

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you are all having a good week, it's hard to believe how fast this term is going and that we are almost at the end of week 6!

Upper Hutt Cultural Festival 2023

We were very excited to be a part of the 2023 Schools Cultural Festival last week at Harcourt Park. A huge thank you to Melanie Wakeham for getting the performance Kapa Haka group ready for being part of the festival day. I have included some official photos from the day for your enjoyment on the following page. Our tamariki certainly did us proud as a school. They may have been small in number but they were big in heart, and in great voice! They impressed me with the way they took command of the stage showing immense pride in their performance. I also want to acknowledge and thank Oxford Crescent School for organising this event for our cluster this year.

Staffing

The Board has received a resignation from one of our valued teacher aides, Robyn Dean. Robyn has decided to leave to take up a teacher aide position at Fergusson Intermediate, beginning in February 2024. Robyn has worked at Pinehaven School for over 15 years and was one of the familiar faces for me when I returned to our school as Principal. We will miss Robyn very much, however we are excited that this opportunity has come her way. We have loved having Robyn on our team and wish her all the best in a role.

We will also be saying farewell to Elizabeth McKee at the end of this year. Elizabeth currently works as a teacher supporting students in Room 8 alongside Robyn Dean. Elizabeth also ran the Dog Therapy Programme at our school in previous years. Elizabeth's contract comes to an end at the end of this year. Thank you Elizabeth for your many and varied contributions to our team over the past 4 years.

A formal farewell will be organised for Robyn and Elizabeth at the end of the term, more details to follow.

Moving?

A reminder that if your family is moving out of the area at the end of the year and you haven't already let us know, we would appreciate an email to Pamela in the office to let us know.

Pita Pit—last day of term

Parents will be able to order Pita Pit for their child on the last day of term and it will be delivered at the earlier time of 11.30am.

Teacher Only Day – 17 November – School Closed Tomorrow

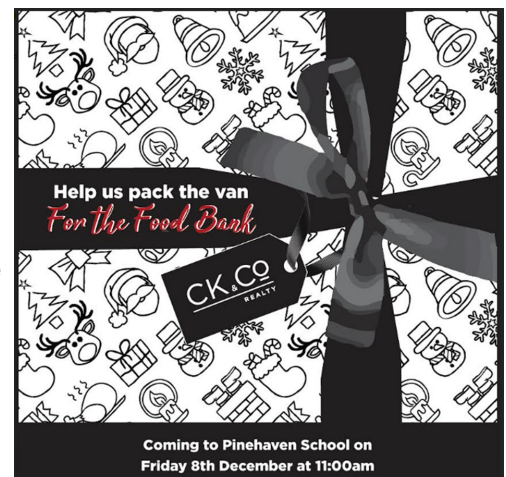
As notified in previous newsletters, our school will be closed for instruction on Friday 17th November.

Pack the Van—Upper Hutt Foodbank Appeal

This year we have been invited to participate in an appeal for the Upper Hutt Foodbank. This is a great cause which we hope to contribute to. **Pack the Van** collectors will come to our school on Friday 8th December at 11am to collect any donated goods. Feel free to check the list of items on the flyer accompanying today's newsletter and send a contribution along to school with your child. You can either drop items off to the office or to take them to class where senior students will collect the goods each day for us. We know life is expensive at the moment with Christmas approaching however if you are able to donate an item it would be appreciated.

Have a great weekend ahead,

Phillipa and the Pinehaven Team



Key Dates

Friday 17th November	Teacher only Day— school closed	Tuesday 5th December	HIBS Roadshow Performance – pm TBC
Friday 24th November	Assembly School –2.30pm	Friday 8th December	Assembly School –2.30pm
27 Nov - 1st December	Senior Swimming Week	Monday 11th December	Reports & Class information for 2024 sent out
4—8th December	Junior Swimming Week	Tuesday 12th December	Whole School Fun Day! Details to follow
Monday 4th December	Year 6 Celebration	Friday 15th December	End of term 4—12.30pm finish

A special welcome to Axel, Hugo, Isla, Reuben & Stanley who started in Te Wai recently.

Welcome to Pinehaven School!

Lost Property

There is a growing pile of lost property in the container at the hall entrance. Please check this before the end of the term. We strongly encourage naming your child's clothing as this makes re-homing items a lot easier.

Upper Hutt Schools' Cultural Festival



Photo credit to Paula Glen Photography, <https://paulaglenphotography.co.nz/> who gifted these taonga to each school in the Upper Hutt cluster.