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Kia ora

## Family Fun Day

We are gearing up for a very exciting weekend ahead with the Family Fun Day. Please come and join us for loads of entertainment, good food and lots of top quality goods to purchase. The committee (Pamela, Pippa, Aramani & Martina) have done an amazing job pulling this together and I know many of you have helped them out, or are doing so on Saturday. I have been especially proud of the children working hard with their teachers to be resourceful and put together Family Fun Day projects and events to help make the day a success. I look forward to seeing you all there.

## Strike Action

Just a reminder that although the Ministry of Education and NZEI (teachers' union) are currently in a process of facilitation, the proposed strike action for next Friday (16<sup>th</sup> November) is at this stage still going ahead. School will be closed and parents need to make alternative arrangements for children that day. We understand that this is not ideal and appreciate your support.

## Staffing 2019

We have just completed making our teacher appointments for 2019. We are excited to confirm the appointment of Kathy Cutler as a permanent member of our team, as well as Rebekah Simpson. Many of you know Kathy, who has been relieving in Room 3 since Term 2. Rebekah comes to us from Palmerston North and will start her teaching career with us. We will now begin the process of finalising the class structures and teacher placements for next year, then will look at class placements. Just a reminder, you have until the end of TODAY to share with me any information you have (in writing) around considerations for your child. Please refer to my note in the last newsletter (can be found on our website) before you send me any information.



## Upcoming Events

### November 10

Family Fun Day – 10am-2pm

### November 12

Dental Van here all week

### November 13

Interschool Athletics (ppt 14<sup>th</sup>)

### November 16

Teacher Strike Day – **School Closed**

### November 20

BOT Meeting – 6.30pm  
Staffroom

## Congratulations!

I want to take this opportunity to celebrate our Silver Envro Award - we are really proud of the progress we have made on our EnviroSchools journey and it is all on display in the hall and office foyer. A special thanks needs to go to Kate Beaumont-Yee, Marion Saunders, Patricia Hvid, who have all been teacher leaders in this space. I would also like to congratulate the Enviro Group, particularly the guides who shared our progress with our visitors last week. Having said that, the Silver award signifies the movement of sustainable practices growing across the school, so a big well done goes to all staff and students.

## An Invitation

This year, the staff have been working on developing a learner profile – an overview that identifies what we want our learners to be like here at Pinehaven. We are up to version 5 of the document after testing our ideas with the Board and students. We are keen to hear what parents think about it. I am keen to meet with any parents interested in having a look and give us some thoughts about the content and its possible use to support learning. In a nutshell, it is an overview to help us focus on students with a healthy mindset who are planners, collaborators, innovators and go-getters! I have tentatively put aside time from 2.15-3.00pm on Thursday 15 November for a coffee in the staffroom to look at it. If you are keen to be part of this conversation, please let me know by the Tuesday next week if you are able to join me.

Have a great weekend ahead everyone - see you on Saturday!

*Kaylene Macnee*

## School News

- All students need to have a full brimmed hat to be able, to play and participate in outdoor activities – NO CAPS
- If your child is going to be away, or sick, or late, or at an appointment. Please email [absentees@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:absentees@pinehaven.school.nz) or ring the school absentee line. Unfortunately we have had a couple of instances of parent notifying teachers who are then off site or on release and the message does not get through

## Silver Envro Award



## ANTARCTICA

It was Friday the 26th of October, morning tea had just passed. I hear my classmates voices die down as we enter the hall. I see a man I recognize. Ken, my old gym teacher. I look in front of me and see a big triangular, yellow tent. Odd. Beside it is a penguin in a plastic case. Its colours have all faded to a light beige and some specks of black.

Just as the Korimako and Tui Hubs are all seated on the hard, polished, golden floor, Ken walks up and positions himself beside the tent. My imagination begins to plan my future trips to Antarctica as Ken shares his story with us. A slideshow of photos begins. Icy glaciers, Emperor penguins, Scott Base, massive airplanes, ice, ice and more ice. I suddenly see a picture of an Adelie Penguin. It reminds me of our trip to the International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch (a definite must for families if you're down that way!!)

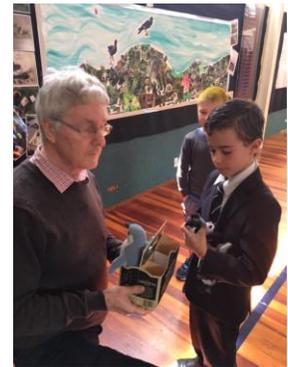
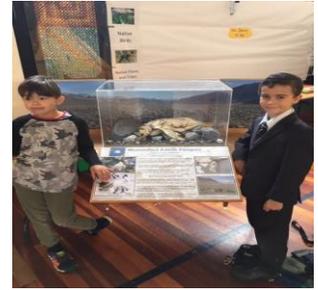
At the end of Ken's speech anybody who asked an interesting question got to go inside the tent. When I hear my name get called out I was so excited!!

I duck my head as I slip into the tent. I feel my foot get stuck as I trip over the outside bit. The inside of the tent was much smaller than I had expected. The smell of it smelt rather pongy. I hold my nose as I hear someone exclaim: "Pee-yew! This stinks." I wonder how old this tent is and how two grown adults could fit in here?

I really enjoyed Ken's Antarctica presentation. He should probably be there now for his fifteenth trip! I am definitely keen! Now to start planning my trip there!!

By Aryanna Billington  
Age 10  
Room 6

## Antarctica



## In the Community

**FAMILY DAY**

**Pinehaven**  
SCHOOL

ENTERTAINMENT & FUN FOR ALL

**Saturday 10th November**

**10am - 2pm**  
*Rain or Shine*

Pinehaven School, Forest Rd, Pinehaven

Family Fun   Feed   Petting Zoo   Garden & Craft   Main Stage   Pre-loved Sale

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