

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a fantastic start we have had to our term. All students enjoyed a trip into Wellington recently for our Wellington Walk and Te Papa outing. The wonderful weather for both days in town made all the difference to this trip. Thank you to those parents & caregivers who were able to assist on these days and make both trips so successful.

### Upper Hutt Cultural Festival

On Wednesday the 8th of November, a group of our tamariki will be taking part in the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival at Harcourt Park. The morning performance will begin at 9am with a powhiri and finish at 12:25pm. Pinehaven is scheduled to perform at 10:22am. As with any event of this nature this is an approximate time so if you plan to come and watch please arrive early as you may miss it. Entry for whānau to the festival is by koha (gold coin donation). Food Trucks and coffee carts will be available on-site for refreshments. Thank you to Melanie Wakeham for leading our Kapa Haka group and the day's organisation.

### Thank you!

You may have noticed these new football goal posts at school this week. Many thanks to Mike Toseland for making these for our students to enjoy. Football is popular at Pinehaven School and we have many talented footballers who love competing each break time on our field. Our previous posts were old and actually rugby posts so not fit for purpose. Having proper posts to use at school and during the weekends for our Pinehaven Community is fantastic. Thank you Mike for giving up your own time (and a few late nights) after work making our new goal posts. A massive thank you also to Mike's employer, Steve from Burnsfield Engineering who supplied the tube and mesh while also allowing the company workshop to be used for their construction. We appreciate the generosity of you both very much.

### Teacher Only Day – 17 November – School Closed

As notified in previous newsletters, the Ministry of Education has advised all schools have an additional teacher only day related to the curriculum refresh. School will be closed for instruction on Friday 17th November.

### Disco Fundraiser

Thank you to those who supported the disco fundraiser last week. Our tamariki had a great night and we made just over \$900 in profit to go towards equipment for our students.

### Sunhats, & Drink Bottle

Just a reminder that all children need a sunhat and drink bottle at school this term.

Have a great weekend ahead.

*Phillipa and the Pinehaven Team*



# Key Dates

Tuesday 7th November	Helpers Morning Tea	4-8th December	Junior Swimming Week
Wednesday 8th November	Upper Hutt Schools' Kapa Haka Festival	Monday 4th December	Year 6 Celebration
Friday 17th November	Teacher only Day— <b>school closed</b>	Monday 11th December	Reports out today
27 Nov - 1st December	Senior Swimming Week	Friday 15th December	End of term 4

A special welcome to Kodah who started in Te Wai recently.  
*Welcome to Pinehaven School!*

### Other dates for your diary:

**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.

## Interschool Athletics

Well done to all of the children who took part in the InterSchool Athletics this year. The children represented us well and worked together as a team. We had some stand out results, particularly in the sprints. Well done all involved.



## Values Awards—Assembly Wk 3

Room	Student Name	Reason for Award: Term 4 Value—Courage <i>Māia</i>
1	Grayson	Showing courage by settling quickly in the mornings.
2	Emmett W	Always offering to support peers and being brave in our new space.
3	Micaiah F	Being brave and quickly changing your attitude during our trip to Wellington.
4	Alex G	Always giving new things a go and understanding that there is no such thing as perfect!
Principal's Award	Atticus Lincoln M	Caring for a junior student - showing compassion by looking after them when they were distressed until the duty teacher arrived.