

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

It is hard to believe this is the final newsletter for term 1. It certainly has been an eventful term. We have really appreciated the support you have given us as we have made our way through the recent Omicron wave.

We are looking forward to term 2 with optimism and have included a few key dates for you to mark in your diary. Term 2 will see the return of some clubs and events. We will also enjoy an additional holiday, with the introduction of Matariki as a public holiday. Our learning around Matariki will come from both a cultural and scientific perspective, and we are looking forward to adding to students' knowledge with a trip to the Carter Observatory. Keep an eye out for notices related to these events.

### Strategic Planning and Reporting

In our first newsletter of the year, I included our strategic goals. The Board has now also confirmed our Achievement Targets for the year. Our charter documentation has been submitted to the Ministry and can be found on our school website. The detailed version of this information can be found by following this link to our website.

<http://www.pinehaven.school.nz/assets/Uploads/Pinehaven-School-Charter-Documentation-2022.docx-2.pdf>

At this time of the year, we also report to the Ministry of Education about progress against our 2021 achievement targets. A summary of this information can be found on our website.

### COVID-19 Information

The most recent government announcement indicated we are staying at red level for the remainder of the term. We are hopeful that by the start of next term we will be able to welcome parents back on-site. More communication regarding this will come out prior to the start of term 2 when we have an update from the MOE and MOH.

### Swimming

This week it was exciting to have the junior students take part in their swimming lessons at H2O Xtreme. It has been great to get this underway after a term without trips. The senior students have their turn next week. Thank you to our parent volunteers for coming along to support this programme.

### Classroom Happenings

Over the past two weeks I have been visiting classrooms. Seeing the learning in action and getting to know our tamariki better has been a real highlight of my week. While I was in Room 9, students shared their research related to World Water Day. The students were excited to explain the many facts they had learnt and how important it is that we are kaitiaki/guardians of this valuable resource. Here are a couple of examples to share. Nice work Room 9!

Have a lovely Easter everyone and an enjoyable holiday break.

Ngā mihi nui

Phillipa Whiteman



# Key Dates

4-7 April	Swimming at H20 (Juniors)
11-14 April	Swimming at H20 (Seniors)
14 April	Last day of term 1
15 April	Easter Friday
2 May	First day of term 2—Mihi Whakatau for new families

18-19 May	Carter Observatory Trips
23-27 May	Book Week
27 May	Book Character Day
25 May	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

## School News

### Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Online registrations for the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge are now open. This event is available for all students yrs 3-6.

The Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge is being held on **Wednesday 25th May** at Camp Wainui, 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata.

If your child would like to attend the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge please register and pay for them online.

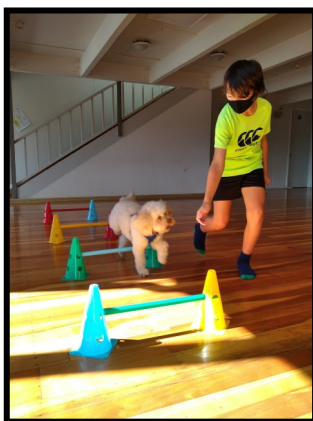
For further information go to the website [www.eventpromotions.co.nz](http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz) or email Callum [callum@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:callum@pinehaven.school.nz) We are looking forward to having an outdoor fun event to look forward to.

### Ted's Space

Ted's Space has operated at Pinehaven School for a number of years. This programme has previously been funded by grants, provided directly to our school. Recently, the Ted's Space programme transitioned to charitable status, with funding going directly to Ted's Space through grant applications and donations not via the school.

Moving forward, Ted's Space will work within our school as an outside provider, in much the same way as other agencies do. Many of us think of Teddy as an exclusively Pinehaven School dog! The reality is for the charity to survive and ultimately thrive, it will be seeking out other schools to work in. In the meantime, funding permitting, Teddy will continue to work alongside his trainer, Elizabeth McKee, with Pinehaven School students identified on the basis of need by teachers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to message Elizabeth directly through the Teddy Facebook page or [tedsspacenz@gmail.com](mailto:tedsspacenz@gmail.com).



### No Boundaries Eggs

With the support of Jason and Sarah van Dyk at No Boundary Eggs, we are selling free range eggs for \$8.00 a dozen. A percentage of sales are donated to the school. Orders are to be emailed to the office by 1pm Tuesdays for collection from the office on Thursday afternoon. Please make sure payment is made at the time of ordering, directly to:

**Name:** No Boundaries Eggs

**Acc:** 38 9017 0071842 00

**Reference:** Pinehaven / Code: Customer Name

## Thanks



Thanks to Pak n Save Upper Hutt for donating a 100ml hand sanitiser to every child at our school. We appreciate this generous donation.

All students will be sent home with a bottle unless we are advised otherwise. Please email the office by Monday if you do not want your child to bring a bottle home.



## Introducing The Team!

### Callum Nicol — Classroom Teacher (R7)

Callum is in his second year of teaching. He teaches Yr 4 & 5 students and is in the Korimako Hub. Callum is in charge of Sports here at Pinehaven. Callum is dad to two girls. You will often see Callum cheering his girls on from the sideline during his weekends.



### Penny Jones—Classroom Teacher (R8)

Penny returned to teaching in 2019 and teaches our Yr 4 & 5 students in Korimako with Carol & Callum. She leads our ICT support across the school, with a focus on how we can use digital technologies to support learning. Penny is mum to Ethan & Riley. Ethan attends Pinehaven School.



### Jim Bashaw—Classroom Teacher (R9) & Korimako Team Leader

Jim is one of the longest serving staff members at our school. He has taught across Years 3-6. Jim is currently teaching a Year 6 class. Jim is a member of our Leadership Team, currently leading our Korimako Hub. He is also interested in science and our enviroschools work.

