

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has certainly been a cold week this week. The hail storm on Tuesday added some excitement to the day and definitely helped lower the temperature. While we are experiencing these cooler temperatures, please ensure your child wears multiple layers to school each day.

Playcentre Driveway & Carpark—Let's keep our children safe!

Earlier this week the playcentre incurred damage to their gate. Due to previous incidents, they believe the damage has been caused by someone reversing into it with their car while leaving the parks opposite. The playcentre have asked us to seek your help. If you know anything about this damage they would really appreciate you coming forward. They are hopeful of recouping some of the cost for a replacement gate which is expected to be reasonably significant.

Over time we have become increasingly concerned about the driving behaviour in this driveway around pick up and drop off times. Families are frequently parking on yellow lines, and driving too fast at the top end of the school. Your children's safety is our primary concern and relationships with our neighbours is a high priority. This driveway does not belong to us and is shared access for the Pinehaven Progressive Association and Playcentre. It is not designed to be a stopping and drop off area for school children. To ensure there is not a more serious incident we remind you to not park down this driveway, please be mindful of the yellow lines and not use it as a pick up or drop off point.

Here are a few others reminders to keep our children safe around our school:

- Our carpark is closed when the road patrollers are on duty. The cones and chain signal this and are not to be moved by whānau or staff. You are welcome to use our carpark during those times if you are prepared to wait until the carpark is open again.
- Pedestrians should not be walking through the carpark—please use the path on the other side of the hall.
- The disability carpark is only to be used by those with permits and can only be used if the person for whom the permit has been allocated is leaving the vehicle (you cannot park in this park if you are a permit holder who is not exiting the vehicle).

Arts & Craft Exhibition—8th & 9th September: Notice from the committee

To make this annual fundraiser successful, we need lots of help from our fabulous parent community. If you can assist us during set up weekend (2nd & 3rd September), the weekend of the exhibition or baking for our café, please email pinehavenartandcraft@gmail.com or text Rachel Middleton on 027 222 0910. Thanks so much! Don't forget to check out our facebook page, **Pinehaven Arts and Craft Exhibition** to see some of our amazing exhibitors and their creations.

Inter-school Basketball Tournament By Alex, Chase & Indie

On Tuesday morning the basketball team got together in R9 to talk about the day. It was finally time to put all our practices to the test. Today was the basketball tournament at Walter Nash. There were teams everywhere, 38 altogether!

After the announcements the games started. We played 5 games on the day and only lost 2. Out of 16 teams we finished 7th. Pretty good! Best of all, we all played together as a team and had fun.

Date change

Our next school assembly will be held on Friday 25th August not Friday 18th August as previously advertised.

Ngā Mihi

Phillipa on behalf of the Pinehaven team



Key Dates

Tuesday 15th August	Board of Trustees Meeting—6pm	11th-17th September	Te Wiki o te reo Māori Week
Friday 18th August	Pinehaven Pacers—8am	Wednesday 13th September	Dancesplash
Friday 25th August	School Assembly 2.30pm	Friday 15th September	Wig/Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser
Friday 1st September	Pinehaven Pacers—8am	Tuesday 19th September	Board of Trustees Meeting—6pm
Friday 8th September	Arts & Craft Exhibition Opening Night	Friday 22nd September	End of term 3—3pm finish
Saturday 9th September	Arts & Craft Exhibition	Friday 20th October	Teacher Only Day—Cluster wide

Congratulations!

Last week Izzy entered my works (Toitū Te Whenua / Land Information NZ) Matariki star colouring competition. She was awarded a prize for Most Creative. Izzy did a wonderful job including her mihi with her entry. Way to go Izzy!



New Students

A warm welcome to Krish, Satjit, Charlie and Hank who started school in Te Wai. Welcome also to Raeden who joined our senior school after moving into the area recently. It is lovely to have you and your whānau joining us here at Pinehaven School.

Author Visit

On Tuesday 31st July best selling New Zealand author James Russell (a.k.a the Dragon Master) visited our senior school. James has written The Dragon Brothers series, The Dragon Defenders Series and the Children of the Rush series. James engaged our senior students in a fun filled session of banter, storytelling and imagination. It was fantastic to be visited by an author who writes chapter books, as that is an area of focus for us with our senior students.

