

Kereru Learning Hub Newsletter

Term Four, 2018

Welcome back for another busy term in the Kereru Learning Hub. We hope you all had a fabulous break and are feeling refreshed and ready for fun and learning with us.

This term is set to be the busiest one yet, with preparations taking place for the Pinehaven Gala on Saturday 10 November, and two weeks of school swimming in early December. Luckily, the weather will be warm and sunny.

Te Ra and Te Marama also welcomes the wonderful Karla Billington into our learning space this term, as she will be supporting our learning programmes between 10.00 am - 12.30 pm on Mondays to Thursdays.

Our classes in Kereru Hub are grouped into two Pods of learning: Gregory Stanton (our Hub Leader) and Nadine Duncalf work with our Year 0-1 learners in Te Ra (Room 1) and Te Marama (Room 2), and Kathy Cutler and Tricia Hvid work with our Year 1-2 learners in Room 3 and 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.

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; nadine@pinehaven.school.nz, gregory@pinehaven.school.nz, karla@pinehaven.school.nz, kathy@pinehaven.school.nz, tricia@pinehaven.school.nz.

Term Four Curriculum

	Year 0 - 2
Inquiry Topic (Science, Health and PE, Technology)	Enterprise and Innovation <i>How can we make choices to ensure a healthy future?</i>

Literacy	Handwriting, Spelling, Oral Language Reading & Writing -character descriptions, spontaneous personal writing, simple recounts, captions and lists.	
Mathematics	Number Knowledge, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Geometry- shape. Time and money (ongoing throughout the year)	
The Arts	Drama - communicating and interpreting.	
Te Reo	Colours and Shapes (links to mathematics strand work)	
PE	Bike track Continue to develop fitness and set fitness goals	Developing interpersonal skills and relationships with people and objects within a PE context.
ICT	Develop classroom expectations around using technology with more independence	

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 problem solve.
- Let your child make mistakes, and learn from these.
- Don't provide all of the answers, allow your child to work it out themselves.
- Help your child to manage their emotions.
- Model resilience frequently.

Sunsmart

During our warmer terms, it is expected that your child comes to school with a sunhat every day. These sunhats **MUST** cover the neck, ears and face. Wide

brimmed hats, or hats with a flap covering the ears and neck are the best options. Caps are not acceptable. We also encourage students to bring sunglasses to school to protect their eyes, and sunscreen. Please ensure all items are named.

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

The Home and School have four sausage sizzle Fridays and two alternate lunch Fridays a term to raise funds for the school. Please refer to the Pinehaven School Newsletters for dates.

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.

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

Gregory Stanton, Nadine Duncalf, Karla Billington, Kathy Cutler, & Trisha Hvid.