

Kereru Hub Newsletter

Term 1 2020

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, Karla Billington and Nadine Duncalf who are teaching the Year 0-1 students in Te Wai, Patricia Hvid, Penny Jones and Michelle Buckland who are teaching our Year 1-3 students in Te Awa, and Jim Bashaw and Melanie Wakeham, who are teaching our Year 3-4 students in Te Moana. 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:

Te Wai (Yr 0-1): gregory@pinehaven.school.nz, nadine@pinehaven.school.nz
karla@pinehaven.school.nz

Te Awa (Yr 1-3): patricia@pinehaven.school.nz penny@pinehaven.school.nz
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Te Moana (Yr 3-4): jim@pinehaven.school.nz melanie@pinehaven.school.nz

As you have probably noticed, building work is well underway in our Junior Block, and we look forward to watching it's progress over the term. Te Wai have settled well into Room 5, and the three classes that make up Te Awa have brought the hall alive with some amazing learning spaces. Te Moana are situated in Rooms 9 and 10.

Term One Curriculum Overview

What are we covering this term?

	Year 0 - 2
Inquiry Topic (Science, Health and PE)	Welcome back Pinehaven - our strengths and capabilities as learners. Possible contexts for learning: Our feelings, our bodies, healthy eating, brain development.
Literacy	Handwriting, Spelling, Oral Language Reading & Writing - Yr 0-2: Recounts and Personal Writing Yr 3-4: Transactional Writing - Reports
Mathematics	Number Knowledge, Addition & Subtraction, Place Value Time, Money (Integrated within classroom programmes) Statistics- statistical investigation.
The Arts	Developing practical knowledge within the Visual Arts.
Te Reo	Greetings and simple commands Developing of mihimihi

PE	Bike track Continue to develop fitness and set fitness goals	Co-operative skills
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.
- Reinforce the expectations that your child's teacher has in regards to being prepared and organised to learn in class.
- Be at school in time to allow your child time to settle and complete these tasks.
- Ensure your child reads and assist them to complete their reading log each night.

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.

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.

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 Hall Foyer 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.

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 emailing teachers about absences, please ensure you also cc in the absence email. 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,

Nadine Duncalf, Karla Billington, Patricia Hvid, Penny Jones, Michelle Buckland, Jim Bayshaw, Melanie Wakeham and Gregory Stanton.