

Pinehaven School 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

Cross Country and Colour Run

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our recent Cross-Country and Colour Run. It was a gorgeous day weather wise and I was extremely proud of all our amazing runners. Congratulations to all participants and to our place getters. Special thanks to Callum Nicol for leading the organisation of this event. Thank you also to those who supported the fundraising effort associated with the Colour Run, we really appreciate you all. We will let you know as soon as we have confirmed how much money was raised, we will be putting the money raised towards updating student chromebooks. After the Colour Run I received many positive comments from both students and parents about how much they enjoyed the day. This is most appreciated, on behalf of the staff, thank you.

Pinehaven Netball

The netball season is fast approaching. Season dates are May 4th to August 10th – with no games on Kings Birthday, Matariki weekend or during school holidays. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Heretaunga College between 8.30am and 1.30pm. Player subs are \$65/per player which covers our fee to Upper Hutt Junior Netball (UHJN), paying umpires, certificates and trophies for end of season (payment due 1st May). If your child would like to play netball for the school in 2024 please complete and submit this form by 1st April. Any questions, please contact: pinehavenkuranetball@gmail.com The link for the form is <https://forms.gle/Wc3rQwMJN2tiSTKd9>

Art & Craft Exhibition 2024 – Message from Pinehaven Art and Craft Exhibition Committee

We are super excited to let you know this year's Pinehaven Art and Craft Exhibition will be held on **Friday 20th September and Saturday 21st September**. Registrations will open in early May. To make this year's exhibition a success, we need a bit of help. If you able to help sponsor this event in some way or would like to become a 'Friend of the Art and Crafts Exhibition', helping out in the background, please email the committee on pinehavenartandcraft@gmail.com.

Bike Track – Thank you!

Special thanks to Quinn McCarthy for recently sourcing and donating lime to fix our bike track. Thanks also to Jordan Geill and his colleague for spreading the lime around the track, work which took a considerable amount of time and effort. We really appreciate the donation of time and resources from you both. We have plans to upgrade the bike track in the future however costs are quite prohibitive at the moment so in the meantime this on-going maintenance is most appreciated.

Toys at School – Pokemon Cards

From time to time we need to remind students to keep toys at home. Recently we have noticed a number of children bringing Pokemon Cards to trade. We do not want to take cards off children or need to 'referee' when trades go badly so it is best if these cards remain at home.

Phones Away For the Day – **Personal Devices included**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, schools have been mandated to implement a phone rule that has student phones 'away for the day'. At Pinehaven School we do not recommend students bring personal devices to school. If students do bring a phone and/or a personal device to school it is expected that these are not for use during the school day and must be turned off and out of sight. Recently, I have noticed an increasing number of students with smart devices such as watches. These also come under the new policy. Please support us by talking with your child about any devices they bring to school and also the need for these devices, watches included, to be away for the day once at school. Please also take this opportunity to remind your children that if they need to contact you during the school day they should speak to their teacher in the first instance or come to the school office. ***See School Docs - Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices.***

New Dates for your diary – Teacher Only Days 2024

I can now confirm the two teacher only day dates for 2024. These dates were indicated on the 2024 Term Dates graphic, shared at the end of 2023, in our school newsletter.

Term 2: Teacher only Day – Tuesday 4th June 2024: School closed

Term 4: Teacher only Day – Friday 25th October 2024: School closed



New Students

A warm welcome to Annabella who recently joined Te Wai. It is lovely to have you here at Pinehaven School!

Assembly

Due to a clash with Easter, our next school assembly will be held on Friday 12th April, the last day of term 1.

Disco – Thursday 11th April, 6 - 7.30pm

We are looking forward to seeing many of our tamariki at the disco. Our student leaders will be deciding on a theme for this soon. We will advertise the theme with our tamariki and put this on facebook for your information. On the night, students will be able to purchase drinks, pizza and lollies. Entry is \$2.00. **Please note that if your child is coming to the disco, they are expected to remain in the hall until they are collected. Parents & Caregivers will need to be sighted by a staff member prior to taking their child at the end of the disco.**



HERO - *Getting started on Hero*

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Hero as soon as you are able. We are keen to get as many families as possible onto Hero. Once this has been accomplished, we will be able to send messages to our community via Hero as well as many of the other great functions we will share with you in the coming weeks.



Seesaw – Junior classes only from 2024

As we become more active on Hero we plan to use this platform as a key way to communicate information to you about your child's learning and about what is happening at school. In the meantime, we have continued with the use of Seesaw in the junior hub. Seesaw is no longer in use in senior classes; instead, information is being shared with you either directly from your child's teacher or via email, facebook and/or the school newsletter. I understand that some families may not have been aware of this change and I am sorry if this has caused any confusion. We believe Hero will provide a far superior service once all of its capabilities have been rolled out. Please feel free to email your child's classroom teacher or myself if you have any questions about this.

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 26th March – Traditional Māori Games Interschool Event

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March – Bee Healthy Van Visiting

Thursday 11th April – Disco

Friday 12th April – School Assembly 2.30pm, **Term 1 Ends**

Easter Holidays: School closed

Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April, Easter Tuesday 2 April

Term 2 Begins

Monday 29 April – 8.55am

Wednesday 22 May - Tough Guy & Gal

Tuesday 4 June – Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Ngā Mihi

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team