



# Pinehaven School

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Kia ora koutou! For some of you, this will be the last newsletter for your child's primary school education – an end of an era for many of our families. For those of you returning next year, please note the dates for the first week back – there's a lot on the calendar already!

## Reports

Tomorrow, you will receive your child's final report, along with their self-assessment in relation to our school values. At this time of the year, the reports are not followed by a meeting with teachers, however we endeavor to send the report out before the final day of the year so that you can make contact with your child's teacher by phone or email should you have any questions. In the report envelope, you will also find information about your child's class placement for 2019 and stationery items that are required for the year. A considerable amount of work goes into placing each child carefully, considering who they work well with and ensuring a balance of social, emotional and academic needs in each class.

## Farewells

As you know, Rona Te Wano is retiring next week after just over 24 years at our school. We will farewell her with a retirement assembly tomorrow at 2.10pm, followed by a small function for colleagues she has worked with over the years. You are all welcome to join us for the assembly.

I would like to acknowledge Michelle Tate who leaves us to take up the position of principal at Te Horo School next year. Michelle has been a great asset to our school since she joined us at the beginning of 2012. She has a wealth of knowledge about teaching, learning and leadership that we have benefited from. I would like to thank Michelle for all her hard work here at Pinehaven and wish her well for the future.

Thanks also to Paige Nuku who has been a great Kapa Haka tutor. Paige is off to start her teaching career and we wish her well.

We are also farewelling a great group of Year 6 students as they end their primary education. We have 38 students heading off to intermediate and I know how it feels to be a parent of a child leaving primary school this year with my son in this group too! It has been great to see these children mature and they have made great contributions to our school over their time here.

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There are also a small number of children moving out of Pinehaven to start school in a different part of the country or overseas – we wish them and their families all the best.

We have a Poroporaki (formal farewell) here on Monday at 2.15pm in the hall to farewell those leaving – you are all welcome to attend.

### **2019 Family Evening**

Our start of year **family evening** is having a revamp. No longer will it be in the format of everyone sitting in the hall listening to us tell you the same old stuff!! Next year, we are having a family evening on **Thursday 7 February** from 5.30-6.45pm. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, have a look in their room, and visit the hall where we will have a 'roadshow' of information on display for you around learning programmes. There will also be some informal games versus teachers! Make sure you mark it on your calendar and bring a picnic/take away.

### **Kathryn Berkett – Parent Information Session/Fundraiser**

We have secured Kathryn Berkett, who has her Masters in Educational Psychology & is a certified Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics practitioner (also an ex parent of ours and a highly respected speaker), to talk to parents on the topic of *what parents can learn from neuroscience to support the development of resilient children who are confident and able to problem solve*. This will be held in the school hall on **19 February** and will be well worth attending! \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. More information will follow in the new year.

### **Family Fun Day Total**

We have our final Family Fun Day profit figure. The event made \$13,501.20. Huge thanks to our committee and everyone who helped them to achieve such a successful event

### **Thanks!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their work this year. Our staff do a wonderful job and it is a privilege to work with them all. Thanks for the Board of Trustees who work hard to provide effective governance and do a great amount of 'behind the scenes work' to ensure our children get the best

*Kaylene*

## School News

### HOME & SCHOOL FUNDS, ACTIVITY FEES & SCHOOL DONATIONS: WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

We have had around 65% of families making a donation to the school this year and we are very grateful – thank you so much! Unfortunately, the money allocated to us in our operations grant from the Ministry of Education doesn't quite stretch far enough and we have to generate money from other sources as well. When calculating the annual budget, 'fixed costs' such as utilities, staff wages, administration costs, etc., have to be budgeted for first. What remains is spent on learning resources. Any additional money paid to the school through donations of parents and from the Home and School, tops up the 'learning resources' section of our budget. This money, along with the parent donations received, has allowed us to purchase additional reading books, maths equipment for classes, ICT equipment, professional development for teachers, extra activities for children to participate in, as well as additional resources to support learning. Our children get a much greater education experience due to the local funds that support the school. A huge thank you to all of you who have contributed financially to our school this year, through donations and/or supporting Home and School fundraisers. This year, Activity Fees have been put towards payment of trips to the NZ Symphony Orchestra and Kaitoke Regional Park, a visiting performance from Strike Percussion and the hāngi. In addition to this, some of the money has gone towards additional class resources that teachers have required for special activities. We are currently in the process of booking a number of trips and activities for next year. The school has funded Swimming lessons for all children. Our children are so lucky to have access to such wonderful learning opportunities, many of which are over and above the regular provision of the curriculum.

the Home and School work really hard to add funds to annual income and ensure our children are provided with opportunities that come our way during the year. The table below shows a detailed list of what Home and School money has been spent on this year. In most cases, this is in addition to the Board's funding in each area. The Board thank and congratulate the Home and School Committee and their helpers for their hard work in raising \$20,640 for the school.



### Upcoming Events

#### December 14

Farewell for Rona Te Wano  
2.10pm Hall

#### December 17

Poroporoaki 2.15pm Hall  
Year 6 Dinner (evening)

#### December 18

Last Day of Term 4 – 12.30pm  
finish

#### January 30

Office open 10am-2pm

#### January 31

Office open 11am-2pm

#### February 4

Term 1 starts – powhiri 9.10am

#### February 6

Waitangi Day – School  
Closed

#### February 7

Parent Information Evening

- ✓ Curriculum resources for Literay, Art, Maths Inquiry, Library Books and Classroom Consumables **\$5,890**
- ✓ Kapa Haka Tutor **\$2,000**
- ✓ ICT – Chromebooks and Robotics **\$4,000**
- ✓ Nga Tama Toa **\$2,000**
- ✓ Furniture **\$2,000**
- ✓ Bike Maintenance **\$1,000**
- ✓ Subsidising Swimming programme/buses **\$3,000**
- ✓ Envirogroup item **\$750**

## MUSIC TUTION

As term 4 is coming to an end, we would like to know if the existing music students want to continue with music classes next year as Mrs Levangie is preparing term 1 2019 music class timetable. There will be some gaps as the seniors will be leaving for intermediate schools next year. Please contact her via email [worldmusic128@gmail.com](mailto:worldmusic128@gmail.com) or mobile phone 022 300 1884 by the 20<sup>th</sup> December to enroll for music classes. Music tutition offered for 2018 includes: keyboard, guitar, drums, singing and ukulele

Price : \$130.00 per term for Individual lesson of 15 min duration weekly ( 10 week block )

\$90.00 per term for group lesson of 20 min duration weekly (10 week block)

The last day for Mrs Levangie's music lessons this term is 13th December.

## MEDICATION

If we have medication in the office for your child, please come and collect it on the last day of term. Some expiry dates need to be checked

## LOST PROPERTY

All lost property not named or collected by the end of term will be donated to charity.

## Kaitoke





## SCHOOL STATIONERY

We have once again teamed up with Officemax of our school stationery. This a quick and easy way to buy your child's stationery for next year once you know their class



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Pinehaven Xmas Wonderland at Callum's house.

23 Forest Road, Pinehaven

Lights on every night from 7.30pm - 11pm.

## **The Salvation Army Corps & Community Ministries BBQ**

When: 3 December 2018

Time: 5.30 - 8pm

Where: 695 Fergusson Drive

RSVP: Please contact office on 528 6745 and let us know how many will be attending (for catering purposes)

A fun evening with food, drinks and entertainment.

### **CodeCamp - Summer Holidays**

Petone: 17th – 20th December 2018, 7th-10th, 14th-17th and 22nd-25th January 2019

CodeCamp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks.

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### **LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS**

#### **Holiday Programme For Children From 5 Years- 13 Years**

#### **Supported by Hutt Valley Tennis Association**

Dates: **Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January, 2019.** (wet or fine)

Venue: St Joseph's School Tennis Courts, Royal Street, Upper Hutt.

If wet the programme will be held in the St Joseph's School Hall (Royal Street)

Timetable: 10.00am-11.00am- Boys and girls from 5-8 years old

11.00am-12 noon - Girls from 9 years +

1.00pm-2.00pm - Boys from 9 years +

Cost: \$33-00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson –Ph. 5897178 or Email- [g.nelson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:g.nelson@xtra.co.nz)

**Note: Enrolments must be received by—Wednesday 16 January, 2019.**

**EARLY ENROLMENT is advised the first 12 enrolments will be accepted**