

Kereru Learning Hub Newsletter

Term Four, 2020

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 a busy one, with swimming toward the end of the term and lots of other exciting things we have planned for the Term.

Te Wai are also very lucky to have Karla Billington as part of the teaching team this term, who will be supporting Te Wai's learning programmes between 9.30 am - 12.30 pm on Mondays to Thursdays.

Our classes in Kereru Hub are grouped into three Pods of learning: Gregory Stanton (our Hub Leader), Nadine Duncalf, and Karla Billington work with our Year 0-1 learners in Te Wai (Room 1 and 2), in Te Awa Tricia Hvid working with our Year 1-2 learners (Room 3) and Penny Jones and Michelle Buckland work with our Year 2-3 learners (Room 4 and 5), and in Te Moana working with our Year 4 students Jim Bashaw (Room 9) and Year 3 and 4 students Melanie Wakeham (Room 10). 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: gregory@pinehaven.school.nz, nadine@pinehaven.school.nz, karla@pinehaven.school.nz, patricia@pinehaven.school.nz, penny@pinehaven.school.nz, michelleb@pinehaven.school.nz, jim@pinehaven.school.nz melanie@pinehaven.school.nz

Term Four Curriculum

	Year 0 - 4
Inquiry Topic	Culture and Diversity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to live in Aōtearoa with bicultural heritage? • In what ways are we different? • How can/do we celebrate difference? • In what ways could/do communities live in harmony in the world/ with the planet? 	
Literacy	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening - Inform & Entertain; Recount and Personal Experience (Yr 0-2), Persuade (Yr2-4), Reports (Yr3-4)	
Mathematics	Number Knowledge Addition & Subtraction Multiplication and Division Fractions and proportions Measurement - length. Algebra - patterns.	
The Arts	Visual Arts - developing practical knowledge	
Te Reo	Developing and using te reo to say where your home is.	
PE	Bike track Continue to develop fitness and set fitness goals	Developing interpersonal skills and relationships with people and objects within a PE context.
		PMP for Year 0-2 with selected students from Year 3 and 4.
ICT	Exploring the Digital Technologies curriculum - computational thinking.	

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 Korimako 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. The system has recently changed and there is no longer a need for individual accounts as the library now issue class sets of books.

Homework

The [Homework Guide For Parents](#) can be found on the school website. Your child's teacher will help your child select a reading text to share with you each night. 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. Students need their **own** helmet to ride their wheels. 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 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, Trisha Hvid, Penny Jones, Michelle Buckland, Jim Bashaw and Melanie Wakeham.