

Pinehaven School 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

Kapa Haka Cultural Festival Performance

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka Performance Rōpu who took part in the Upper Hutt Schools' Cultural Festival last week. Our group consisted of 37 students from years 3-6. Special thanks to Melanie Wakeham for teaching our group then leading them on the day. Thanks also to Kim Nikora, our MAC (Māori Achievement Collaborative) facilitator who supported our group with their performance and Max Pearson who worked alongside our boys to help them with their haka. Our tamariki certainly did us proud. I also want to acknowledge and thank Totara Park School for organising this event for our cluster this year.



Lockdown Practice

We will be running a lockdown practice later this term. We need to do this so that our children and staff have practiced the procedure should there be a need to close down the school quickly.

We will try and make this as comfortable as possible for the children so that if our school is directed to lockdown that we will be prepared.

It would be helpful for us if you are talking to your children about this that you assure them that there is no cause for concern. As with the practice of regular fire drills the more familiar we all are with these polices the more likely it is that everyone is comfortable with them and knows what to do if needed. If you would like to read our schools lockdown policy you can access the full policy on our School Docs page. I have summarised below the steps that we will follow.



It will look as follows:

1. This time we will practice during class time.
2. The lockdown alert system will be activated over the intercom. We will sound this alarm in advance of the practice so that everyone knows what this sounds like.
3. Children will be asked to move away from windows and doors and tuck down low and be quiet for about 2 minutes.
4. Teachers and staff will lock external doors promptly and close windows.
5. At the end of the practice the all clear will be given over the internal intercom system.

Teachers will discuss the practice with their class prior to the drill as well as debrief them afterwards and give the class feedback on how it went. If you have any questions about this please contact me directly.

2024 Activity Fees and School Donations

We have had a hiccup setting up the finance side of Hero and therefore a delay generating follow up invoices for families this year. We are sorry that we have not been able to get this right but wanted to let you know that we expect this to be fully functional from the beginning of next year.

In the meantime there are still outstanding activity fees and some families who have not paid the optional school donation who would like to. If you are unsure about what payments might be outstanding for your family please contact Pamela in the office to check this. ***We are working through invoicing families who have joined Pinehaven School from Term 2 this year as these payments are prorated based on how long your child has been at school.*** Please make any payments into **the schools main bank account 12-3140-0337477-000.**

Information about **2024 Activity Fees & Donations** is below:

Activity Fees for 2024

Activity Fees stayed the same as 2023 at \$12.50 per term (\$50 for year). These fees pay for activities that are over and above the delivery of the curriculum such as costs involved with shows, class trips and performers. If Activity Fees are not paid, children may not be able to attend these activities.

School donations for 2024

School Donations cover costs for additional resources & materials used for teaching & learning. Donations are voluntary and being a donation are tax deductible.

One child:	\$150 a year or \$37.50 a term
Two children:	\$280 a year or \$70.00 a term
Three or more children:	\$360 a year or \$90.00 a term

Donation towards bike helmet use: \$20 (one off payment for your child's time at Pinehaven School)

Upper Hutt in a U8 Girls Football Tournament

Pinehaven School has a lot of football talent, I might be biased but I see our kids in action on the field and at sports days and am blown away by their skills. It is a pleasure to share another recent football success. Four year 3 girls represented Upper Hutt in a U8 Girls Football Tournament at end of the season and won the tournament. Fantastic effort Mira, Minnie, Ana and Delilah!



Disco Fundraiser—Friday 22nd November

Time: 6.00-7.30pm

Who: Pinehaven tamariki

Theme: Inspirational people, e.g. favourite sportsperson, movie character, book character

Cost for entry: \$2.00

To purchase on the night: Drinks, pizza, chips and lollies

Thanks to our student leaders for the theme idea.

Values Awards Recipients

Congratulations to our latest values award recipients. Well done for showing our values in action. Recently as a staff we looked at how to Uphold Mana and model it to others. We believe our values are as important for adults as they are children. Soon we will be surveying our students to find out what they know about our values so we can identify areas to strengthen as we embed these across our school.



New Students

Welcome Charlie who recently started at our school.

Lunch Orders – End of term 4

Friday 13th December will be our last day for lunch orders this term.

Moving?

A reminder that if your family is moving out of the area at the end of the year and you haven't already let us know, we would appreciate an email to Pamela in the office to let us know.

We hope you had a great weekend,
Phillipa & the Pinehaven team



Upcoming Key Dates:

- **Swimming** – Monday 18 November – Thursday 28 November
- **School Assembly** – Friday 22 November
- **School Disco** – Friday 22 November
- **Year 6 Celebration** - Monday 9 December
- **Reports & Class Information for 2024 sent home** – Friday 13 December
- **Term 4 Ends, 12.30pm** – Tuesday 17 December