

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora and welcome back!

It is great to be working at Pinehaven School as your new principal. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. It has certainly been a different start to the school year under the Red Covid Alert Level. That said, the students, parents and staff have been amazing adapting to these changes. Thank you everyone, it certainly has been a team effort.

Having limited access to the school for families at a time when everyone is trying to settle their children in for the year ahead has been challenging. We recognise that parents not being able to pop into classrooms for quick check in chats with teachers has been difficult. However for now, it is how we need to operate. In regards to communication at red level, in the first instance, email the class teacher regarding your child. Please be mindful in your communications, these protocols are not our rules but guidelines we are following to help keep your child/ren and our staff safe. The upcoming parent interviews will also provide a chance to get to know your child's teacher and ask any questions about the year ahead.

Making connections with one another whilst wearing a mask has been challenging, however we are navigating this new normal, practising a little resilience along the way. Now that our year is underway and we are all getting used to our new ways of working, I am looking forward to putting my energies into getting into classrooms and getting to know your children.

New Staff

I would like to introduce our new staff to the school community and extend a warm welcome to them both. Welcome Deirdre Reeves (R4) and welcome back Carol Elers-Nuku (R6). Deirdre joins us from Silverstream School and Carol has returned to Pinehaven after working at St Josephs and Trentham Schools. We look forward to working with you both.

Strategic Goals

The beginning of the year is always a good time to remind ourselves of the direction we are taking as a school and to introduce our strategic goals to new families and staff. These goals span 3-5 years and each year, are unpacked into an annual plan with strategic actions. In the meantime, an overview is provided in the table below.

Strategic Goal:	Key aspects/actions:
Grow our capability as learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure clear goal setting for learners.• Build on students strengths and interests.• Strengthened processes for professional growth, coaching and problem solving throughout the staff, progressing towards a 'culture of coaching'.
Deepen the learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take authentic actions as a result of learning.• Implementation of Deep Learning programmes (NPD).• Local curriculum updated.
Expand and strengthen connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen learning partnerships with whānau.• Utilise local environment for learning.• Maximise the use of experts to support learning programmes.

Have a great weekend everyone. Once again, thank you for the warm welcome.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phillipa Whiteman

Key Dates

8-15 February Life Education Visit

15 February Meet the Teacher—3.20-7pm

16 February Meet the Teacher—3.20-5.30pm

(10 minute bookings)

24 February Bee Healthy Dental Van on site

New Students

A warm welcome to Blake, John & Siddharth (R1) and Sydney (R8). It is lovely to have you and your families joining our school!

School News

Early Words, Hooked on Books & Targeted Maths

The three programmes that we are aiming to get up and running this term include:

Hooked on Books - a chance for students throughout the school who need a reading mileage boost to read one to one with an adult helper for 5-10 minutes.

Early Words - a junior based programme that focusses on reinforcing the 36 most commonly used high frequency words in a quick fire one to one session between student and adult helper.

Targeted Maths - a schoolwide programme that focusses on reinforcing the skills of counting, ordering and grouping numbers to build a firm foundation of number knowledge.

The success of these programmes rely on the **regular** support of our Pinehaven whānau.

If you are able to **regularly** commit to a small block of time (say, 11 - 12 noon on a Wednesday, or 10 - 11 am Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays), I would love to hear from you! Training is provided. Please contact Melanie on melanie@pinehaven.school.nz

Sunhats

A reminder that during Term 1, children need a sunhat that protects their face and neck from the sun. The images below can be used as a guide.

Suitable Hats:



Unsuitable hats (as well as beanies):

Before/After School Care Provision

The YMCA provide before and after school care onsite. Both programmes are underway and they have no wait list. For more information, or to register your child, go to ycentral.nz or call 0800 YMCA4U.

Activity Fees and Donations

As a decile 10 school, we are not eligible for the additional Government funding available to decile 1-8 schools enabling them to waive any school donations/activity fees. Therefore, we do rely on locally raised funds and parent donations, and we do need to charge activity fees for trips that are additional to regular curriculum provision. Within the next week you will receive electronic statements outlining money due and the donations we rely upon. Thank you to the parents who have already paid—we are grateful for your support.

Requests

Road Patrol

Is there anyone who can give up one morning a week covering Road Patrol? The time commitment is 8.30-9am. Contact Rachel on rachel@pinehaven.school.nz if you are available to help. Thanks in advance!

Health & Safety - Roof Access After Hours

It has come to our attention that some children have been accessing our roof area after school hours. This is extremely unsafe so please talk about this hazard with your child if they are on-site after hours. If a ball or piece of sports gear gets stuck on the roof, please inform the school office and we will do our best to retrieve it instead.

Sickness

If your child is unwell, please keep them home and abide by government guidelines. If your child becomes unwell we will assess and may contact you to collect your child.

Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are correct and if needed update with Pamela at office@pinehaven.school.nz

Introducing The Team!

Deirdre Reeves

Deirdre is new to Pinehaven this year. She teaches in Room 4 and is in Kererū Hub.



Carol Elers-Nuku

Carol returns to Pinehaven School. She teaches in Room 6 and is in the Korimako Hub.

Phillipa Whiteman—Principal

Phillipa returns to Pinehaven School after 10 years teaching in other schools in Upper Hutt.

It is lovely to be back in this wonderful community. I look forward to meeting you all.

