

Pinehaven School 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

This is the final newsletter for 2024. We have had another great year of learning here at Pinehaven School. For some families, this is the end of an era as your child leaves our kura. I know that comes with a mix of emotions but I trust there are many positive memories from your child's time here that they will take away with them. Our very best wishes to all our leavers.

School Structure 2025

Next year we will begin the year with 8 classes. Managing class numbers is always a challenge, but we have been able to arrange the classes in a way that allows each teacher to have manageable class numbers. The school organisation is the same as it has been this year and is outlined below.

Kererū Hub:	Years 0-2 in Rooms 1 & 2 Years 2 & 3 in Rooms 3 & 4
Korimako Hub:	Years 4 & 5 in Rooms 9 & 10 Years 5 & 6 in Rooms 6 & 8

You will notice we have not assigned teachers to classrooms yet. We have been working through the complex task of class placements and finding the best fit for students. All children will find out their teacher at the end of Week 9 when reports and information for next year goes out.

Reports

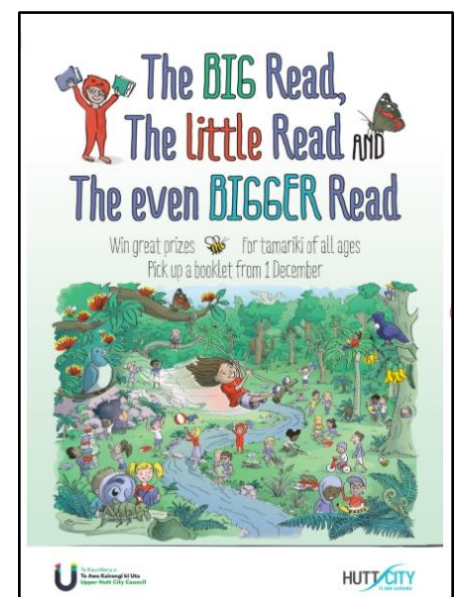
On Friday 13th December, you will receive your child's final report, along with their self-assessment in relation to our values and a picture collage. At this time of the year, the reports are not followed by a meeting with teachers. However we endeavor to send the report out before the final day so that you can make contact with your child's teacher by phone or email should you have any questions. In the report envelope, you will also find information about your child's class placement for 2025 and stationery items that are required for the year. A considerable amount of work goes into placing each child carefully, considering who they work well with and ensuring a balance of social, emotional and academic needs in each class.

End of an era – Reading Recovery

With the introduction of Structured Literacy and group approaches to targeted reading support, Reading Recovery is being disestablished across New Zealand. From 2025 we will have Better Start Literacy Tier 2 help for students who require additional targeted teaching. Special thanks to Karla Billington our Reading Recovery teacher for her dedication leading this intervention for the past five years. Karla will continue working at Pinehaven as a relief teacher so you will still see her smiling face around our kura.

The Big Read—Message from Mrs Blackadder our librarian

We are once again encouraging tamariki and rangatahi to get excited about reading this summer, have fun playing and be in to win cool prizes! Tamariki of all ages can pick up a journal for FREE from their local library. There is also a prize for the school which has the largest percentage of it's students enrolled and Mrs Blackadder would really like to win that!



Meet the Teacher— Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th February 2025

Save the date! You will be invited to come and meet your child’s teacher, sharing information about your child. We are really keen to hear about the goals and aspirations you have for them for 2025 and beyond.



Disco Fundraiser

Thank you for your support with our recent Disco Fundraiser. We raised over \$700 at this final fundraiser for 2024. Thanks for your support throughout the year with fundraising. Special thanks to Ray Heron for providing the lighting and DJ skills for the evening.

Sports Tops, Library Books, Reading Books, etc

Please have a look at home over the weekend and send any Pinehaven School sports tops, library books or readers back to school on Monday. We really can’t afford for these items not to be returned. A good look, even if you don’t think you have any lying around, would be much appreciated.

Values Awards Recipients

Congratulations to our latest values award recipients.



2024 Activity Fees and School Donations

We are still accepting outstanding activity fees and the optional school donations. Please make any payments into the schools main bank account **12-3140-0337477-000**.

Activity Fees for 2024 - \$12.50 per term (\$50 for year)

This year we have paid for a variety of trips and performers using this fee. Without the activity fee payment, we wouldn’t be able to have these additional events. Thank you to those who have paid their activity fee for 2024 already.

Junior Hub Trips & Performances 2024	Senior Hub Trips & Performances 2024
Trip to Petone Settlers Museum	Trip to Expressions
Fire Performance	Fire Performance
Botanical Gardens Trip	Zealandia Trip
NED's Mindset Mission Show	NED's Mindset Mission Show
Rhythm Interactive	Rhythm Interactive
Trip to Maidstone Max	Trip to Maidstone Max

School donations for 2024 - Donations are voluntary and being a donation are tax deductible.

One child: \$150 a year or \$37.50 a term
 Two children: \$280 a year or \$70.00 a term
 Three or more children: \$360 a year or \$90.00 a term

Donation towards bike helmet use: \$20 (one off payment for your child’s time at Pinehaven School)

Upcoming Key Dates:

- **Year 6 Celebration** - Monday 9 December @ Brewtown
- **School Trip to Maidstone Park** – Wednesday 11 December
- **Reports & Class Information for 2024 sent home** – Friday 13 December
- **School Assembly** – Friday 13 December, 2.30pm
- **Term 4 Ends, 12.30pm** – Tuesday 17 December

2025:

- **Term 1 Starts, 8.55am** – Monday 3 February
- **Waitangi Day** – Thursday 6 February – School closed
- **Teacher Only/Curriculum Day** – Friday 7 February – *School closed*
- **Meet the Teacher** – Wednesday 12 February, Thursday 13 February

Start of term 1 — Monday 3 February 2025

This first day of term 1 next year is Monday 3 February 2025 at 8.55am.

Medication

If we have medication in the office for your child, please come and collect it on the last day of term.

Lost Property

There is a growing pile of lost property in the container at the hall entrance. Please check this before the end of the term. We strongly encourage naming your child's clothing as this makes re-homing items a lot easier.

Final Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly from 11.45am on Tuesday 17th December to congratulate our Student leaders, librarians and monitors and give a final farewell to our Year 6 leavers. You are all very welcome to our final assembly in the hall.

Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work this year. Thanks also to the Board of Trustees for their support and governance throughout the year. And finally, thanks to you for your ongoing support throughout the year—I wish you all a happy and safe festive season, and all the best for the new year.

Have a great weekend,

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team

