

Pinehaven School 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break with your families. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the term! As we move into the winter terms we encourage students to have a change of clothes in their bag and dress for the conditions. We have had an action-packed term. I have included a few recent highlights below.

Upper Hutt Student Leaders Conference 2024

Last Friday, Ms Jones and I took our Student Leaders to Upper Hutt College to participate in the very first Student Leadership Conference run by the teachers from the Upper Hutt Cluster. The day started with the head boy and girl from each college (Upper Hutt and Heretaunga) welcoming the students. It was a proud Pinehaven moment to see the current Upper Hutt College head students lead the day as both Emily Blackadder & Will Robinson attended Pinehaven School. Emily and Will did a great job representing their school and are wonderful examples to our current Student Leaders.



After the official welcome, the deputy mayor Helen Swales addressed the students followed by the first keynote speaker, Carl Condliffe. The students enjoyed a delicious morning tea and headed to their different activity groups. After workshops, our students enjoyed a catered lunch, before reflection time. The value of teamwork and inclusion were key themes that resonated with our students.

Many thanks to the team of Upper Hutt teachers who organised this day and those who sponsored this event and gave their time generously. Our students had a fabulous time and came away inspired!



Traditional Māori Games tournament

On the 26th of March the Upper Hutt Cluster held its first Traditional Māori games tournament at Trentham Memorial Park. This event was organised to celebrate Māori culture through sport and games, whanaungatanga, Interschool collaboration, well-being and Tuakana Teina (older students supporting younger students) within the cluster.

20 tamariki from our kura took part in this event. Students were involved in five different events, Ti Uru, Horo Hopu, Pakiaka, and Haka Riki.

Special thanks to the students from Maidstone Intermediate who supported us with learning how to play these games, the lead organising school Te Kura o Haukaretu, our teachers, Melanie Wakeham & Callum Nicol as well as parents who helped with transport on the day.



Message from Mrs Blackadder - The Hell Reading Challenge is back in 2024!

To encourage reading over the school holidays Pinehaven School is signed up for the **Hell Reading Challenge**. Pizza wheels will be coming home with students before the end of term 1. Children receive a stamp or signature on their pizza wheel for each book they read, and once they have read seven books, they can exchange their completed wheel for a free 333 kids' pizza at HELL. HELL, pizza prefers pizza wheels to be **validated with our school stamp**. Participating schools have the opportunity to win sets of finalist books in this year's New Zealand book awards for Children and Young Adults and online author events to enjoy.



New Students

A warm welcome to Kairo who recently joined Te Wai. It is lovely to have you here at Pinehaven School!

Assembly

Our next school assembly will be held on Friday 12th April, the last day of term 1.



Disco – Thursday 11th April, 6-7.30pm

Who: Pinehaven tamariki

Theme: Black and White

Cost for entry: \$2.00

To purchase on the night: Drinks, pizza, chips and lollies

Please note that if your child is coming to the disco, they are expected to remain in the hall until they are collected. Parents & Caregivers will need to be sighted by a staff member prior to taking their child at the end of the disco.



HERO - Getting started on Hero

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Hero as soon as you are able. We are keen to get as many families as possible onto Hero so we are able to send messages to our community via Hero as well as many other great functions we will share with you in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday 11 April – Disco, 6-7.30pm in school hall

Friday 12 April – School Assembly 2.30pm, **Term 1 Ends**

Term 2 Begins

Monday 29 April – 8.55am

13-17 May – Book Week

Friday 17 May – Author's Visit

Friday 17 May – School Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 22 May - Tough Guy & Gal

Monday 3 June – King's Birthday – School Closed

Tuesday 4 June – Teacher Only Day – School Closed



Have a great week!

Ngā Mihi

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team