **Book week** -19th - 23rd May
- **Tough Guy & Gal** – Tuesday 20 May
- **School Photos** – Wednesday 28th May, Thursday 29th May
- **Teacher Only Day** – Friday 30 May
- **King's Birthday** – Monday 2 June
- **Interschool Basketball** – Tuesday 3 June
- **Matariki Holiday** – Friday 20 June



Ngā Mihi

Rachel & the Pinehaven team