

Kereru Hub Newsletter

Term 1 2018

Kia ora koutou katoa! Welcome back to a new school year at Pinehaven School. We hope that you all had a relaxing, reinvigorating holiday break and are ready and rearing to begin a new year in the Kereru Hub!

Our team of fantastic teachers in Kereru Hub include: Gregory Stanton and Sarah Cobbum who are teaching the Year 0-1 students in Te Rā and Te Marama, and Karla Billington, Nadine Duncalf and Tricia Hvid who are teaching our Year 1-2 students in Rooms 3 and 4. Leading this team as Kereru Hub Leader is Gregory Stanton.

All teachers within the Kereru Hub encourage an open door policy, so please don't hesitate to pop in to see us in the classroom, or alternatively, contact your child's teacher directly via e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. Our e-mail addresses are:

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Term One Curriculum Overview

What are we covering this term?

	Year 0 - 2
Inquiry Topic (Social Science, Health and PE)	Welcome back Pinehaven - creating learner communities <i>What can I do to be the best that I can be?</i> <i>How can I help myself and others to learn?</i> Life Education, Class Treaties, School Values, Learning Behaviours, Learning Mindsets.
Literacy	Handwriting, Spelling, Oral Language Reading & Writing - Yr 0-1: Spontaneous personal writing, recounts, captions and lists Yr 1-2: Spontaneous personal writing, recounts, character description.
Mathematics	Number Knowledge, Addition & Subtraction, Place Value Time, Money (Integrated within classroom programmes) Statistics- statistical investigation. Measurement - mass and volume

The Arts	Developing practical knowledge within the Visual Arts.	
Te Reo	Hangi - cultural and protocol. Greetings and simple commands	
PE	Bike track Continue to develop fitness and set fitness goals	Co-operative and Competitive Games
ICT	Develop classroom expectations around using technology with more independence	

Value of the Term - Accepting Responsibility

This value is a great one to start the year with! As your child settles into a new routine, we'd really appreciate it if you could help us to reinforce this.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Encourage your child to take responsibility for their things, such as packing, unpacking and carrying their school bags.
- Remind your child to return their reading book and reading log each day.
- Remind them to put their library books in their bags on their class library day and return them to the class library box when they arrive at school.
- Be at school in time to allow your child to do these task independently.

Stationery

The beginning of the year is a busy time for everyone. It is also a really important time for classes to set the expectations and routines they want for the year. Please ensure your child has the required stationery to begin the year and that all stationery has your child's name on it. Sharpen your pencils and we are all ready to go!

Sunhats

This term all of our children must wear a fully brimmed sunhat which covers the neck and ears. Students without sunhats will need to play in the shade on the big deck. Caps, beanies and narrow brimmed trilby style are not suitable as sunhats. Feel free to send a small bottle of sunscreen to school. This can be kept in the classroom for students to apply when needed. Covered shoulders is also vital, and named sunblock is always welcomed in class.

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 them select a reading text to share with you each night. These texts are a level below the ones read with the teacher to ensure confidence and develop fluency when reading independently. 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.

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.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is located in the Kereru Hub corridor in a big black bin. 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.

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. If paying cash, 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.

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. If you are planning on taking your child or children on holiday during the school term, you will need to inform the Principal in writing or by email before you leave. We do not encourage taking children out of school during term time, but we also understand that in some cases, this is unavoidable.

Endnote

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

Kind regards,

Sarah Cobbum, Karla Billington, Nadine Duncalf, Tricia Hvid and Gregory Stanton.