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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 3 March

Interschool Netball (ppt 5th)

#### 10 March

School Photos  
Top School Event

#### 16-20 March

Movin' March Celebrations!

#### 17 March

Traditional Māori Games  
Interschool  
Board of Trustees Meeting -  
6.30pm Staffroom

#### Advance Notice:

27 March - Teacher Only Day  
(school closed)

Kia ora koutou!

#### Property Update

This work continues to move along. I would like to acknowledge the work of the teachers in Rooms 1-5 who are working hard to maintain positive learning environments in temporary spaces. It is a challenge, but one that will be worth it in the end. Thanks also to the parents of these children for their patience and to all of you making an effort to reduce traffic at pick up and drop off.

#### Attendance

You may have read media articles about our poor national school attendance rate for 2019, prompting the Ministry of Education to monitor this more closely. The MOE deem regular attendance to be 90% or above. Students who don't meet that will have missed at least 5 days in a 10 week term, which adds up to a month of learning if repeated across the year. As a school, we have always monitored attendance data termly and our overall attendance rate for 2019 was 90.5%. While that seems quite good, we have a number of children who have poor attendance rates. Each term we note all children who have attendance rates of 90-94% (we monitor these) and those below 90%. We then look at reasons why children are away and where there is a pattern of attendance below 90%, we contact parents. I have completed an analysis of overall attendance rates for last year, and am in the process of contacting parents of those who

were of concern to ensure you are aware of their low attendance rate and that we are monitoring their attendance carefully this year. We also monitor lateness and have similar processes for this. Of the unjustified absences for our school last year, the majority of them were term time holidays, days off for family birthdays and outside of school activities. Regular on-time attendance is important for all children and we appreciate the efforts many of you make to ensure this happens. Obviously if your child is sick, it is a justified absence for them to stay at home and important that they do so.

#### Bikes Working Bee - we really need some help!

Last newsletter, I put a note in the school news to say our bikes are in need of a really good clean and asked for volunteers to come and coordinate a big wash down, either during school time (we could get some children to help too) or on a weekend. Unfortunately I didn't get any offers of help, so here is my now we are desperate for some help call!!

### Carpark and Road Crossing Patrollers

Just a reminder that our carpark is closed between 8.30am-9am, then again from 2.55pm-3.15pm. This is so that the carpark and footpath around the carpark entrance/exit are safe for children. You are still able to use the carpark if you are in before it closes and happy to wait until it opens. If not, please park legally on the road. The Road Patrollers are doing a great job ensuring everyone is safe to cross the road. Please be aware that they open the signs (“signs out”), check it is clear (“check”, “clear”), then say “cross now”. It is important that pedestrians wait to be told to cross. Please ensure other family members who drop your children off and pick them up are aware of the need to wait until they are told to cross.

### Teddy the Pet Therapy Dog

Teddy a Pet Therapy dog will be joining us at Pinehaven School on a regular basis. Teddy is an exception to our dogs on school grounds procedure, that you see signposted around the school, as he here to support learning. Teddy is owned by Mrs McKee and works with her in the classroom as a support and reading dog. Teddy just loves kids to read to him and will happily snuggle up and offer a warm fluffy listening ear. Teddy is a great buddy to have around the class and is there for all kids across Pinehaven School to help, support and provide as many cuddles as needed! If you see Teddy around the school, please ask his handler first if you can pat him, he loves attention but sometimes is on a break and having some free time. Teddy looks forward to getting to know all the kids at Pinehaven.



Kaylene Macnee

## SCHOOL NEWS

### ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please let us know before 9am. Please either leave a message on the school answerphone OR email [absentees@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:absentees@pinehaven.school.nz) If you send a message via a teacher or the office email address, it doesn't always get to the right place, so please also copy in the absentees email above.

### WASTE FREE WORKSHOPS

Wellington Region Waste Free Workshops are coming up in March and April. The Upper Hutt Waste Free Parenting Workshop is on at Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Ct, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, on Thursday 2 April, 6:00pm – 8:30pm.

#### Upper Hutt WFP:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/waste-free-parenting-workshop-with-kate-meads/upper-hutt>

### ROAD CROSSING

Please remind your child to always use the pedestrian crossing to cross Pinehaven Road when they are coming to and from school. As adults, we should be modeling this as well!

### JAM JARS

One of our parents is keen to use some of our fruit for jam that we can sell at a bake sale/fundraiser. We need clean, unlabeled jam jars - if you have any, please send them into the office.

### 2020 ACTIVITY FEES & DONATIONS

Please look out for Tax Invoice/Statements in your child's bag over the next couple of days. We have a trip to the Botanical Gardens coming up later in the Term and the Term 1 Activity Fee (\$12.50) must be paid prior to this trip for your child to be able to attend. Payment can be made via Kindo or directly into the **school bank account:**

**12-3140-0337477-00**

### LUNCH ON LINE

Remember that you can order lunch to be delivered to your child every Wednesday (Sushi) and Friday (Pita Pit) by logging onto [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz). Some of you may have noticed that you can no longer purchase juice for school lunches, this item has been deleted and supports our policy as a water only school.

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