

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 3 has come to a close. After an action packed term, both students and staff are eagerly awaiting the holiday break.

### Arts & Crafts Exhibition—Thank you!

Our annual exhibition was once again a real highlight of the year. It is an amazing community event which takes a lot of organisation. Special thanks to our dedicated committee members; Rachel Middleton, Andy Hunter, Sarah Smith, Claudia Mercier, Sachie Yamazaki, Tama-ra Betteridge, Carly Mackay and Debbie Anderson. You all went above and beyond to make this event a success and we as a school community thank you for your efforts. Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards upgrading IT equipment for students. Congratulations to the winners of the three raffles who have all collected their prizes. See newsletter from the committee attached.

### Teacher Only Day – 20 October – School Closed

As notified in previous newsletters, the Upper Hutt Education Cluster will be running it's cluster wide professional development day on Friday 20th October. This will be a Teacher Only Day and a number of Upper Hutt Schools' will be closed for instruction. These days are very valuable. Please make sure that you have made alternative arrangements for your child on Friday 20th October.

### Farewell to Andy Hunter

Today we farewelled Andy Hunter. Andy has worked at Pinehaven School as a teacher aide since 2018. Thank you Andy for all your hard work and the contributions you have made to both the students and the wider Pinehaven School community over the years. Andy is not one for a big fuss but we couldn't let her leave without showing our appreciation. Staff farewelled Andy with a morning tea this morning and the Senior Hub showed their thanks at a hub assembly. Andy's caring nature, dedication to her role and artistic skills will be missed very much. We wish her all the best as she moves onto her next adventure.



### Sunhats —Term 4

Just a reminder that all children need a sunhat at school in term 4. Sunhats must be worn by all children when they are outside.

### Disco Fundraiser—Term 4

Get your dancing shoes ready, we have a disco coming up next term. Should be a fun night. **Thursday 26th October 6.00-7.30pm.**

### Save the date—Year 6 Celebration

The farewell evening for our Year 6 students has been organised for **Monday 4th December**. More details will be sent to families of Year 6 students next term.

Thanks once again to our amazing staff here at Pinehaven. Enjoy a well deserved holiday break.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Phillipa



# Key Dates

Friday 22nd September	End of term 3—3pm finish	Monday 23rd October	Labour Day Holiday—school closed
Monday 9th October	Term 4 begins—Mihi Whakatau 9.10am	Thursday 26th October	Disco—6-7.30pm
Wednesday 18th October	Interschool Danish Rounders	Friday 27th October	School Assembly – Kererū Hub lead
Thursday 19th October	NZ Shake Out Drill - 9.30am	Friday 17th November	Teacher only Day—school closed
Friday 20th October	Teacher only Day—school closed	Friday 15th December	End of term 4



Thanks to everyone who supported our Crazy Hair/Wig Day on Friday 15th September. We raised \$220.20 for the Child Cancer Foundation.

Congratulations to our spot prize winners on the day; Valeska, Lukas, Madeline, Millie & Rainbow from Te Wai, Evie and Remi from Room 3, Atticus and Cassidy from Room 4, Hugo, Lara and Katie from Room 7, Isla and Liam from Room 8, Kyle, Ava and Indie from Room 9 and last but not least, Brooke and Grace from Room 10. Well done everyone who participated. Having fun while supporting a great cause.

# Dancesplash 2023

Recently a group of students led by Melanie Wakeham, participated in the Dancesplash Event at the Michael Fowler Centre. These students did themselves, their whānau and our school proud with their incredible dance moves, enthusiasm and behaviour. It can be quite scary performing on a large stage in front of people you don't know but these students took it all in their stride and were fantastic! Special thanks to Mrs Wakeham for using your lunchtimes and talents to guide these students on our behalf.

