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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 June

BOT Election Voting - Closes 12 noon

10 June (until 25th)

Dental van Visiting

11 June

Interschool Swimming - H20

14 June

Progress Reports sent home

18 June

Learning Conversations & Book Fair!
New Parent Information Evening
Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

19 June

Book Fair
Gardening Group Planting trip

Kia ora koutou!

The winter weather has arrived now and I want to thank the Kereru Hub parents for their patience last Friday when we had an issue with flooding in the Room 1-4 corridor. The flat section of that roof is due for replacement in Term 4, so we are monitoring the situation and temporarily fixing what we can.

Annual Report

Each year at the end of May, we provide the Ministry of Education with an annual report. This includes our audited financial accounts and an analysis of variance on the achievement targets set at the beginning of the year. Our 2018 Annual Report is now published on the 'Our School' section of our website.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Last term, some of you attended the parent meeting to find out about this programme. The programme is starting next week and running until the end of term. It is a fantastic programme run with the support of the NZ Police. We are lucky enough to have Constable Kerry Fenton working with us, who will come and talk to the children about being safe in our community. From time to time, there may be some home learning to do following a session so please ask your child during the week how the keeping ourselves safe

programme is going. Any questions, please see your child's classroom teacher or Hub

Leader and you can follow the link below

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

Budget 2019 - Parent Donations

I was disappointed to read that the higher decile schools are missing out on the school donation funding from the Government next year. This is something that we were of the understanding that all schools would get, however this has been only allocated to decile 1-7 schools, so our community miss out on this funding. For a school our size, we would have pulled in \$39,000 of additional operations grant if we stopped seeking the voluntary school donation from parents. The reason we have not been allocated the funding is that it is seen that our school can generate additional funding more easily through parent donations. We have around 65% of our parents paying donations each year and in 2018, we took in approximately \$22,000. You can see that while it is a voluntary donation, we do rely on these donations in order to operate and there really is a shortfall if parents don't pay. If you have not yet paid your donation for this year, but are in a position to do so, we really would appreciate payment.

Collective Bargaining

I just want to update you on the collective bargaining and potential strike action. While our secondary colleagues are proceeding with rolling strikes, at this point in time there are no set strike dates for primary teachers and principals. The Minister is meeting with our union today and we are hopeful this will result in a way forward for negotiations. We really want to avoid future strikes if possible, but these may be on the cards if we cannot reach agreement. We will keep you updated if there are any decisions made that affect our school.

Reports & Learning Conversations

Next week, you will get your child's report via the Etap Parent Portal. It is vital that you are all signed up to the portal as it is the most secure way for us to send the report electronically. Next week we will be sending more information about how to book your Learning Conversation and we will also be sending all parents the login details to the portal so you can check that it works for you.

Thanks

I would like to thank Penny Jones and Jodi Hartley who have both been completing teaching placements in Rooms 7 and 1 respectively. Penny finished up last week and Jodi finishes this week. They have both been great additions to our team and we wish them well for their future.

Ngā mihi
Kaylene

SCHOOL NEWS

After School Care

We are aware that the demand for after school care is increasing. The Board of Trustees and Pinehaven POSCA agreed last year that there was a need to look at how we could further meet demand and as a result, POSCA increased their staffing to allow for additional spaces late last year. This additional space has filled up quickly and we understand they continue to have a waiting list.

If there is enough interest, we may be able to work with another local provider to have children transported to a different site for after school care options. If you are interested in us looking into this, please let the office know - lisa@pinehaven.school.nz We did put a call out for interest for before school care last year, but only had one person reply so it wasn't a viable option. If you are interested, please let the office know and include whether it is before school, after school or both that you require, as well as whether or not you are on the POSCA wait list.

Please be aware that our preference is that our children attend on site provisions provided by POSCA, but currently the demand is too high and we are looking to support the overflow of our current provision.

STOPPING & PARKING NEAR OUR SCHOOL

Please put the safety of all children first at all times.

Parking restrictions are in place around our school for a reason – to protect our students.

How and where you stop or park can protect our students or put them in danger.

Safe and considerate drivers always:

- Stop or park away from broken yellow lines
- Do not double park to off-load or pick-up students
- Stop or park away from pedestrian crossings
- Do not park on the bus stop
- Do not park on corners

DO NOT PARK OR PULL INTO THE PINEHAVEN HALL DRIVEWAY BY THE OFFICE

We have two families with disabilities who have permission to park there only.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are raising funds and we need your help. Order your new 2019/2020 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and help our fundraising at the same time

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104196s>

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

Where would you go to ask for and offer help?



Your community can help each other by sharing information, skills and resources in a disaster

 Find your local Community Emergency Hub at GetPrepared.nz/hubs


What is a Community Emergency Hub?

A Hub is opened by the community in a disaster, when there has been widespread damage to power lines, water pipes, buildings, roads, or phone networks. It's a place to gather and organise ways to help each other.



<p>Who runs the Hub in an emergency?</p> <p>Hubs are opened and run by the local community, not by Civil Defence. You can get involved before an emergency by attending an event at your local Hub.</p>	<p>Where is my local Hub?</p> <p>Hubs are located at community facilities and some schools across the Wellington Region. Hubs used to be called Civil Defence Centres.</p>
<p>Are there emergency supplies at a Hub?</p> <p>No. As part of your community's emergency response plan, most things you need can be found locally. Each Hub has a small amount of equipment including a Hub guide, a VHF radio and a map to get you started.</p>	<p>How can I be more prepared for an emergency?</p> <p>Visit GetPrepared.nz/hubs to find the Community Emergency Hubs near your home and workplace. You can also check out the easy things you can do to be more prepared. Alternatively you can call us on 04 830 4279.</p>

The Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) leads and coordinates emergency management on behalf of the nine councils.

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