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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 18 February

Board of Trustees Meeting -  
6.30pm Staffroom

#### 3 March

Interschool Netball (ppt 5th)  
Whanau Hui

#### Advance Notice:

10 March - School Photos  
27 March - Teacher Only Day  
(school closed)

Kia ora koutou! Welcome to the 2020 school year - a special welcome to all our new children and families. Thanks to those of you who came to our Family Evening last night - it was a lovely evening and so great to see such a large group of families. I hope you found Bronwyn Sweeney's presentation on sleep useful. For those of you who wanted access to the resources she shared at the end, the websites to look up are below. I have also included the links for the books that we talked about for children who worry a lot, they are called 'Hey Warrior' and 'Worry Too Much - Overcoming Anxiety':

- [Raisingchildren.net.au](http://Raisingchildren.net.au)
- [Australian Sleep Health Foundation](http://AustralianSleepHealthFoundation.org)
- [US National Sleep Foundation](http://USNationalSleepFoundation.org)
- [NZ Sleep Health Foundation](http://NZSleepHealthFoundation.org)
- [Understandingsleep.org](http://Understandingsleep.org)
- [www.heysigmund.com](http://www.heysigmund.com)
- [www.dawnhuebnerphd.com](http://www.dawnhuebnerphd.com)

### Property Update

As you can see, it's been a busy start to the year on the property front. I want to thank all the staff and parents who are affected by the move to the hall in particular - it is not the most ideal situation but the teachers have done a great job at converting the hall into a learning space to cater for 3 classes. They are also going to use the Library for some lessons to reduce the noise a large number can make. The good thing is it is temporary and the new spaces will be worth the wait! A few things to note with the building underway:

- Access to the office for students and parents is still through the front office door (please do not come through the staffroom). You just have to do a few more steps and come up the path that runs from the office down towards Room 9 & 10.
- The classroom refurbishments are the first phase of the project and after that, there will be re-roofing of the hall. Other areas of the school will have roof replacement in the next holiday break.

It seems that drop off and pick up are going well at present and I really appreciate the efforts of all parents in managing the changes with the closure of our Forest Road entrance.

### 2020 Donations and Activity Fees

We have had a few queries about whether or not there are school donations. It is really important for our community to understand that we are not eligible for the Government's recent policy announcement to cover the donation levy for Decile 1-7 schools as we are a Decile 10 school. This is disappointing for our school and no doubt you as the parent community. We appreciate your ongoing support. The Board has determined that these will stay at the same level for 2020 and statements will be sent out soon.

### Communication

Schools are busy places and it is really important that we keep open channels of communication. If you have questions or concerns about your child's learning and time at school, please in the first instance contact their teacher. If needed, you are also able to contact our me, Rachel Johnston or Gregory Stanton. We really do appreciate the opportunity to work through any concerns as they arise as it is too late if they are raised late in the year, or when a small issue has developed into something bigger. If we don't know about your concerns, we can't address them. We also really welcome positive feedback about anything you think we are doing well! I have attached our communication overview for you - please have a glance over so you know the best way to find the information you need.

### Nude Food

We would really like to encourage families to pack 'nude food lunch boxes'. This means lunchboxes with food that is not wrapped, or if wrapping is needed, using reusable options such as wax food wraps. Not only is it better for our environment, but also usually cheaper to buy snack items in a larger packet rather than individually wrapped. If anyone has some good home-made muesli bar recipes, we would be happy to put it on our facebook page - flick them through to me. Please also note that any uneaten food and lunchbox waste will come home in your child's lunchbox so we are reducing our rubbish and so that you can monitor what your child is eating.

Kaylene Macnee

## SCHOOL NEWS

<p><b>ABSENCES</b> If your child is going to be absent from school, please let us know before 9am. Please either leave a message on the school answerphone OR email <a href="mailto:absentees@pinehaven.school.nz">absentees@pinehaven.school.nz</a> If you send a message via a teacher or the office email address, it doesn't always get to the right place, so please also copy in the absentees email above.</p>	<p><b>BIKES WORKING BEE</b> Our bikes are in need of a really good clean! It would be great if we had a group of parents who were happy to come and coordinate a big wash down, either during school time (we could get some children to help too) or on a weekend. If you are able to coordinate this, please contact Kaylene.</p>
<p><b>ROAD CROSSING</b> Please remind your child to always use the pedestrian crossing to cross Pinehaven Road when they are coming to and from school. As adults, we should be modeling this as well!</p>	<p><b>JAM JARS</b> One of our parents is keen to use some of our fruit for jam that we can sell at a bake sale/fundraiser. We need clean, unlabeled jam jars - if you have any, please send them into the office.</p>