

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome Joanna Gould—Room 8 Teacher

This week we welcomed Miss Joanna Gould to our staff. Joanna is working part-time in room 8 until the end of the year covering Alice Gibb while she is on maternity leave. No baby news as yet by the way! We are delighted to have Jo join our team.

Strategic Planning— Whānau Survey

The Board of Trustees and the leadership team are gathering information as we prepare to develop our new strategic plan. This plan will start in 2024 and run through till the end of 2025. It is important to us as a school that we engage as many stakeholders as possible to ensure we have a variety of voices contributing to this work. We would very much appreciate you taking the time to answer 6 key questions for us. This survey closes on Thursday 14th September at 5pm. Thanks in advance. <https://forms.gle/NyauDFYPwathG5aA8>

Children Starting School in 2023, 2024 & 2025

In order to make accurate predictions of our roll, we need to have an understanding of younger siblings in our community who will be starting school in the next few years. If you have a preschooler that fits into any of the categories below, please help us by taking actions as outlined:

- A child starting school THIS YEAR—if we don't already have an enrolment form, please get one to us asap.
- A child starting school in 2024—please let the office know by the end of next week and complete an enrolment form.
- A child starting school in 2025—please let the office know of anyone in this category—we'd love to have their name and date of birth, then an enrolment form completed next year.

All enrolment information can be found on our website, including enrolment forms. Alternatively, you can pick one up from the office. If you are a family who live outside our school zone, you need to have any sibling enrolment forms in for all of 2024 so that you are included in our out of zone enrolment processes.

A few reminders

Students are welcome at school from 8.30am onwards. Recently we have noticed a number of our tamariki being dropped to school closer to 8am. Teachers are not expected in classes until 8.30am as they spend time prior to this planning for the day ahead. If your child needs to come to school earlier than 8.30am we have the onsite provision of YMCA before school care which we encourage you to make the most of. We have also noticed an increasing number of dogs on our school grounds. Other than our approved support dogs, we have a strictly no dogs on school grounds policy. Thanks for your understanding.

Congratulations to our spellers!

Well done to our year 6 tamariki who attended the Upper Hutt Spell it Out Challenge recently at Maidstone Intermediate. This challenge is in it's second year and was a new experience for our students. Year 6 ākonga tested their spelling skills against other year 6 students in our area. Special mention goes to Tommy L who placed 1st in the individual competition and to Liam K and Ray P who placed in the top 20 individual students. Great work team and thanks to the parents who helped on the day!

Ngā Mihi

Phillipa on behalf of the Pinehaven team



Key Dates

Friday 25th August	School Assembly 2.30pm	Wednesday 13th September	Dancesplash
Friday 1st September	Pinehaven Pacers—8am	Friday 15th September	Wig/Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser
Friday 8th September	Arts & Craft Exhibition Opening Night	Tuesday 19th September	Board of Trustees Meeting—6pm
Saturday 9th September	Arts & Craft Exhibition	Friday 22nd September	End of term 3—3pm finish
11th-17th September	Te Wiki o te reo Māori Week	Monday 9th October	Term 4 begins

A special welcome to...

Harley

who started in Te Wai recently.

Welcome to Pinehaven School!

Other dates for your diary:

Cluster wide Teacher only Day – Friday 20th October 2023. All schools across Upper Hutt are closed for an education conference.

Cluster wide Teacher only Day – Friday 17th November 2023. All schools across Upper Hutt are closed for teachers to upskill with the NZ curriculum refresh.

This week in pictures...



After the run of wet weather, both hubs have been trying to make the most of the sunny days in between by getting outside and being active.

Kererū Hub have been enjoying having the Activation Play Pod at school for the past few weeks. Today made for perfect weather to get some of the equipment out for junior students.

The Koromiko hub has been holding a five a side football tournament of competitive, mixed and girls only teams over the term to celebrate the recent Women's World Cup event. It has been magnificent to see everybody giving it a go and showing resilience and integrity while working as a team.

