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Kia ora koutou!

Welcome to Term 4. We had a very successful cluster Teacher Only Day last week, and I appreciate the effort parents go to when we close for a day during the year.

Arts & Crafts Exhibition

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Arts & Crafts Exhibition last term. A special thanks to Tam, Ellen and their team for planning another successful event. The total profit raised was \$8,261.09 which is a significant amount of money. We are very grateful to receive this profit and the effort put in by the organising committee is not only huge, but very much appreciated.

Deputy Principal Appointment

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Rachel Johnston to take up our Deputy Principal position when Michelle moves to her new role in the new year. Rachel comes to us from Raroa Normal Intermediate and has a number of years' experience in middle leadership and leading school wide development. Rachel brings a number of skills that will really balance our team and she is very warm and enthusiastic.

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 35-46 children! We are considering many different options and will settle on the one that will best meet 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. Year 3/4 in one class, or in separate classes). We are still in the process of confirming the classes and year levels of the teachers.

Upcoming Events

October 26

Bandanna Day Fundraiser
Sausage Sizzle Lunch

October 30

Inter School Touch Tournament

November 1

Last day for Lucky Book Club orders

November 2

Calendar Art Orders Close

November 10

Family Fun Day

Upcoming Dates

5-16 November – Dental Van Visits

3-6 December – Swimming

10-13 December - Swimming

As soon as we have confirmed teachers and year levels, we will begin initial thinking about class placements for 2019. 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 the strengths of the teacher.

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. For this reason, there is an opportunity between now and Thursday 8 November to advise me in writing of anything that might be helpful in designing 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 is still current. I ask that you email me directly principal@pinehaven.school.nz as opposed to talking to teachers or other staff and that you 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 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 the children/classes or teacher objective knowledge. Our timeframe for class placement is tight and therefore, I ask that you meet the deadline of Thursday 8 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 for class numbers for 2019. I would appreciate it if you could let us know.

School News

The Art and Crafts Committee would like to let you all know that the official amount raised from the Exhibition (less artists commission and expenses) totalled \$8261.09. Thank you once again to everyone that helped make the weekend so successful!

Personalized Artwork Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats & Sketch Pads - Home & School Fundraiser.

These make lovely Christmas gifts for family & friends as they are made with your child's own art they have done in class. Or you can use a photo you upload to a website. The art & samples of products are at the office to view & you can order on Kindo. Orders need to be in by Friday Nov 2nd.

Shoes

Do you know it takes 20-40 years for shoes to decompose???

Some take even longer.

We would love any preloved shoes, gumboots, slippers or sports boots that are in good condition so we can recycle them.

If you have old shoes we would love them in the bin outside Room 3

Dance Splash

At lunchtime on Thursday 20th September, all of the Dancesplashers followed Miss Ingle up to the hall next door. We got our hair and makeup done and got dressed into our costumes and ate our lunch. At 2pm, we got onto the bus and drove all the way to the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. When we got off the bus, we went to the stage and rehearsed our dance once and watched some of the other schools do their dances. Miss Ingle and Caroline felt very proud of us dancers after our rehearsal and said that we were really great and remembered all of our dance perfectly! I felt excited. The stage was really bright with lots of spotlights, but the audience was really dark. This made me less nervous because I couldn't see their faces when I was dancing. After our rehearsal, we had a snack and waited for the show to start. At 5pm, we headed backstage because we were the second school to perform. Our performance went very well! Afterwards we were all quite hyper and excited because all of our hard work had paid off! We watched all of the other schools perform and then our parents came to collect us. Our parents were all really proud of us. On our way home I was still feeling really jiggly and not even a little bit tired. I really enjoyed Dancesplash and I even got to keep my costume afterward. *(Marianna from Rm 8)*



Community News

Squash at Upper Hutt

We have Junior Squash every Friday night during school terms from 5pm to 7pm – any Junior (under 18) is welcome to come along for free and we have rackets available, just need to wear comfortable clothes and non-making shoes. Squash is about having fun, playing with friends and being active and most Friday there is coaching available. If you want to play friends at other times and take part in competitions, it's only \$99 for the year. Junior competitions are scheduled regularly across the Wellington and Wairarapa region. For more details:

www.squashupperhutt.co.nz
uhjuniorsquash@gmail.com

Text 028 421 5685

31 Maclean Street, Upper Hutt.
Right next to Wallaceville Train Station

Summer Cricket

Junior Cricket – Upper Hutt will be kicking off on Saturday 3rd November. If your son or daughter would like to have a go at cricket, and is yet to join a team, it's not too late! You can join by contacting jjcuuh.info@gmail.com or just go online:

<http://www.juniorcricket.co.nz/newsarticle/62796>

Games for year 2,3,4 are early morning and last 75-90mins. Most are local games. No games Xmas week until Anniversary weekend. Year 0-1 can join Superstar Cricket Academy, which runs for an hour on a Thursday @5pm TMP Grounds. Questions: Email above or phone Rose 021-636-437

St Margaret's Church Fair

Dunns St, Silverstream

Saturday 27th October 2018 10:00am – 1:00pm – Huge Selection of new and used items, food and fun for everyone. Bring your own shopping bag

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