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Term 4 - Week 2

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**25 October**

Teacher Only Day **SCHOOL**  
**CLOSED**

**28 October**

Labour Day

**29 October (ppt 31st)**

Inter School Touch Tournament  
6.30pm BOT Meeting

**1 November**

School Assembly - 2.25pm

**12 November (ppt 13th & 19th)**

Inter School Athletics

Kia ora koutou!

Welcome to Term 4 - it will go really quickly I am sure! It is great seeing all the children in classrooms! I had an amazing term focusing on professional learning and I really appreciate the opportunity for this, as well as to spend some quality time traveling with my family. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for supporting my application for sabbatical, as well as Rachel and the team here who kept everything ticking along in my absence. Considering Rachel is so new to our school, she took up a big challenge and did so extremely well.

### Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that school is closed tomorrow for the cluster wide teacher only day. All teachers of primary and intermediate schools in Upper Hutt will be involved in professional learning sessions all day, including a session with our keynote speaker Mike King. I trust you have made alternative arrangements for your child's care tomorrow.

### Thanks!

I would like to thank a number of busy beavers around the school community!

- Huge thanks to Mary, Rachel & their team who have worked on the butterfly garden behind Room 6. This is looking great and it was exciting to come back and see it.
- The work Kate Beaumont-Yee has done in conjunction with Wellington Zoo to develop the native garden outside the hall is fabulous. The Enviro Group and a fabulous group of parent helpers have supported here too - thanks everyone!
- The Quiz Night last Friday was a great night out. Huge thanks goes to Tracey and her team of helpers who pulled this together. The fundraiser made \$2436.10 which is a great total, so thanks to everyone who came along and joined in the evening.

### Staff Appointments & Departures

This is the time of the year, where we inevitably have a rejiggle of the staffing team. We have three staff who will be leaving us as the year ends. Lisa Prendergast is moving away from the area and her last day as our office assistant will be 15 November. Rosie Ingle has an amazing opportunity to take up her dancing passion in Italy and will be finishing in her permanent role at the end of this year. Sam Blandford has won a teaching position at Trentham School. Sam started his teaching career with us 5 years ago and is branching out to work in a different school setting. We will farewell these people later in the year, but I want to take the opportunity to thank all 3 of them for their work. They are all great members of our team who will be missed.

With Rosie notifying us late last term of her plans, Rachel was able to get some appointment processes underway that we finalised last week. We have appointed Nadine Duncalf permanently to our teaching team and appointed Penny Jones to continue on the team next year in Marion's absence. To minimise disruption to learning, Penny will cover Marion's class for the year and when Marion returns we will have her work in other teaching roles. I will keep you posted on further staff appointments as they are completed.

### **Class Placements**

We are currently determining our class structures for next year. This is never an easy job in a school our size as each year group differs in size, ranging from 38-48 children! We are considering many different options and will settle on the one that best meets the needs of all learners. At this stage, we are still considering the best hub structure for the school given the cohort numbers and there may be some changes in this area. We are not sure yet about the exact class make up (e.g. mixed year level and/or straight year level classes). Across the school, this may vary. We are still in the process of confirming the classes and year levels of teachers. We will soon begin initial thinking about class placements for 2020. When placing students in classes, staff make every effort to ensure classes are well balanced with gender and ability mixes, as well as ensuring students are placed with others who they work well with. It is worth noting they do not always work to their full potential alongside their best friends! We take into account students' academic and social needs. Our ultimate aim is to place students in classes where they can be catered for most effectively and in which they will be happy and well matched to teacher strengths.

I acknowledge that parents sometimes have information about their child we may not be aware of, that can make their class placement more effective or appropriate. There is an opportunity between now and Thursday 8 November to advise me in writing of anything that might be helpful in compiling class lists. As situations change, I do not hold this information from year to year, so you will need to use this process to inform me of anything historical that still applies. I ask that you email me directly [principal@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:principal@pinehaven.school.nz) as opposed to talking to teachers or other staff. Please ensure the communication includes the sound educational reasoning behind the information you are sharing with me. The reason I ask you to email or write to me directly is to ensure I receive all the information, and nothing gets 'lost in translation'. As a staff, we will then use this information to assist us in making placements. Please note that there are a range of factors to consider in this process and therefore I cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests, rather we consider them alongside other factors. I need to point out that what one parent might suggest could be cancelled out by the needs of other children/classes or teacher objective knowledge. Our timeframe for class placements is tight and therefore, I ask that you meet the deadline of Thursday 7 November with any information you are sending through to me. It is likely to be too late to consider any information coming in after this date.

Towards the end of the year, it is also a time when families make changes and we sometimes have people moving out of the area. If this is the case for your family, the sooner we know this, the easier it is for us to plan class numbers for 2020. I would appreciate it if you could let us know.

### **Voluntary Donations**

You will have seen a bit in the media over the past few weeks about the government's voluntary school donations policy where some schools can opt not to ask for a donation in lieu of taking a government payment to cover this. Unfortunately, we are a decile 10 school so we are not eligible for this payment from the government. We have no choice but to continue to ask for a voluntary donation and an activity fee in 2020. Information about these costs will come out later in the year with the information about stationery and 2020 class placements.

### **Building Project**

Many of you will be aware that we are supposed to have the Kereru Block refurbishment project

underway. We have been delayed due to an administration glitch at the Ministry and getting the project within budget. The Board are making a significant contribution towards the project and this needs final sign off at the Ministry. We will update you as soon as possible, but the Rooms 1-4 teachers are ready to move their classes to the hall as soon as the project can get underway.

Have a great long weekend ahead!  
Kaylene

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## OLD READING GLASSES/SPECTACLES

Wanted - donation of old reading glasses/spectacles for a Cambodian run charity to distribute to those that really need them but don't have access to an optician. Please drop into the school office (cases not required)

## RAISING HAPPY, RESILIENT TAMARIKI

Friday 8th November/6:30pm/Expressions Art Centre

**Join Internationally recognised Educational Psychologist Kathryn Berkett for an evening of Neuroscience**

Learn how to overreaction of the stress response in children can negatively impact behaviour, resulting in behaviours such as anger, violence, shutting down, anxiety and many more.

**Seats are limited. RSVP by 30 October to:**

[community@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:community@uhcc.govt.nz)

## UPPER HUTT ROLLER SKATING CLUB

Scary Night Roller Disco, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Entry \$10 Skate/Blade hire FREE. Spot prizes. Pizza, Cupcakes plus other snacks will be available. Get your family or group of friends together for an evening of great skating for all ages. Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club, 4A Railway Avenue, Upper Hutt .Ring/text 0226824517 emails [rinkbooking@gmail.com](mailto:rinkbooking@gmail.com) [skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz)

## Measles

It isn't just a little rash

Measles can be dangerous, especially for **babies, children and pregnant women.**

### Measles symptoms typically include:

- High fever (may spike to more than 40°C)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash may develop 3–5 days after symptoms begin



### Measles can be life threatening:



1 out of 3 people who get measles may be hospitalised.



1 out of every 1,000 people with measles may develop brain swelling which may lead to brain damage.



1 out of 1,000 people with measles may die from complications.

**You can protect your children with vaccination.**  
Talk to your GP or practice nurse.