

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora everyone

Welcome to term 2. There is a lot going on already this term with trips and activities underway. Our first school wide activity, the Pinehaven School Cross Country and Colour Run will take place tomorrow. This will be our largest event so far this year as we are now at orange level. As you will see in the key dates section, we have much to look forward to. Next up will be our Carter Observatory Trips over the following two weeks, please make sure your child's permission form has been completed. Term 2 is shaping up to be a busy one so keep an eye out on facebook or your emails for updates and information.

Te Kura o Hau Karetu Visit

This week I had the pleasure of going with Room 5 and some students from Room 6 to deliver a map to students and staff at Te Kura o Hau Karetu, formally known as Māoribank School. Students, staff and parents helpers were welcomed to the school with a Mihi Whakatau before handing over the map. Once the formalities had ended we enjoyed kai together, a shared story in te reo as well as a game outside. Special thanks to Mrs Beaumont-Yee, Whaea Carol, our parent helpers, students as well as the tamariki and kaiako of Te Kura o Hau Karetu.



Here is the story behind this gift

On 10th May 2022 we took the 3D map of Aotearoa to Te Kura o Hau Karetu to give it to the tamariki who are doing all their learning in Te Reo. It is our hope they are able to use their map as we use ours to learn about the history of these islands, the Pacific explorers who discovered them, the place names and the stories of the people who came before us. We wished them luck in their journey of exploration!

Carpark—Let's keep our children safe!

Now that we are back at orange level, we are reverting to our previous practice. Here are a few reminders to keep our children safe:

- 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 during those times if you are prepared to wait until the carpark is open again.
- Pedestrians should not be walking through the carpark—please use the path on the other side of the hall.
- The disability carpark is only to be used by those with permits and can only be used if the person for whom the permit has been allocated is leaving the vehicle (you cannot park in this park if you are a permit holder who is not exiting the vehicle).

Quiz Night—Have you got your tickets?

This is taking place on Friday 10th June and is sure to be a fun night out. There are a team of amazing volunteers working to pull this evening together and we really need to maximise our ticket sales. Teams are up to 10, but you can have a smaller team if you like. See the flyer attached for all the details you need.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend ahead.

Phillipa

Key Dates

13 May	Pinehaven School Cross Country & Colour Run
17 May	Board of Trustees Meeting—6.30pm Staffroom
18-31 May	Carter Observatory Trips
23-27 May	Book Week
25 May	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
27 May	Book Character Day

3 June	Pinehaven School Running Club begins
6 June	Queens Birthday Holiday - School closed
10 June	Pinehaven Quiz Night -7pm start
21 June	Board of Trustees Meeting—6.30pm Staffroom
22 June	Matariki Breakfast—more details to follow
24 June	Matariki Public Holiday- School closed

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Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Online registrations for the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge have now closed. We have 37 students attending this event with their parent/caregiver and look forward to a fun day with a fair amount of mud in the mix! Callum Nicol and Phillipa Whiteman will be attending this event on behalf of the school. If you have any questions email Callum Nicol @ callum@pinehaven.school.nz



Access to Period Products

Some of you may have heard in the media the government initiative of providing access to period products to girls via schools. We signed up for this initiative as we understand that young people can't always access the products they need to feel comfortable at school and sometimes they may simply get caught unprepared. Whatever the reason, free period products for young people who need them means that they don't have to miss school because of their period. We have pads available here at school and can access tampons if required—Pamela has ordered products that are appropriate for our girls who have started getting their period. We are able to order enough products for them to use for their whole cycle, based on an average of 20 items per young person per month. These products are not available for adult use. If you have a daughter who attends our school who has started menstruating and you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact Pamela in the office so that she can arrange distribution in a discrete manner that suits your family. Pamela is the only one who monitors the office email office@pinehaven.school.nz, so you can be assured privacy. Obviously the use of these products is optional, however you don't have to be living in poverty to access them—they are available to all school aged girls in schools that have signed up.

Book Character Day—Friday 27th May

As part of Book Week we will be having a 'Dress as a Book Character Day'. Come dressed as your favourite character, take part in the parade. Prizes available for the most created costumes.

Pinehaven School Running Club -The Pacers, Friday 3rd June

Pinehaven Pacers will resume this term. This is for students in Years 3-6 who love to run and want to work on their fitness. Pinehaven Pacers will be organised by Katie Pettengell and will start on Friday 3rd June. At this stage, Running Club will only happen every second Friday. If we get additional parent helpers, we may be able to offer it every Friday. If your child is interested in joining this club they will need to get a sign up form from the office to register their interest. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Introducing The Team!

Robyn Dean—Teacher Aide

Robyn has been at Pinehaven for some time. She works in Room 8 supporting our students with learning support needs. Daisy, Robyn's dog comes to school to join her one day a week and the children love having her to support their learning.



Andy Hunter—Teacher Aide



Andy joined our team as a Teacher Aide a few years ago and is mum to Griffin and Evie. Andy works with a number of children across the school, supporting groups and individuals who need support with learning. Andy is very handy when it comes to visual arts!

Rebecca Watene—Teacher Aide

Rebecca also joined our team as Teacher Aide a few years ago. Like Andy, she works with children across the school, supporting them with their learning. Rebecca also works for the YMCA managing our before and after school care programme.



Vi Lyons—Learning Support Coordinator

Vi works with us alternate weeks, supporting students with additional learning needs. She works with teachers, students and their whānau, as well as other Learning Support Coordinators from across our Upper Hutt Cluster. We share Vi with Birchville School where she is

based.