

Pinehaven School



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DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
28 March	Whole School Trip to NZSO
30 March – 3 April	Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday School closed for 3 days
4 April	Hangi Food Preparation Day
5 April	Hangi Cooking & Eating! Interschool Hockey Tournament (no ppt)
6 April	School Assembly 2:10pm Hall
9 April	School Cross Country 9-11am ppt 11 th 1pm
11 April	Home & School Meeting 7pm Staffroom
13 April	Last Day of Term 1 3pm finish
30 April	Term 2 Starts
3 May	School Photo Day
Advanced Notice:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts & Crafts Exhibition – 21-23 September• Family Fun Day (Gala) – 10 November	

Kia ora koutou!

Staff Changes

When Danielle Gill left at the end of last year, it was too late in the year to make an appointment of our Assistant Principal, but we have now completed this appointment. I am very pleased to inform you all that our new Assistant Principal is Gregory Stanton. Gregory will continue to lead the Kereru Hub this year and will continue his teaching role in Te Ra, however will be taking on additional responsibilities across the school. Gregory is a highly competent leader and he will be able to further develop his leadership skills in this role, while having a greater impact on the strategic direction and day to day management of the school.

With the AP appointment being an internal candidate, this left a teaching position in Room 3 for the remainder of the year. Karla Billington and Nadine Duncalf were job sharing the Room 3 teaching position for Term 1 while we appointed our AP. Karla and Nadine will not continue in Room 3 as they will work with our new Year 1 class as our roll grows later in the year (this was the initial plan before Danielle left!). I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Kathy Cutler, an experienced teacher to the Room 3 teaching position. Kathy comes to us from Boulcott School in Lower Hutt and it is very exciting for us to have Kathy join our team.

We have also welcomed Andy Hunter and Deidre Reeves to our team over the past month as teacher aides supporting Rooms 3, 4 & 5. Both Andy and Deidre are very competent in these roles and are providing great support for the teachers and students they work alongside.

Donations

I want to thank those of you who have already made your school donation this year. The donation is voluntary, however does provide important resources for the school that allow us to provide quality programmes for children as the operations funding we get from the Government doesn't cover enough! Over recent years, we have had a number of families generously donate additional funds to us and we are fortunate to be serving a community where some people are able to do so. Last year, additional family donations of \$5,700 paid for the Bees, Student Leader development projects and our Hutt Science annual subscription that allows us to access weekly science kits for classes. This year, we have already received \$800 towards the Hutt Science subscription and we are very grateful for this generous donation. We always have things that we could put additional donations towards, so if you are in a position to help us out or know of a business who is in a position to do so, please get in touch with me.

The Digital World

Earlier this year at our Parent Information Evening, we had a request to provide support for parents with children in our online world. This is a world that is ever-changing and is hard for us to keep up with. It is really important that as parents, we know and understand what our children need to be taught. In the newsletters, I will be putting tips and information for you to refer to if you are interested. The first place to go to for advice is the netsafe website and here is the link to the tips for parents section. <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

Pinehaven School Hāngi

We need donations of food, equipment and time! For the preparation day on **Wednesday 4th April** we require help from 9am - 3pm with setting up, digging and preparing the pit, peeling and chopping vegetables, preparing meat, packing meals, cleaning up and disposing of food waste. On **Thursday 5th April** we will require help from 5am - 4pm to light the Hāngi, preparing the baskets, laying it down, monitoring it and pulling it up as well as assistance serving meals and cleaning up. If you'd like more information or to register as a helping hand check out our [Pinehaven School Volunteer/Help Registration](#) Google Form and sign up.

Please see the email that came out earlier this week and have a think on how you can be involved.

Welcome

I just want to welcome two teacher trainees who are doing some work in our school over the next term. Anna Freeman and Damien Kennedy are going to be working in Rooms 3 & 4, and Rooms 6-8 as part of their training and we welcome them to our school.

Finally, I want to wish you a happy Easter. Please remember that the school is also closed on Tuesday 4th of April as this is a school holiday - there will be no one onsite that day.

Kaylene Macnee



Welcome to Pinehaven School



Elysia Yang, Joshua Murphy, Nathaniel Barry

School News

CLEAN SOIL

We are in need of some clean soil (no rocks) to fill dips and holes in our grounds. If you have some that you can provide us, please get in touch with Dave Coupe via email (caretaker@pinehaven.school.nz) or by leaving him a message at the office.



Last Day for orders for Issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Club – 6th April 2018

GENESIS ENERGY

Our school has been nominated for School-gen's 'Energising Young Minds' competition by a member of the school community.

The competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.

Please vote for our school. You can vote once a day up until voting ends on 2 April.

<http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are raising funds and we need your help. Order your NEW 2018 / 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104196s>

TABLE TENNIS COACHING-TERM 2, 2018

Our school is offering table tennis coaching in term 2, for children from years 4-6. The coach will be Mr. Gary Nelson, an experienced teacher and table tennis coach. The programme will be operating each Thursday from 12.40-1.20pm for 6 consecutive weeks, commencing on Thursday 17 May, 2018 in the school hall.

The cost of this block of lessons is \$50-00 with payment to be made at the first lesson.

Table tennis bats and balls will be provided.

If you wish your child to be enrolled please phone Gary Nelson (Ph- 5897178) **as soon as possible**.

Enrolments will be accepted on a first in first served basis.



PINEHAVEN ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

We are very excited as planning has begun for this year's Pinehaven Arts and Crafts Exhibition in September. Currently we are seeking anyone that is able to help with sponsorship or donations e.g.: Wood, Paint, Food/ Catering, Wine and items that can aid with set up and ongoing maintenance costs. If you think you could help; anything would be gratefully received and appreciated!

Likewise, if you would like to exhibit this year or join the Arts and Crafts Committee please feel free to contact either Tam or Ellen at pinehavenartandcraft@gmail.com Tam 0210680793

Celebrating Student Work – Korimako Hub

In Korimako Hub recently we have been looking at Māori art and have got our hands dirty with designing and creating our own clay models of carvings resembling Pounamu pendants! After drawing up several design concepts, we selected our favourite and went on to make it with clay.

After they have dried, our next session will be spent painting them and then displaying them in our hub for visitors to come and see! We were able to use a variety of different tools to manipulate the clay and add detail and texture to our final designs!

Here are some photos of us moulding the clay to our concepts...



Science

There is a general buzz in the school and it is not just in the beehive, learning through science is evident throughout the school. Tui Hub have used the Hutt Science kits to support learning about how the body works. Having skeletons in class to demonstrate body structure and movement has proved beneficial and encouraged excellent writing opportunities and maths thinking. Meanwhile Korimako Hub are learning about how the brain works and how best to look after your brain and body. Kereru Hub children have been looking closely at plants, seeds and butterflies.

The Enviro Group have been busy using the stream testing kits to take measurements of the water temperature, clarity and collect and observe some of the stream critters. We have been fortunate to have had some local scientists come to share their knowledge and support our stream inquiry learning journey. Our school bee hive has been under attack from the local commercial bees. Unfortunately they attacked the young nucleus hives and along with wasps, managed to destroy the honey stock and bees including the queens. Robbing season is nearly over so our hive should be able to settle down to maintaining a healthy honey store to over-winter.

Community News

NB: Inclusion of community news items are provided as a service and not necessarily endorsed by the school

PLATEAU SCHOOL

50 years: 1968-2018

We invite you to share in our celebrations of 50 years of Plateau School. Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May. We would love to hear your stories about your time at Plateau School to use as part of our celebrations. Please forward any stories or pictures to reunion@plateau.school.nz

HUTT CITY MUSICAL THEATRE (Term 1 School Holidays)

If you thought you knew the story of 'The Princess and The Pea,' you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night?

Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

The show is held at Eponi Hall, Mitchell Street, Lower Hutt. Tickets are available through www.iticket.co.nz

SEATSMART CAR SEAT RECYCLING

Did you know you can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat? Around 90% of seat materials are recyclable which is great news for the environment, and keeping expired car seats out of circulation is good for child safety. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit www.SeatSmart.co.nz. You can also like us on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ). Thanks to Wellington, Upper Hutt and Hutt City Councils for their support.



H2O Xtreme

Aqua Blast – Friday 23rd March 7-10

Free Slides, Live DJ, Spot Prizes, Spa, Inflatables

WILDERKIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Sustainability Trust's outdoor holiday programme for kids is running again from April 16 to 27. Based at Innermost Gardens and in Wellington Town Belt, the programme gets kids aged 5 to 12 exploring nature and learning about sustainability in a fun, hands-on way. Different activities every day, from making chutney with wild plants to learning bush survival skills. \$56 a day per child, and we have \$10 places available for families with a Community Services Card. More details and bookings on www.sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids

MASSEY UNIVERSITY – CHILD ASTHMA STUDY

Massey University is conducting a study looking at the different types of **asthma in children** aged **8-18**. The aim of the study is to improve the understanding of childhood asthma and develop better treatment options for all asthmatics.

The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire.

If your child is between 8 and 18 years old, the researchers would be very grateful if you could take part.

They are looking for children **with** and **without asthma** to participate.

Please contact: Jean Feary McKenzie **05 08 ASTHMA** or asthma@massey.ac.nz

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

We wish to honour and create recognition for ANZAC, our New Zealand War Horse's and their Mounted Kiwi Soldiers on our ANZAC Family Raceday – Sunday 22nd April.

Trentham Racecourse has been used as part of the Trentham Army Camp during both World Wars, including being used as a hospital, for leaving parades and also farewell lunches. The first major Expeditionary Force left Trentham in 1914 en-route to Egypt and then to Gallipoli with many who left failing to return.

For further information please see our website <http://wellingtonracing.co.nz/anzac-family-raceday.aspx>

LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

Holiday Programme For Children From 5 Years- 13 Years -Supported by Hutt Valley Tennis Association

Dates: **Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 April, 2018.** (wet or fine)

Venue: St Joseph's School Tennis Courts, Royal Street, Upper Hutt.

If wet the programme will be held in the St Joseph's School Hall (Royal Street)

Timetable: 10.00am-11.00am- Boys and girls from 5-8 years old

11.00am-12 noon - Girls from 9 years + 1:00pm-2:00pm – Boys from 9 years+

Cost: \$33-00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson –Ph. 5897178 or Email- a.nelson@xtra.co.nz

Note: Enrolments must be received by—Wednesday 11 April, 2018.

EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.

