

Kereru Learning Hub Newsletter

Term Three, 2017

Welcome back to the Kereru Learning Hub! We hope you all had a fabulous break and we all look forward to seeing you all back at Pinehaven School.

Our teachers in Kereru are: Gregory Stanton (our Hub Leader) and Sarah Cobbum, who are working with our Year 0-1 learners in Te Rā and Te Marama, Karla Billington and Nadine Duncalf, who are working with our Year 1 learners in Room 11, Kate Beaumont-Yee, who is working with our Year 1 & 2 learners in Room 3, and Patricia Hvid who is working with our Year 2 learners in Room 4. Please come and make yourself known to us, as we firmly believe that parents and teachers are all a team, working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

We are all excited to begin our Inquiry topic for the term, which explores the planet Earth and beyond. We will kick start this learning with a special visit to the Expressions Gallery in Upper Hutt, where we will see 'The Evolving Universe' exhibition. This exhibition displays a series of breath-taking photographs of our galaxy, taken by some of the most powerful telescopes in the world - what a great way to begin the term!

If you have any queries or concerns over the course of the term please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly. Contact can be made in person, by phone on 528 4365, by letter or by email: sarah@pinehaven.school.nz, gregory@pinehaven.school.nz, kate@pinehaven.school.nz, patricia@pinehaven.school.nz, karla@pinehaven.school.nz, and nadine@pinehaven.school.nz

Term Three Curriculum

Year 0 - 2			
Inquiry Topic (Science, Health and PE, Technology)	Our Place in Space How does the earth change and move in space? How does it affect us and how do we affect it?		
Literacy	Handwriting, Spelling, Reading & Writing - Inform - reports, recounts. Oral Language - expressing clearly, listening to instructions and signals and following them.		
Mathematics	Number Knowledge, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Geometry - position Statistics - probability Time and money (ongoing throughout the year)		
The Arts	Integrated - The Earth and its natural resources.		
Te Reo	Manaakitanga - caring for others and the earth Instructions/Directions in Te Reo		
PE	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Bike track Continue to develop fitness and set fitness goals</td> <td>Teamwork, the roles within a game etc. Games that involve throwing, balancing, falling, pushing, pulling. Perceptual Motor Programme</td> </tr> </table>	Bike track Continue to develop fitness and set fitness goals	Teamwork, the roles within a game etc. Games that involve throwing, balancing, falling, pushing, pulling. Perceptual Motor Programme
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ICT	Utilising Seesaw and iPads to assist in research and sharing learning with families		

Dates For Your Diaries

July	August	September
24 Pōwhiri 26 Te Rā, Te Marama and Rm 11 class trip 27 Rm 3 and Rm 4 class trip 28 Hub Assembly in Rm 11	4 Hub Assembly in Rm 2 11 School Assembly in the Hall (Rm 1) 18 Hub Assembly in Rm 4 25 Hub Assembly in Rm 11	1 School Assembly in the Hall (Korimako) 8 Hub Assembly in Rm 2 13 Roald Dahl Day 15 Hub Assembly in Rm 3 22 Hub Assembly in Rm 1 23/24 Arts and Crafts 27 Upper Hutt Cultural Festival 29 School Assembly in the Hall (Tui) Term 4 starts Monday 16th October 2017
<p>Kereru Assemblies will be held in the host classroom and begin at 2:30pm. School Assemblies are held in the hall and begin at 2:10pm.</p>		

Resilience

One of the school values that we work hard to establish in the Kereru Learning Hub is 'Resilience'. We really appreciate it if you can help us to reinforce this value.

Here are some ways you can help us:

- Encourage your child to persist at tasks they may find difficult.
- Encourage your child to solve problems themselves.
- Reinforce to your child that change happens often and is a part of life.
- Allow your child time to pick themselves up and carry on after a fall or disappointment (rather than rushing in quickly to help).

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is located in the Kereru Hub corridor. To assist with the safe return of items it would be appreciated if you could clearly name your child's clothing. Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.

Pinehaven Community Library

Students will continue to make regular visits to the Pinehaven Community Library - usually three visits per term. If you would like your child to be able to have a book issued they will need to have a library card. Your child's teacher will let you know the dates they will be visiting the library.

Homework

The [Homework Guide For Parents](#) can be found on the school website. Your child should be completing a reading log for each night that they read. Your child's teacher will help your child select a reading text to share with you each night. On Friday reading will be in the form of the weekly poem. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about or need additional support to work with your child at home.

Wheels Wednesday

Students can bring scooters, skate-boards, roller blades or skates, etc. (no bikes please) to use on the courts at lunchtime. Please ensure they come with the necessary safety equipment. It is important to note that students need to walk their scooters within the school grounds before and after school.

Friday Sausage Sizzle

Every Friday the Home and School have a sausage sizzle to raise funds for the school.

Cost: \$1.50 per sausage

\$1 per lemonade ice block

Payment can be made online using a Kindo account. Please see your classroom teacher for more information. Money needs to be in a named envelope with the order on it and put into the classroom collection box before 8.55am on Friday mornings. Change is not given. Alternatively, you can purchase vouchers from the school office.

Keep an eye in the newsletters for alternate lunch order days organised by the Home and School.

Absences

Remember to phone or email the school if your child is away from school. The email address you can use for this is absentees@pinehaven.school.nz. Taking your child or children on holiday during the school term is not encouraged, however there are sometimes circumstances where this cannot be avoided. In such cases, you will need to inform the Principal in writing or by email before you leave.

Endnote

If you have any concerns regarding your child's schooling both academically and / or socially please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher and / or the Learning Hub Leader, Associate Principal, Deputy Principal or Principal. It is always better to address concerns early so that they can be resolved positively and quickly.

Kind regards

Gregory Stanton, Sarah Cobbum, Kate Beaumont-Yee, Patricia Hvid, Karla Billington and Nadine Duncalf.