

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to Term 3! It is hard to believe we are into the month of August already. The year is certainly passing by quickly.

Bikes & Bike Track Update

This year we haven't been able to use our school bikes and track. At the end of 2021, our bikes were sent away to be fixed however due to the change in Covid levels and a few other glitches, were not able to be repaired. Long story short, during the recent holidays, I received a call from Karl Woolcott who owns a company called Ride Holidays. They operate Road Cycling Tours around the world. Karl is a former Pinehaven student and had heard of our problem and wanted to help. Ride Holidays has a group of volunteers who every month visit schools to help maintain their bikes. The team completed mechanical repairs, upgraded worn out tyres, replaced worn out bike parts and other general bike maintenance.

While the mechanics worked on the bikes, Karl's brother and nephews, (also past Pinehaven students) Blair, Jared and Sam Woolcott installed bike hooks in our bike container to ensure storage of our bikes takes care of them going forward. What an amazing offer of help!

Thank you to the Ride Holidays volunteers who helped our kids get back on our bikes. We are so appreciative of their help and also the financial assistance given, namely paying for a lot of the new bike parts. Check out the link in the email accompanying this newsletter for the Ride Holidays website to take a look at what they are all about. A big thank you to all the volunteers from our students, staff and school community.

Aswell as our bikes needing repair, our bike track is also in need of some TLC. I have been in touch with an expert who will assess the damage (caused by weather mostly) and give us some advice on how to get it back up to scratch. We are hopeful this won't be too far away.

Board of Trustees Elections

Nominations for the Board of Trustees Elections closed yesterday. We have received four nominations for three vacancies. Please look out in your mail box, after the 10th August, for voting forms. Completed voting forms can be returned to the soldier in the office. Election day is **Wednesday 7th September**.

Teacher Only Day

Just a friendly reminder that on **Friday 21 October** all Upper Hutt Primary and Intermediate Schools have a Teacher Only Day. This is tagged to Labour weekend so you might want to plan an extra long weekend!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Phillipa



Key Dates

5 August	Junior Hub Assembly 2.20pm—Parents welcome	26 August	Daffodil Day—Wear yellow please
9 August	Carter Observatory Trip—Room's 6 & 8		Junior Hub Assembly 2.20pm—Parents welcome
10 August	Carter Observatory Trip—Room's 7 & 9	2 September	Senior Hub Assembly 2.20pm—Parents welcome
11 August	Silverstream Kindergarten visiting	7 September	Board of Trustees Election Day
12 August	Senior Hub Assembly 2.20pm—Parents welcome	9 September	Onesie Day
16 August	Board of Trustees Meeting—6.30pm Staffroom	16 September	Junior Hub Assembly 2.20pm—Parents welcome
	Interschool Basketball	20 September	Board of Trustees Meeting—6.30pm Staffroom

School News

2023 Enrolments

If you have a child turning 5 in 2023, we would really appreciate it if you could complete an enrolment form by the end of August 2022. This will help us with our planning for next year. Enrolment information can be found on our website. If you have any questions about enrolment, or would like to arrange a meeting with the Phillipa, email office@pinehaven.school.nz

Daffodil Day—Wear Yellow 26th August

Every year schools across the country get involved in Daffodil Day to support the Cancer Society's work and raise awareness. This year Pinehaven School will be taking part in this event also. Students are encouraged to wear yellow to school on Friday 26th August. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Onesie Day—9th September

Onesie Day donations go towards keeping Wellington Free Ambulance services free of charge. Wellington Free Ambulance is the only emergency ambulance service for Greater Wellington and Wairarapa and the only service in New Zealand that is free. Once again, if you want to donate to this cause, we invite you to send along a gold coin donation.

It is great to be able to assist these charities with fundraising and bring attention to both organisations. However If you would prefer to only support one of these charities not both, that is totally fine.

A special welcome to two new students joining us at Pinehaven School this term. Ibrahim and Kaylee have started in Te Wai.

Welcome to our school!

2023

TERM DATES

Term One
Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 6 April

Term Two
Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Term Three
Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term Four
Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

Public Holidays
Waitangi Day: Monday 6 February
Easter: School holidays
Anzac Day: Tuesday 25 April
Queen's Birthday: Monday 5 June
Matariki: School holidays
Labour Day: Monday 23 October

Teacher Only Day
Friday 20th October

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SAVE THE DATE

23 & 24TH SEPTEMBER

Year 6 Visit to Fergusson Intermediate

Fergusson Intermediate Trip

By Delisia Yudana and Evie McGlinchey

On Monday the year 6's went to Fergusson Intermediate for a hands-on day. We were welcomed in and took our seats as their performance group began their haka. The haka was amazing and we were very honoured to have them perform their great haka for us.

After the student leaders had given us a short tour around the school the class was separated into two groups and we were led to our first class!

The day started very casually. Group 2 had Mrs. Soper for STEAM. They got to use play dough to make electrical circuits and the playdough was also used to make very tall towers with a few skewers. Meanwhile, the other half of the group got to use the school's microscopes to match patterns for their activity.

Next door in the robotics class, group 1 was using the M-bots and some robots that some children at Fergusson had made at an event in the school holidays. They were also taught how to use block coding which was interesting.

Soon after, both groups swapped activities and moved onto new subjects. Group 1 enjoyed their cooking lesson; making chocolate brownies and fruit smoothies. (They were delicious!). Meanwhile group 2 was eagerly learning about Thank You X, a talented street artist. They made a collaborative piece of art, Conjoining 3D cubes personalised by the Pinehaven students.

The whole class ate lunch together and then went outside for a class game of bench ball ran by the sports captains from Fergusson. Group 2 was able to try out their brownies and they smelled delish!

With everybody puffing after the exciting game of bench ball we were able to get to our next classes.

While group 1 began their art activity, group 2 was finally able to bake some tasty brownies!

After the sessions, Group 2 started to cut out their own wooden keychains, using Fergusson's laser cutter to imprint their names on their keyring.

Group 1 was having the time of their lives playing BIG BOOTY with the performing arts teacher Miss. Pearce. They eventually moved onto the music activity and learnt how to continue a beat using drums and xylophones.

After both groups had rotated around, the principal came in to say goodbye as we walked out to the bus.

The Year 6's really enjoyed the trip and had so much fun! Each and every class was exciting in its own way. We got to learn a lot and we're super excited to move onto intermediate next year!

Year 6 Visit Photos

