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## Upcoming Events

### August 21

BOT Meeting – 6:30pm staffroom  
Interschool Netball (ppt 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Poroporoaki – 2.15pm (for Sarah)

### August 22

Movie Night Fundraiser

### August 24

Alternative Lunch – Subway

### August 26

Container open for donations 3-4pm

### August 27

School Assembly – 9.10am Hall

### August 29

Home & School Meeting – 7pm Staffroom

### August 31

Daffodil Day Fundraiser

### ADVANCED NOTICE:

Arts & Craft Exhibition – 21-23 September

Family Fun Day (Gala) 10 November

Kia ora koutou!

I would like to thank you all for making alternative arrangements for your children yesterday. We understand teachers striking is not ideal for families, however we needed to have our message heard to ensure the teacher shortage is addressed and our profession maintains quality teachers in classrooms for years to come.

### Staff News

You will be aware from previous emails and Facebook Messages, that we are having a poroporoaki (farewell) for Sarah Cobbum at 2.15pm on Tuesday. You are all welcome to attend – we have benefited so much from having Sarah on our staff and I sincerely thank her for work in the time she has been on our team.

Nadine Duncalf starts teaching in Room 2 on Monday next week and Karla Billington will then join her and Gregory in Term 4 when the class rolls increase. We are really looking forward to having them re-join our teaching team in this capacity.

I want to send huge congratulations to Sam Blandford who became a Dad last week! Eleanor Blandford was born last Thursday and Sam is at home enjoying some family time.

### Playground Survey

We recently conducted a survey of all children in relation to the playground, with a particular focus on how safe they feel, their experiences and access to equipment. A highlight from the emerging themes is that in response to the question *do you feel safe in our playground?*, 86% (192) responded yes. Of those who responded no, only 2 of them gave the reason that they are worried about other people hurting them or being mean – the rest of the children who answered no gave reasons related to their confidence in using the playground equipment or worrying about running into

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people and hurting themselves. As a Leadership Team, we will look at the information in more detail and report to the Board of Trustees on any recommendations that come out of it.

Ngā mihi nui  
Kaylene

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## Sausage Sizzle

Please note that the Sausage Sizzle scheduled for this Friday, 17th August has been cancelled.

This is due to not having enough parent help to cook this week.

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## Basketball

The Pinehaven pacers and pelicans Basketball teams trained hard and attended the basketball tournament in Walter Nash stadium on Wednesday, 8th August. Both teams had some good wins, but neither made it through to the final. Everyone played fair, had great support from parent helpers and enjoyed the day! Well done!

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## Pinehaven School Family Day

With less than 3 months till Saturday 10 November, the Family Day team is in full organisational swing. Check out our [new look website](#) for photos from our 2016 event, and all the fantastic support we received from businesses - local and nationwide.

### Items of interest:

- We'll be opening the container beside the school hall for donations of pre-loved, quality items on **Sunday 26 August, 3-4pm**. If you're having a sort out, please keep this in mind - we make 100% profit from our pre-loved donated goods
- If any school parents are interested in having a craft stall at our Artisan Craft Market (handmade/crafted goods only), please email us to express your interest at [pinehavengala@gmail.com](mailto:pinehavengala@gmail.com). We'll be opening this up to the wider community soon
- If you know of a business that would like to be an event sponsor or donate products or services, please let us know at [pinehavengala@gmail.com](mailto:pinehavengala@gmail.com)
- If you have suitable petting zoo animals you'd be happy to bring to the Family Day, please let us know at [pinehavengala@gmail.com](mailto:pinehavengala@gmail.com)

Many thanks  
The Family Day team

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## Basketball

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## Camp 2019

**Reminder!!! Camp 2019 - movie night fundraiser, Wed 22 August. Bring some friends and make a night of it!**

Senior Camp parents are fundraising to offset camp costs. Come along to "The Spy Who Dumped Me" at Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt - your \$25 movie ticket includes a drink and goody bag - pay by Kindo, direct debit or cash to the office soldier. A great opportunity to get some friends or family members together (date night even!), and have a fun night out.

We also have a raffle to be drawn on the night. You can purchase your raffle tickets at the movie night, and prior to that at the office - amazing treats and family fun in this gift pack.

Thanks for your support.

The Camp 2019 Fundraising Team

## Shoe Bin Action

Do you know that it takes 20 to 40 years for shoes to decompose? Please can you bring in shoes that are in good condition and don't fit you. Can you ask your friends, family, neighbours and cousins if they have shoes we can recycle.

You will be helping our environment and people in our community who don't have shoes.

Please bring your unwanted to Room 3 and 4.

Written by Kristin and Evie

## Community News

### DEMONS SOFTBALL CLUB

Registration days on Sunday 19 August 2018 11am—1pm Rimutaka Rugby Clubrooms, Upper Hutt.

Fees range from \$25.00 to \$160.00 depending on grade.

For more information head over to our facebook page: Demons Softball Club (@demonsoftballclubupperhutt) Or alternatively contact us via email sec.demons.softball@gmail.com or text /call Rachel on 0277063869.

### St. Margaret's Craft Bonanza

Dunns Road, Silverstream. Saturday 25 August 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m



## Student Leaders Message

Cancer affects 1 in 3 people in New Zealand in some way.

We are raising money for the Cancer Society who research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer and provide a range of support services for people affected by cancer.

**Please bring a gold coin donation, and come dressed in yellow or orange to show your support on Daffodil Day, Friday 31st of August.**

We'd also like to establish a remembrance garden here at school, full of yellow flowers, as a place people can stop and remember loved ones or have a moment of reflection. If you have daffodil, yellow marigold or calendula plants or bulbs, or sunflower plants or seeds you can donate we'd love to hear from you.

If you'd like to help us out with the digging and planting please also make contact! Email michelle@pinehaven.school.nz if you can donate anything or help.

The Student Leaders.

## Learning at Pinehaven

### TE PAPA TRIP REPORT

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 12 children had been chosen to go on a field trip to Te Papa. It was to take part in a session with children's book awards finalists. The children had been chosen because of their exquisite writing skills. The students travelled by car and left the school at 9.15am.

The authors who spoke to us were:

1. Joanna Grochowicz, who wrote *Into the White*
2. Bronwen Wall, who wrote *Explore! Aotearoa*
3. Fleur Beale, who wrote *Lyla: Through My Eyes – Natural Disaster Zones*

The authors there were extraordinary; in fact there's no other word for it! They talked about their lives and their books and how they became writers. After they had finished talking, they answered children's questions.

So, do you love books?!

**By Faith Bennett, Room 9**

*Finalists - including 'into the white' Joanna Grochowicz who dressed Ruby up as Scott's photographer*

## Te Papa

