

Pinehaven School 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you for the warm welcome back. I had a fabulous time away on the Principals Study Tour in Finland. I would like to thank the Pinehaven School Board for approving this amazing opportunity and to our staff for keeping everything ticking along while I was away. Sincere thanks also to Rachel Johnston for stepping into the principals role in my absence.

This was my first opportunity to visit schools outside of New Zealand and I found it fascinating to notice the differences and similarities. Education is a top priority for the Finnish government and is well-resourced, particularly in the area of learning support. Finnish children are encouraged to be self-managing and independent from a very young age, to problem solve and think things through for themselves.



As part of the tour, our group got to experience a Finland Bush Evening, right up my alley! I love the outdoors so this was a real treat. We walked around the forest with a guide, made our own fires with a flint and cooked our own dinner, Salmon soup. My fire lighting skills could still do with a bit of work but it was refreshing being out in nature in a new country to recharge the batteries after a busy week.

If you're interested in learning more about my experience or the Finnish education system, I'd be happy to meet and share further insights.

Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) Whānau Information afternoon

Earlier in the week we held our Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) Whānau Information afternoon led by BSLA Mentor, Amy Fleming from the University of Canterbury. Amy presented our new structured literacy approach to parents alongside our Junior teachers. We are excited to be taking part in BSLA and look forward to sharing more information with families in the coming months.

Curriculum days confirmed for 2025

Schools were recently notified by the Ministry of Education that two curriculum days for 2025 have been approved to support teachers as they work to embed new curriculum content from the start of next year. The purpose is to provide leaders and staff time to participate in PLD focused on understanding the updated Year 0-8 maths or pāngarau curriculum. Because schools and kura are closed, it also means relief teachers can participate in PLD. Our two days will be **Friday 7th February 2025 and Friday 30th May 2025**. We have tacked these onto public holidays to try to cause the least disruption to families as we can. Thank you in advance for your understanding

Measles update

Although we don't have any cases at school we have been reminded by the Ministry of Education of the dangers of measles with the following message: Measles is dangerous and contagious, especially in communities with low vaccination rates. Although New Zealand continues to be free of measles, it could arrive at any time. We encourage

everyone to check if they are immune to measles, especially those planning to travel overseas for the holidays. The key message: if you aren't sure, get vaccinated. [Measles immunity – Te Whatu Ora](#)

Thank you – Upper Hutt Junior Cricket

Upper Hutt Junior Cricket recently donated a cricket set to our school. We appreciate your generosity and efforts to encourage our tamariki to be active. If your child is interested in joining the Upper Hutt Junior Cricket club this season, the details to register for the coming season see the details further down in the newsletter.

Values Awards Recipients

Congratulations to last week's values award recipients. The Principal's Award went to Devon Rm 9 for upholding the mana of junior students by offering to help some of our junior students without being asked. A great role model for others.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori whole school waiata and shared lunch today.



Save the date—Year 6 Celebration

The farewell evening for our Year 6 students has been organised for Monday 9th December. More details will be sent to families of Year 6 students soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Arts & Craft Exhibition this weekend. Doors open tonight at 6pm. If you are free to lend a hand over the weekend, the committee would love to see you there. Thanks to those who have already provided baking for our cafe and to those families who have sold raffle tickets. Your support is most appreciated.

Enjoy your weekend,

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team

Upcoming Key Dates:

- Pinehaven Arts & Crafts Exhibition - Friday 20 & Sat 21 Sept
- School Board Hui - Tuesday 24 September
- Term 3 Ends, 3pm - Friday 27 September

- Term 4 Begins – Monday 14 October, Mihi whakatau at 9.15am for new families
- Labour Day Holiday – Monday 28 October
- Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 29 October
- Swimming – Monday 18 November – Thursday 28 November
- Year 6 Celebration - Monday 9 December
- Term 4 Ends, 12.30pm – Tuesday 17 December

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2025 Term Dates

Term One

Monday 3rd February - Friday 11th April

Waitangi Day - Thursday 6th February

TOD - Friday 7th February

Easter - Good Friday 18th April, Easter Monday 21st April, Easter
Tuesday 22nd April

Term Two

Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June

TOD - Friday 30th May

King's Birthday - 2nd June

Matariki - Friday 20th June

Term Three

Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term Four

Monday 6th October - Wednesday 17th December

Cluster TOD - Friday 24th October

Labour Day - 27th October

Junior Cricket
Upper Hutt
SMASH PLAY
Season 2024/25



Ages: 4-6 years
School Year Level: Kindy, NE + Year 1



Day/Time: TBC
Trentham Memorial Park
Trentham Sports Indoor Centre (if wet)



Cost: \$90 for full season (Nov-March)
Free Smash Play t-shirt included in fees

Smash Play has a focus on game play, values and enjoyment. Every session has more hits, more catches, more action... more fun!



2024/25

Junior Cricket
Upper Hutt
Cricket

Registrations for the season are now open!

ALL AGES | ALL ABILITIES | ALL BACKGROUNDS
SOFT BALL GRADES (YEARS 2 - 4) | HARD BALL (YEARS 5 - 8)
PREMIER GIRLS (YEARS 7-10) | SMASH PLAY (4- 6 YEARS)

*Family friendly,
great training facilities,
skilled coaches*



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Camp Cambodia: Boardgame Fundraiser



Friday 18 October 2024, from 7pm - \$10 Entry
St Mary's Church, Silverstream
Nibbles and drink provided.

All funds raised will be used to take a group of children we are connected with in Cambodia to a beachside camp for the first time in their lives. This is not an experience any of them have had, or could afford, as they face significant poverty.

We are working with local networks and organisations that will provide ongoing support and care, but we need your help to make this dream a reality. Come and join us for an evening of fun and laughter!

Got any games that need a new home? Donate them to our pre-loved games sale table!
RSVP: youth.silverstream@gmail.com or Karla on 021 024 93745