



# Pinehaven School

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Kia ora Koutou!

We are just over half way through the term and the winter ills certainly hit us last week. Most children seem to be on the mend, but if your child is still unwell, please keep them home.

## Staff News

I would like to congratulate Michelle Tate who has been appointed to the position of Principal at Te Horo School. Michelle will take up the position in Term 1 of 2019. She is ready for this next challenge in her career – she will be fabulous in this role and we will really miss her at Pinehaven. Michelle has a wealth of knowledge about teaching, learning and leadership. We will be 'downloading' her brain between now and December!!

## Upper Hutt Cluster Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey about education in Upper Hutt Schools. We will look as a cluster about what the results mean for the whole cluster, however I have had a chance to begin analyzing the data specific to our school, the gist of which can be found in the table on the next page. I was really pleased with the comments and feedback for us about learning at Pinehaven. It is really fantastic to hear that 100% of respondents thought learning at school was relevant to what children need to know and understand. Also a great positive for us is that you report children know what they are learning and why – we have worked really hard on this in recent years! I am really interested in hearing your views about how we can tap into your knowledge more effectively, so if you have any ideas please let us know!

## Upcoming Events

### August 31

Daffodil Day Fundraiser

### September 4

Interschool Football (ppt 6<sup>th</sup>)

### September 7

Sausage Sizzle Lunch  
Pinehaven Pacers' Twilight Run

### September 10

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

### September 14

Alternative Lunch – Pizza  
Book Club orders close

### September 18

Board of Trustees Meeting  
6.30pm Staffroom

### September 20

DanceSplash!

### ADVANCED NOTICE:

Arts & Craft Exhibition **21-23 September**

Family Fun Day (Gala) **10 November**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree
My child talks about their learning	39%	53%	8%
My child knows what they are learning & why	34%	66%	-
My child seeks to learn new things independently	47%	53%	-
My child keeps trying (even if things are hard)	22%	73%	5%
Teachers use my knowledge as a parent to support my child's learning	15%	67%	18%
I have a clear idea about my child's learning & progress	38%	57%	5%
My child feels confident talking to teachers about learning and challenges	29%	59%	12%
I feel confident talking to teachers about learning and challenges my child faces	68%	29%	3%
My child likes coming to school	50%	42%	8%
My child's learning appears to have the right level of challenge	43%	52%	5%
Learning at school connects to my child's strengths/interests	36%	61%	3%
Learning at school is relevant to what my child needs	35%	65%	-

Thanks again to those of you who completed the survey – we really find your feedback useful for future planning and decision making.

Have a great weekend ahead!

Ngā mihi nui  
Kaylene

## School News

**Bullying Prevention** – As part of our regular cycle of review, the Board of Trustees recently reviewed and updated our Bullying Prevention procedure. The updated procedure can be found on the Etap Parent Portal, as well as the school website.

**Goodbye**

**Guozhan and Vivan**

THANK YOU



## Mathswell Team – Congratulations!

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 Mathswell Team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Plate competition! They worked together really collaboratively which is great to hear. Thanks to Mr Blandford who prepared them for the competition and attended on the night. Thanks also to the parents who supported them.



## Dumpling Making



## Term Dates

### Term 4 2018

First day -Monday 15 October  
Last day - Tuesday 18 December

#### *PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING TERM*

- Labour Day

### Term 1 2019

First day -Monday 4 February  
Last day – Friday 12 April

#### *PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING TERM*

- Waitangi Day

### Term 2 2019

First day -Monday 29 April  
Last day – Friday 5 July

#### *PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING TERM*

- Queens Birthday

### Term 3 2019

First day -Monday 22 July  
Last day – Friday 27 September

### Term 4 2019

First day - Monday 14 October  
Last day - Thursday 19 December

#### *PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING TERM*

- Labour Day

## Netball

The netball season has finished for another year. This year we had 4 teams entered in Upper Hutt Junior Netball Club, which is great! All teams played with 110% each week & improved under the guidance of their wonderful coaches.

Well done to most improved Charlize O'Kane, Faith Bennett, Lucy Robinson & Corban Plester. Most Promising Payden Fox, Zoe Hilton, Ella Sunderland & Ruby Quinn.

Thank you to all coaches & parents for making the season a success.



## In the Community

### OKCNZ Home Stays

Supporting international students mainly Japanese who would like to study English and NZ culture with home stay experience. We are looking for more variety of host families who are enthusiastic to support students from overseas and intercultural events with our students. Office; 04 499 6187  
Email; [ikumi@okcnz.com](mailto:ikumi@okcnz.com)

### Totara Park Softball Registrations 2018/2019

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm to 8pm  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am to 12pm

Upper Hutt Rams Rugby Clubrooms,  
Maidstone Park, 3 Railway Ave,  
Upper Hutt

EFTPOS AVAILABLE - FEES MUST BE  
PAID ON REGISTRATION  
Enquiries to Lynley ph 5288213 or  
email [sec.tpsc@gmail.com](mailto:sec.tpsc@gmail.com)

### Weta Workshop

Upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to a new cohort of creative kids! From drama to sculpting and even chainmail making, our workshop for 6-12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out, Book online at  
[www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays](http://www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays)