

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

It has been a challenging week with the arrival of Omicron in our school community. This wasn't unexpected and we have planned to deal with this eventuality. We acknowledge the families who have been forthcoming in getting their children tested and then alerting us. Thank you also to those families who continue to support our efforts to limit the spread of this virus by providing their senior children with a mask to wear each day. We do believe these measures as well as our focus on good hygiene practices, adequate ventilation and regular outdoor breaks are slowing down the spread of Covid within the school setting.

School is Open for Learning

For the majority of children, school is still the best place for them to come each week day. Socialising with their peers, having fun in the playground at break times and learning alongside their enthusiastic and well prepared teachers is our priority. With this in mind, I thought this newsletter was a good opportunity to show some of the ways we are engaging students at Pinehaven School and trying to keep life as normal as possible for them.

He Māori Ahau

A number of students have been participating in He Māori Ahau - "I am Māori" Wellbeing & Positive Identity programme. This programme is targeted at young Māori, helping them to connect with their Māoritanga and form positive self-identity as Māori. Special thanks to Whaitiri Poutawa the facilitator of He Māori Ahau.

Classroom Happenings

Te Wai students have been busy this week with lots of hands on activities to help them learn new skills. They enjoyed making toast, learning how to use a knife to butter their toast and cut it up for themselves. Another day they got stuck into the gardens, helping to weed them. Great to our littlest learners in action. In Room 6 children have been busy completing Native Bird Art with Water Colours with Mrs D'Shea. We have some talented artists in the making by the looks of this photo!



Take care everyone, *Phillipa*

Key Dates

14—18 March Movin' March Week

4-7 April Swimming at H20 (Juniors)

11-14 April Swimming at H20 (Seniors)

14 April

End of term 1

15 April

Easter Friday

2 May

Start of term 2

New Students

A warm welcome to Ruby and Theo who have started school in Room 1. It is lovely to have you and your families joining our school!

Thanks

Piano Lessons at Pinehaven School

Special thanks to Sarah Wood for providing piano lessons to Pinehaven School students for the past 8-9 years. Sarah has made the difficult decision to teach future lessons from home once the omicron wave has subsided. Thank you for your years of service to our students Sarah. We wish you well. Parents, you are welcome to contact Sarah directly if you wish to continue with lessons. Feel free to email Sarah at srh-85@hotmail.com

School News

Let's Get Movin in March!

We are a Movin' March school and we are looking forward to the start of the 2022 challenge on Monday 14th– Friday 18th March. We will be stamping passports in classrooms as part of the **Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge**. Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment. Remember if you live a long way from school, ask to be dropped off a little further from school so you can walk, wheel or ride. When students complete their passports they need to hand them in to the office with their name and school on the back to go in the draw to win a \$400 MYRIDE voucher at the end of March.

Calling all Pinehaven School Netballers 2022! It's nearly that time of year again, when we start prepping for the upcoming netball season - competition starts 14 May (Term 2 week 2). We are on the lookout for girls and boys in Yrs 3-6 who would like to play in a friendly Pinehaven School team (we may also consider Yr 2 players if they're really keen). We're taking newbies to netball, as well as those more experienced players.

Season: 14 MAY - 3 SEPTEMBER (14 games). Games played Saturdays at Heretaunga College. Fees for the season remain at \$50 per player (no increase from 2021) and your fees include your uniform, coaching and umpire costs as well - bonus! Please let us know if this cost is difficult for your family - we can make it work :)

2022 Netball Registration Please complete and [submit this Google Form](#) by **20 March** if your child would like to play netball for Pinehaven School in 2022. **CAN YOU HELP?** We're on the lookout for coaches, managers, helpers/crowd control, and paid umpires (who receive \$20 per game). We are also keen to train up the 2023 Netball Coordinator for Pinehaven School during the 2022 season. Walk beside Tracey for the fun season to learn the easy ropes - full training provided. Please consider putting your hand up and joining our fun crew who make this all happen for our young players. Tracey would love to hear from you, and is happy to chat through any queries you might have :) Any questions - please contact Tracey Scott (Netball Coordinator) - pinehavenkuranetball@gmail.com (022) 420 0469

Date change

Teacher Only Day— 3rd June is POSTPONED. This **TOD** will now be held on **Friday 21 October**. This change has been made by our Upper Hutt Cluster due to the Omicron outbreak. Please mark this new date in your diaries. It will make for a nice long Labour Weekend break for families.

Introducing The Team!

Pamela Malcolm—Office Manager

Pamela has worked at Pinehaven School since the middle of 2017, however her association with the school goes back to 2012 when her eldest child started school. Her role not only includes the Office Management, which is a complex task, but she also plays a key role in the financial management of our school.



Claire Blackadder—Librarian & Office Assistant

Claire works in two part-time roles in our school. She starts the day in the Office, supporting the day to day operations and is usually the first point of contact for absentees. Claire is also our Librarian and works to support the children choose reading material, as well as curating resources for teachers.

