

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

The recent good weather has provided lots of opportunities for our tamariki to get outdoors. The senior hub students have been taking part in Pedal Ready Sessions, improving their bike skills and for some older students, their road awareness. Yesterday one of the instructors commented to me on the improvement in students' skills and how keen they were to learn, a great compliment for our children. In the junior hub, students have been enjoying using the Activation Play Pod for the past few weeks. The juniors have loved having the Play Pod here, always great to get a few different pieces of equipment to play with. On Thursday when I was outside with a class, I looked across the field and saw all this physical activity and learning happening. I couldn't help but think how great it was seeing our students participating in healthy activities, learning new skills and enjoying being with their friends while they did. How fortunate are we to have this stunning environment to play, learn and work in.



Staffing

I am pleased to let you know that we have a new teacher joining the team. Alice Gibb has been appointed to work in the senior hub, starting next year. Alice comes highly recommended from previous schools and we look forward to welcoming her here in 2023. Alice will take on the senior hub leader classroom teacher. We thank Jim Bashaw for his hard work leading our 4 senior classes this year.

Upper Hutt Cultural Festival

Our performance Kapa Haka rōpū performed last week at Harcourt Park as part of the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival. They performed a set of waiata on the main stage at Harcourt Park in front of a large crowd of supportive onlookers, including local Kaumatua. Congratulations to the tamariki who performed, you may have been small in number however that was not reflected in your incredible performance. You did yourselves, your whānau, your kaiako, Melanie Wakeham, Rebecca Watene and Carol Elers-Nuku as well as the rest of our school community proud. More photos of our rōpū can be found on our Pinehaven School Facebook page. He mahi rawe katoa, great job everyone!



Enviro Action Day

On Wednesday, 23rd November, from 12.30pm we plan to have an **ENVIRO ACTION DAY** around the school. Our staff and students will be having a working bee to spruce up the school and take care of our local environment. Any parent helpers would be GREATLY appreciated! We will start off the afternoon at 12.30pm, with a picnic in the shade and a short play, then work will begin! More details in the notice attached.



Congratulations

This afternoon our staff will be meeting with Upper Hutt Schools to recognise teachers new to teaching, retiring and others receiving special awards. Deirdre Reeves and Callum Nicol will be among those recognised today. Both Deirdre and Callum have completed their two years of teaching with their provisional registration and will now be full registered. Congratulations to you both and thank you for the many and varied ways you contribute to making Pinehaven School a special place to learn and work.

Have a great weekend,

Phillipa

Key Dates

15 November	Interschool Athletics for selected students	5 December	Year 6 Celebration
18 November	Assembly School - Korimako	9 December	Fun Day 11-1pm (More details to follow)
22 November	Board Meeting— <i>Staffroom 6.30pm</i>		Assembly School - Kererū
23 November	Enviro Action Day—12.30pm start	12 December	Reports out today
29 & 29 November	Mawaihakona Stream School trips (More details to follow)	13 December	6.30pm BOT Meeting
1 December	Disco—Christmas Theme	15 December	Last Day of School—12.30pm finish

Pinehaven tamariki in action!



Ice Block Fridays

Now the weather is improving we thought our tamariki might enjoy an ice-block on a Friday. We are 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 Claire claire@pinehaven.school.nz if you have any questions. Thanks for your support.

Sunhats, Drink Bottles & Sunscreen

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.



With the increased time outdoors and summer almost upon us, the need for sunscreen is increasing. If you are able to get your child to apply sunscreen prior to leaving home each morning that would be great! Alternatively, students can have their own sunscreen supply to apply during the day.

Special thanks

Thank you for your support with our Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Our profit for this \$927.60 which is fantastic!

Money raised is going towards our Bike Track Upgrade. I met with a contractor this week to discuss options for this upgrade, the pump and skills area is in most need. We will be seeking feedback from the students about what they would like to see in this area. The recent working bee to install the Tyre Taniwha meant a digger could smooth out other areas of the track which was also causing concern.

Lost Property

There is an enormous pile of lost property growing by the day! Lost property is kept inside the hall door, pop in any time to have a look.

Lost property will be laid out next Friday prior to our school assembly. Take a look out for any familiar clothing items.

It is really helpful to have clothes named where possible to make re-homing them easier.

Thanks in advance.