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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Events

**15 February**

Pita Pit Lunch

**16 February**

Family Camp Out

**19 February**

Kathryn Berkett Parent Evening  
- 7-8.30pm Hall

**22 February**

Subway Lunch (orders by 20th)  
School Assembly - 2.10pm Hall

**26 February**

BOT Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom

**1 March**

Pita Pit Lunch

**4 March**

School Photos

**5-8 March**

Year 8 Camp

**18 March**

Teacher Paid Union Meeting

### Kia ora koutou!

It is great to see all the children settling into class and the new school year. Unfortunately, I was unwell on the first day of school so unable to be here to welcome all our new staff and students. I extend a warm welcome to Rachel Johnston, Rebekah Simpson and all our new children and families.

### Family Evening

Thanks to all of you who attended our family evening last week - it was great to see you all there. Thanks also to those who have sent me feedback about the evening.

### Office Staffing Arrangements

This year, we have made some changes in the office. Lisa Prendergast works for most of the morning. While Lisa is here, she will be tending to all front of house queries to enable Pamela to work uninterrupted on other key tasks relating to finance, HR, payroll and executive officer duties. When you come into the office, please in the first instance see Lisa if she is here. Obviously, Pamela will still help out when needed.

### Strength Spotting

We are really keen to spot and build upon strengths of staff and students this year. Rachel Johnston shared some information about this at the family evening. Many of you asked for the resources, so her notes, including a link for more information, is attached to our newsletter email. What strengths can you spot in your child? Feel free to share these with your child's teacher!

### Changes to the Home & School

Many of you may be aware that we have found it difficult to maintain enough members in our Home and School to sustain the fundraising calendar without wearing out the small, dedicated group of volunteers who give up their time. In order to try to share the load, we are taking a new approach this year and having a 'Friends of the School' Committee who will work with me to plan the calendar of events, then we will call for volunteers when events need to be run. If there are not enough volunteers,

we will not proceed with the event. This new model means that we won't have a small group carrying the full load. I will facilitate the first meeting of the group to plan the calendar on Wednesday 27 February and I will plan the time of the meeting based on feedback from those interested. If you are interested in helping me with this task, please email me - [principal@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:principal@pinehaven.school.nz) and include if you would prefer an after school (3.15pm) or evening (7pm) meeting. I will then confirm the time based on majority availability.

### **Trips & Activity Fees**

We do have some trips planned for both Hubs to go to Capital E (Korimako Hub on 12th March & Kereru Hub on 20th March). In order for children to attend these trips, please ensure your activity fees are paid up prior to this date (or at least the Term 1 portion of \$12.50).

### **Paid Union Meeting**


As you may be aware, the union that represents teachers continues to engage in negotiations with the Ministry of Education with regards to teachers' collective agreement. The Union have called a meeting on **18 March** in Upper Hutt. All union members are legally entitled to attend this meeting to discuss contract negotiations. There is another meeting our staff can attend, however this is on the day of our Kereru trip to Capital E. We don't want to create any difficulties for working parents, so school is not closed. However, on this afternoon, if you are in a position to do so, we would appreciate it if you could pick your children up at 12.30pm as we will be working on a very skeleton staff of me and the support staff! Please note that school is not officially closed, and if you are unable to collect your child, we will provide an alternative programme for the afternoon. It is important that if this is the case, you **let the office know by Thursday 14 March** so that I can ensure we have enough staff to supervise. We really appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

### **Big Year!**

We have a big year ahead with a number of the buildings having the roof replaced, and also the refurbishment of Rooms 1-4. Both of these projects have been signed off by the Ministry of Education. As there is too much work to complete in a holiday period, there may be times when some classes need to be housed in the hall - this is unavoidable, but will be done efficiently and suitably managed to ensure we minimise disruption to learning. The projects will go out to tender, but we want to alert our community so that any parents with a commercial interest in this work can be notified of any upcoming tendering information. While this project is overseen by a property manager, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, we can keep you in the loop of key tendering information. If you are in this situation, please let me know.

I hope your child has settled well into the new school year. Please remember that if at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher to sort it out early. If needed, you can also talk to one of our Leadership Team.

*Kaylene Macnee*



**Building Resilience in our Children**



**Pinehaven School Hall**  
**Tuesday 19 February – 7.00-8.30pm**

**Kathryn Berkett**

Kathryn is a highly respected and entertaining speaker who has her Masters in Educational Psychology and is a certified Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics practitioner.

She will talk to parents about what we can learn from neuroscience to support the development of resilient children who are confident and able to problem solve.

Not to be missed! \$10 per person or \$15 per couple from the same family. Tickets available via kindo, or cash at the school office.  
[office@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:office@pinehaven.school.nz)

**Early Words & Hooked on Books - Can you help?**

We are looking for volunteers who can give up some time to help with our Hooked on Books and/or Early Words Programmes.

Hooked on Books is a reading mileage programme to give students a boost who need it. We are looking for volunteers who can come in and read with a child 2-3 times a week, for about half an hour at a time. You will be given guidance on what to do - we just need your time! If you are interested in helping, please contact Paula Christian - [paula@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:paula@pinehaven.school.nz)

Early Words is a programme that we run with our Year 0-3 students around ensuring they securely understand common sight words. Again, you will be given guidance on what to do and we just need volunteers to give up some time one day a week. If you are able to help with Early Words, please contact Gregory Stanton - [gregory@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:gregory@pinehaven.school.nz)



**SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY !!**

**Family Camp Out**

Bring your tent and byo dinner for a nights camping in the school field

\$25 per family includes 1 hot chocolate per person and two breakfast bacon butties per family - pre order extra butties on the registration form -

Set up from 5.00pm  
 \$2 sausage sizzle available

registration and payment can be made through the office

Come and join us for this Year 5/6 camp FUNdraiser we'd love to see you there !

### **ABSENT**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the absence line 04 5284 365 or email [absentees@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:absentees@pinehaven.school.nz)

It is a requirement of the Ministry of Education that we code absences according to the reason, so please advise why your child is not attending.

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### **LATE / APPOINTMENTS**

If your child is late to school please make sure either yourself or your child comes to the office and signs in.

If you are taking your child from school for an appointment please sign them out, then back in when they return.

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### **SUNSMART**

Please ensure your child has a sun hat with a wide brim, **not a cap**. We encourage sunglasses and bringing and applying their own sunblock.

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### **ASTHMA**

For those children who have asthma diagnosed by a doctor, it is important that you have advised the school office. It is also very important that the school have your child's prescribed inhalers and that these have not expired. The expiry date can be checked by pulling out the canister from the inhaler and checking on the canister the date noted next to "Exp:" Inhalers are kept in the office, not in school bags.

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### **PIANO LESSON @ SCHOOL**

Sarah has some spots available for a weekly piano lesson during the school term. Lessons are 15 minutes and cost \$9.00 per lesson. Please contact Sarah directly 027 3040 108 or [srh-85@hotmail.com](mailto:srh-85@hotmail.com)

### **PINEHAVEN PACERS**

The Pinehaven Pacers run before school on Thursdays, meeting on the hall deck at 8:00am.

It will start for 2019 in week 6 on Thursday 14 March.

All children wanting to participate will need to complete a 2019 registration form **(attached)**. If your child were part of the Pacers last year, a new form is to be completed and returned to Ms Macnee via the Soldier in the office.

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### **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.

## CLOTHING

Please make sure all your child's clothing is named clearly, and they have a change of clothes in their school bag. The lost property bin is located in the Junior Block.

## TOP SCHOOL

On Wednesday, 13th of March there is an event called Top School at Harcourt Park. It is an event that children and adults compete against other Upper Hutt schools in a number of themed competitions. The theme this year is Animal Movies! We are looking for 6 children and 6 adults to compete as well as a support crew to come down and watch. There will be food trucks and activities for children to do who are not competing, it would great to have as much support as possible! Generally it is for Years 4-6 but if you have a keen child who is younger than that who can give difficult tasks a go, let me know! Email Sam Blandford at [sam@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:sam@pinehaven.school.nz) if you and your child are interested!

## WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

Interested in the Weet-bix Tryathlon? It is held on Thursday, March 19th at Hutt Recreation Ground in Lower Hutt. Follow this link for more details: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> or this link to register in our School Group: <https://www.registernow.com.au/se-cure/Register.aspx?E=31846&G=67953>.  
For more details contact Sam Blandford at [sam@pinehaven.school.nz](mailto:sam@pinehaven.school.nz).

**Supporting success in your school.**

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

**How to claim this offer**  
Mention this offer to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan.

Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

Visit [www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school](http://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school) for more information and eligibility criteria.

Once your loan is fully drawn down, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

[www.asb.co.nz/schoolbanking](http://www.asb.co.nz/schoolbanking)

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Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019; mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes lending through brokers; Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see <https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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## MEET OUR NEW STAFF



### **Rachel Johnson (left) Deputy Principal**

I am very excited to be working at Pinehaven. It is lovely to be back in a Primary School after 11 years teaching at Raroa Intermediate. I am originally from a small town in the South Island. I have two sisters. One is a teacher in Paraparaumu. She has 3 children, 2 boys and a girl. My other sister is a chef in Te Anau. My parents moved up to Paraparaumu 3 years ago. Art is one of my passion and I love painting and creating.

### **Rebakah Simpson (right) Room 10 teacher**

I am originally from Marlborough and have studied in Christchurch and Palmerston North. I recently moved to Upper Hutt and I am looking forward to being a part of the Pinehaven community. I have a great passion for learning and always love to learn alongside my students to discover new information together. My focus this year is on fostering growth in the values that Pinehaven School celebrates, as well as encouraging each learner to be the very best that they can be. Kereru Hub will be working together to achieve these goals as a team. Please introduce yourself if you see me in the playground!

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### **A GREAT NEW APP TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE**

Which Way NZ has been recently developed by Mid and South Canterbury Road Safety and after thorough testing is now available nationwide!

It's been designed specifically for school-aged children to help improve their decision-making skills.

Proudly sponsored by: TIMARU, HELZ, Ashburton, PROactive DRIVE

**WHICH WAY?**  
**Free App. Free Prizes.**  
A great new free app set to test your skills while winning great prizes every month through our Facebook.  
Download Which Way NZ today!  
Download on the Google Play or the App Store.  
@WhichWayNZ

## Pinehaven Pacers (2019) ENROLMENT FORM (Running Club)

Please complete this enrolment form and return it to the school office. Please read the Information for Parents/Caregivers and runners!

**NOTE – Children will not be able to participate if this is not completed.**

<b>Name:</b> <b>Address:</b> <b>Age:</b> <b><u>Parents Contact details:</u></b> <b>Mobile Phone:</b> <b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Any medical Conditions Details</b> *please note – if your child has asthma, you are responsible for ensuring they have medication with them at Pinehaven Pacers.	
<b>Any other concerns</b>	
<b><u>Running gear</u></b> My child can come each week with appropriate running shoes, raincoat and a change of clothes	

I give my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Pinehaven Pacers, which may include running out of school grounds, under the care of parent supervision and I have discussed with my child **The Information for Parents/Caregivers and Runners of Pacers club.**

I can assist with the running club

YES/NO

MAYBE?

Parent:

Signature:

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BIKE THE TRAIL

**FREE** family-friendly event on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Go to [Event information » Bike the Trail](#) for more information

There is also a colouring competition <http://www.bikethetrail.co.nz/colouring-competition/>

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### SQUASH AT UPPER HUTT

We have Junior Squash every Friday night during school terms from 5pm to 7pm – any Junior (under 18) is welcome to come along for free and we have rackets available, just need to wear comfortable clothes and non-making shoes.

Text 028 421 5685

[www.squashupperhutt.co.nz](http://www.squashupperhutt.co.nz)  
[uhjuniorsquash@gmail.com](mailto:uhjuniorsquash@gmail.com)

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### Activation

Picnic & Play - February 21st is a family-friendly event which encourages our community to be outdoors and active in our local parks and reserves. The event will run from 5-7pm.

Currently, we have some awesome activities on board including Hungerball, Little Dribblers football, Pinehaven Tennis Club, Tobilos Pizza and the library bus.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/258094398192278/>

### WHAT NOW!

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** our show will be coming live from **Upper Hutt** and you're invited to be part of the live audience!

Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...& **it's FREE!!** As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

**Register online to be part of the audience**

[www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)

Ground Location: Upper Hutt Primary, 49 Martin Street, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt.

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### ARTS A GO GO!

Performing Arts School for Kids Upper Hutt still has limited spaces available in some of our popular drama, dance, singing, pre-school music, Irish Dancing and musical theatre classes. For more details, please see <http://www.artsagogo.co.nz> contact [rachel@artsagogo.co.nz](mailto:rachel@artsagogo.co.nz) or ph 0211441641.

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