

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Well it certainly has been a full on week here at our kura. As you can imagine, arranging swimming off-site for over two hundred students is a huge task. I have been impressed with how the students, teachers and helpers have all made it work so seamlessly. Today I had the chance to tag along with Room 7 and see the organisation in full swing. Students were engaged in lessons, the instructors well organised and our many helpers and teachers providing encouragement and support. Thank you to the adult helpers, without your support this would not be possible.

School Structure 2024

Next year we will begin the year with 8 classes. Managing class numbers is always a challenge, but we have been able to arrange the classes in a way that allows each teacher to have manageable class numbers. The school organisation is the same as it has been this year and is outlined below.

Kererū Hub: Years 0-2 in Rooms 1 & 2

Years 2 & 3 in Rooms 3 & 4

Korimako Hub: Years 4 & 5 in Rooms 9 & 10

Years 5 & 6 in Rooms 6 & 8

You will notice we have not assigned teachers to classrooms yet. This week we have been working through the complex task of class placements and finding the best fit for students. All children will find out their teacher at the start of Week 10 when reports and information for next year goes out.

Reports

On Monday 11th December, you will receive your child's final report, along with their self-assessment in relation to our values and a picture collage. At this time of the year, the reports are not followed by a meeting with teachers, however we endeavor to send the report out before the final day so that you can make contact with your child's teacher by phone or email should you have any questions. In the report envelope, you will also find information about your child's class placement for 2024 and stationery items that are required for the year. A considerable amount of work goes into placing each child carefully, considering who they work well with and ensuring a balance of social, emotional and academic needs in each class.

The Big Read—Message from Mrs Blackadder our librarian

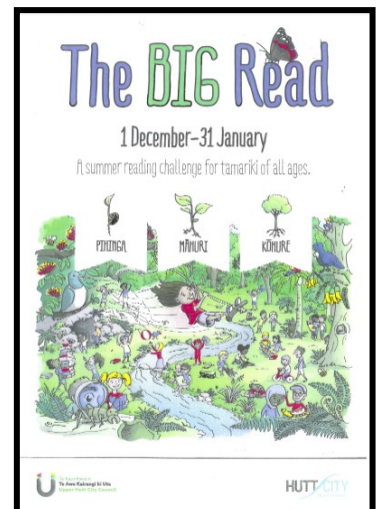
We are once again encouraging tamariki and rangatahi to get excited about reading this summer, have fun playing and be in to win cool prizes! Tamariki of all ages can pick up a journal for FREE from their local library. There is also a prize for the school which has the largest percentage of it's students enrolled and Mrs Blackadder would really like to win that!

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.

Have a great weekend ahead,

Phillipa and the Pinehaven Team



Key Dates

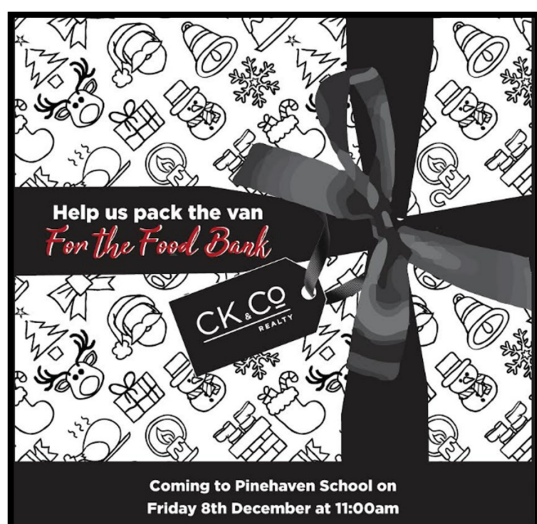
4-8th December	Swimming Week	Tuesday 12th December	Whole School Fun Day from 11-12.30pm
Monday 4th December	Year 6 Celebration 6-8pm @Brewtown	Thursday 14th December	Poroporoaki—2.20pm, farewell to staff and students leaving us at the end of the year
Tuesday 5th December	HIBS Roadshow Performance – 2pm	Friday 15th December	End of term 4—12.30pm finish
Friday 8th December	Assembly School –2.30pm	Thursday 1st February	First Day of School—8.55am start
Monday 11th December	Reports & Class information for 2024		

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.

Values Awards Recipients

Room	Student Name	Reason for Award: Term 4 Value—Courage <i>Māia</i>
1	Hugo P	For showing courage on a very windy bus trip up to Staglands!
2	Remy	Demonstrating courage by having a go, asking for help when things are tricky. Bravely sharing your work with the class.
3	Blake D	For showing courage in your learning, especially Reading.
4	Benji W	For his love of learning - especially about vintage cars and anything to do with sport!
7	Erin D Lilian H	Always showing courage in her learning. Being courageous in front of Room 7.
8	Peyton L Oakley W	For courageously sharing a book review for Room 8. For showing courage by writing more letters independently.
9	Graham W	Having the courage to try new things & continue to try even if he doesn't succeed the first time.
10	Frankie M	For showing courage in everyday choices.
Principal's Award	Archer B Connor M	Picked up a bike & helmet that had been abandoned and wheeled it back, others walked past it, just did it because it was the right thing to do For kindly supporting a younger student on his first bus trip up a very windy hill up to Staglands!
Reading Recovery	Siddhu K	For completing Reading Recovery



YMCA Before & After School Care—Put the word out!

Y Central Before & After School Programmes are looking for part time workers to join our team! We have three part-time positions available across our Hutt Valley Y-Kids network.

- Develop leadership and management skills
- Share the fun and high energy of the kids you work with
- Be part of a great team

There are positions for both before school and after school programmes and options for additional work during school holidays. Our ideal candidate for these positions should be good with children and may have some experience working with children. Most importantly you'll have a desire to work in a high-energy environment and make a positive difference to the kids and families of our community.

Ngā mihi

Stacey Anthony Y-kids Area Manager