

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

Term 4 is off to a great start. Thank you for making alternative arrangements for the Teacher Only Day on Friday —the staff had a valuable time of learning with teachers from the Upper Hutt Cluster. Our Board of Trustees have also been involved in recent new learning with the Upper Hutt Cluster. Board members were invited to an evening at the Cossie Club last week to find out about the Upper Hutt Clusters' strategic plan and the different groups working within our cluster. This information evening was well attended and gave insight into the direction we are moving in as a collective. 2023 will bring a new strategic direction for the cluster and also our school. Consultation will be taking place early next year. I look forward to working with you all to determine our next steps as a kura.

### Refreshed NZ Curriculum

The Ministry of Education are currently in the process of 'refreshing' the NZ Curriculum. If you are interested in reading more go to: <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/curriculum-and-assessment-changes/>. This is a good time to put forward your thoughts. <https://curriculumrefresh.education.govt.nz/get-involved>

### Class Placements

We are currently determining class structures for next year. This is never an easy job as each year group differs in size, ranging from 20-36 children! We are considering different options and will settle on the one that best meets the needs of all learners. We are not sure yet about the exact class make up (e.g. mixed/straight year level) and this may vary as we are still confirming year levels of teachers. We will soon begin thinking about class placements. When placing students in classes, we make every effort to ensure classes are well balanced (gender, ability, social/emotional and academic needs), as well as ensuring students are placed with others who they work well with. It is worth noting they do not always work to their full potential alongside their friends. We aim to place students in classes where they can be catered for effectively, where they will be happy and well matched to teacher strengths. I acknowledge that parents can have information about their child we may not be aware of, that can support us in making effective class placements. There is an opportunity between now and **Tuesday 8 November** to advise me in writing of anything that might be helpful in compiling class lists. As situations change, I do not hold this information from year to year, so you will need to use this process to inform me of anything historical that still applies. I ask that you email me directly [principal@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:principal@pinehaven.school.nz) as opposed to talking to teachers or other staff. Please include the educational reasoning behind the information you are sharing with me. The reason I ask you to email or write to me directly is to ensure I receive all the information, and nothing gets 'lost in translation'. As a staff, we will then use this information to assist us in making placements. Please note that there are a range of factors to consider in this process and I cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests, rather we consider them alongside other factors. What one parent might suggest could be cancelled out by the needs of other children/classes or teacher objective knowledge. Our timeframe for class placements is tight, therefore I ask that you meet the deadline above. It is likely to be too late to consider any information coming in after this date. Towards the end of the year, it is also a time when families make changes and we sometimes have people moving out of the area. If this is the case for your family, the sooner we know this, the easier it is for us to plan class numbers for 2023. I would appreciate it if you could let us know.

### Free Te Reo Māori Course

Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is a Ministry of Education te reo Māori initiative, free for teachers, whānau, BOT, non-teaching and support staff in schools. Learn through waiata (song), games, online learning, fun resources, noho wānanga and more, in a safe learning environment with like-minded learners. If you are interested in learning more or registering, please check out the website: [www.karuru.co.nz](http://www.karuru.co.nz)

Have a great weekend,

Phillipa

# Key Dates

28 October	Pinehaven Pacers' - 8am	1 December	Disco—Christmas Theme
	Friday Fun starts for term 4	5 December	Year 6 Celebration
	Assembly School - Kererū	9 December	Assembly School - Kererū
4 November	Kapa Haka Festival - Harcourt Park	12 December	Reports out today
15 November	Board Meeting—Staffroom 6.30pm	13 December	6.30pm BOT Meeting
18 November	Assembly School - Korimako	15 December	Last Day of School—12.30pm finish

## Everyone welcome!

### Upper Hutt Cultural Festival

Our performance Kapa Haka rōpū have been working hard on their item for this upcoming event. All our welcome to join us at Harcourt Park on **Friday 4th November**.

Our group is scheduled to be on stage at midday however whānau are more than welcome to stay to support all schools.

This is an exciting change to the historic Upper Hutt Cultural Festival which was held at Lane Park. It is hoped that by having it outdoors more people will be able to attend and make it a day of celebration for our cluster. Food Trucks and coffee carts will be available on-site for refreshments. There is a gold coin koha for entry.

## New students

A warm welcome to Jack who started school in Te Wai since our last newsletter. It is lovely to have you and your whānau joining our school Jack!

## Disco

Get your dancing shoes ready, we have a disco coming up to celebrate the end of a busy year! Should be a fun night.

**Thursday 1st December from 6.00- 7.30pm.**



**UPPER HUTT  
CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

**NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI**  
Te Awa Kairangi Ki Uta  
Toi Whakaari, 2022

Date: Friday 4th November 2022  
(Postponement Date: 7th Nov)

**Location: The Harcourt Park Stage, Upper Hutt**  
Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Hosted by**  
**Silverstream School - Te Kura o Māwai Hākona**  
Featuring schools from around Upper Hutt

Koha entry

### Sunhats & Drink Bottles

Just a reminder that all children need a sunhat and drink bottle at school this term—things are heating up here.

Sunhats must be worn by all children when they are outside.





# School News continued...

## Kererū Showcase

Last week Kererū Hub performed their showcase to a large audience of their whānau and friends. Like me, many were blown away by the creativity and content of this student led performance. If you missed the first showing, Kererū Hub have kindly offered to do a repeat performance this afternoon at our assembly.



## Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are correct and if needed update with Pamela at [office@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:office@pinehaven.school.nz)

## Year 6 Celebration

The farewell evening for our Year 6 students has been organised for **Monday 5th December**. More details will be sent to families of Year 6 students soon.

## Ice Block Fridays

### Term 4 Fundraiser - Starting Friday 11th November

Now the weather is improving we thought our tamariki might enjoy an ice-block on a Friday. We will be selling mini popsicles (lemonade only) for \$1.00 each. Simply put your child's name in an envelope with the money inside (you can pre-order all at once for the 5 weeks) or get them to come to the office with their gold coin and we will add them to our list. We will not be taking orders via internet banking. Ice-block Fridays will run from week 4 until the end of term 4.

Feel free to email Rachel [rachel@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:rachel@pinehaven.school.nz) if you have any questions. Thanks for your support.

## Danish Rounders



### Interschool Danish Rounders Tournament

On Wednesday, 35 students competed in the Interschool Danish Rounders Tournament at Trentham Memorial Park.

Pinehaven School took two teams to this event, a competitive and social team. Our competitive team made it to the semi-finals and the social team had a great day participating.

Many thanks to the parents who helped on the day and to teachers who organized this event.



# K-Wow Pics!



# Friday Fun Project

From this...to this! Thanks to the parents and students who helped get our taniwha ready for painting. Thanks to all involved.

