



Pinehaven School 2025

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Kia ora e te whānau

Cross-Country & Colour Run - Wednesday 2 April

This year, we are encouraging all students to take part in both events, supporting them to challenge themselves and have fun. An approximate timetable for these events is provided below. If you are able to help at the Colour Run by spraying colour or setting up obstacles, please meet Callum Nicol on the netball courts around 2pm and he will give you a job.

Cross-Country

Students who participate in this event have the opportunity to compete at the Upper Hutt Inter-School Cross-Country event next term. For students who are not focused on the inter-school competition, participation, perseverance, giving it a go, encouraging others, and being proud of yourself are great experiences.

Colour Run

This is a fun event for all students. For the Colour Run, every child will need a white t-shirt. Students can wear the same T-shirt they used last year. T-shirts need to be named, and be suitable to have colour thrown on them and permanent marker written on them. Students can bring their t-shirts to school during the week to decorate or just wear them on the day. Please also be aware that the colour may mark other clothing and footwear. You may want to pack a towel for your child and provide a bag for wet clothes. We will be dismissing students from outside the classrooms at 3pm.

Timeline for Wednesday 2nd April

12.45pm	Roll, teachers bring students to courts.
1.00pm	Y0-2 race (down to the end of reserve & back) Yr 1 boys & girls first, then Yr 2 boys and girls.
1.15pm	Y3/4 race (once through the bush) Year 3 boys & girls together, Year 4 boys and girls together.
1.35pm	Y5/6 race (twice through the bush) Year 5 boys & girls together, Year 6 boys and girls together.
2.15pm	Students get changed into fun run clothes etc, small break for juniors.
2.30pm	Colour Run starts.
3pm	Colour Run ends, students dismissed outside their classrooms by teachers. Back packs outside.

Message from Hutt Valley DHB National Public Health Service

The Wellington Region has had an increase in reports of gastro illness and in particular the numbers of cryptosporidiosis (crypto) cases in Hutt Valley over recent weeks. The illness is affecting pre-school children, school-aged children, their parents, and whānau. Please ensure staff and whānau are aware of this illness and how to manage it and prevent it spreading. Additionally, please remember to report any gastro outbreaks. The online notification tool makes it easy for you to notify us: <https://www.rph.org.nz/health-professionals/notifications/>. If you prefer, you can also call us on (04) 570 9002 and ask to speak with a Health Protection Officer. Please keep a register of illness occurring in your centre, and when tamariki are absent, record the reason for their absence and symptoms of any illness. This will help you to identify when you might need to make a notification and will help us with our follow up.

Teacher Only Day – Term 2, 2025

As advertised in our 2025 Term Dates, Pinehaven School will be closed on Friday 30th May to enable Teachers to undertake Professional Development, with Ministry of Education Facilitators, on the new mathematics curriculum. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Silverstream Bakery Hot Cross Buns 2025

We have had great support with our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser so we have decided to extend the date to be able to take last minute orders – orders now close 4pm on Wednesday 2nd of April. Each 6 pack of Buns is selling for \$16.00, with \$6.00 profit coming to our school. Buns will be delivered fresh, not frozen to the school on Wednesday 9th April and sent home with your child. Completed order [forms](#) must be submitted & Hot Cross Buns paid for by next Wednesday.



HERO - Reporting

Last week we started online reporting with our Pinehaven School Values Posts sent out to all families. In week 10, Literacy Posts will be shared with whānau, providing an update on how your child is working in reading and writing at this stage of the year.

Given the upcoming changes it is now extremely important that all families can log on to HERO. If you are having trouble logging into HERO, please do not hesitate to come into the office to seek assistance.

Lunch Online - Sushi Planet

Lunch online will not be taking orders for the last two weeks of term. The reason for the blocked dates is Sushi Planet will be closed during this time. School lunches from Sushi Planet commence in the first week of Term 2.

Pinehaven School Book Week – Save the date!

This year Pinehaven School's book week will be from May 19th - May 23rd. Highlights will be an author visit from Fifi Colston on Wednesday 21st of May and dress up as a book character day on Friday 23rd of May. Thank you, Mrs Blackadder, for organising this fun week for our tamariki.



Upcoming Key Dates

- **Bee Healthy Van Visit** – Monday 31 March – Friday 11 April
- **Cross-Country & Colour Run** – Wednesday 2 April
- **Disco** – Thursday 3 April
- **School Assembly** – Friday 4 April
- **Term 1 Ends** - Friday 11 April – 3pm

Easter & Anzac Day Holidays (All in the school holidays this year)

- **Good Friday** -18 April
- **Easter Monday** - 21 April
- **Easter Tuesday** - 22 April
- **Anzac Day** – Friday 25 April

Term 2

- **Term 2 Begins** - Monday 28 April
- **Footsteps Dance Starts** – Thursday 1 May
- **Interschool Football** – Tuesday 6 May
- **Book week** -19th - 23rd May
- **Tough Guy & Gal** – Tuesday 20 May
- **Teacher Only Day** – Friday 30 May
- **King's Birthday** – Monday 2 June
- **Matariki Holiday** – Friday 20 June



Ngā Mihi

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team