

Pinehaven School 2024

School Newsletter No. 1 Term 1 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to Pinehaven School for 2024. I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday with your families. Our team certainly has had an interesting start to the year with covid making an appearance amongst us just as school began. Despite that we are excited to be starting the new year at Pinehaven.



Staff Changes

When I updated you about the staff structure at the end of last year, we hadn't yet confirmed who would be teaching in room 4 this year. We are thrilled that Kelsey Adin and Alice McCullagh will be working together in this space. Kelsey and Alice come to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and will be familiar faces to many of you as they have worked at Pinehaven for a number of years in a release teacher capacity. Further to this, I sincerely thank Rachel Johnston for continuing to teach in room 8 for the first two terms this year covering Alice Gibb's maternity leave.



We would also like to welcome Katie McGrath onto our team. Katie will be a regular release teacher at Pinehaven School in 2024. Welcome Katie.

School Photos

I want to apologise for the inconvenience and stress that was caused when we informed our school community yesterday about the change in provider for school photos this year. I made a mistake and acknowledge that this has put families under time pressure to order and pay for photos in a short time frame. I absolutely do not want any child or family to not be able to order and pay for a photo of their child should they want one. Please come & see me or email me directly at principal@pinehaven.school.nz if you would like assistance from the school to develop a payment plan for your photo payment and we will work together on this. I want to put this right and will endeavour to get information out to you particularly when a payment is involved, in a timelier fashion.

This is the link to the 'Sue Allman People Google Form' to order this year's school photos [PINEHAVEN School Photo Order Form](#) Photos must be ordered via this google form, we will not be sending home hard copy order forms for portrait & sibling photos. **The closing date for orders is 1pm on Friday 16th February - NEXT FRIDAY.** Sue will be at our school for two days taking the best possible photos of our students and staff. She takes great care and personal pride in her work.

First Point of Contact

Just a reminder that your first point of contact for information, queries, and issues is your child's classroom teacher. Feel free to pop in before or after school or send them an email. If you are not sure of who to contact please email Pamela in the office, office@pinehaven.school.nz

School start time

Our staff have noticed a number of children at school too early. Classrooms are open to students from 8.30am. There is no supervision of students before this time. This allows teachers time to prepare for their day. The YMCA provide before and after school care onsite. Both programmes are underway and they have no wait list. For more information, or to register your child, go to ycentral.nz or call 0800 YMCA4U.

SunSmart

Pinehaven School is a SunSmart school we promote sun protection practices to reduce the risk of sun-related harm to students and staff as part of our commitment to providing a safe place to learn and work.

At Pinehaven School we all wear sun safe hats when outdoors, hats with a brim. Please support us by ensuring your child has a suitable hat at school. We encourage students to wear sunscreen and clothing that protects their skin. As per the letter that was sent home with school reports at the end of last year, families are asked to supply sunscreen from home and children are encouraged to reapply it throughout the day as required.



Welcome to new students

A warm welcome to the following students: Milly, Jackson, Maisey, Levon, Oakley, Conor & Isla. It is lovely to have you all here at Pinehaven School! Welcome everyone.

Upcoming Key Dates

- Tuesday 13 February - Meet the Teacher Evening 3.20 -7pm
- Wednesday 14 February - Meet the Teacher Evening 3.20-5pm
- Monday 19 February – School Photos
- Tuesday 20 February – School Photos
- Tuesday 27 February – Interschool Netball
- Friday 29 February – U-Day – Cluster fundraiser, more details to follow
- Monday 4 March – Friday 8 March - Moving March Week, more details to follow
- Friday 15 March – Colour Run, more details to follow

Easter Holidays

- Good Friday 29 March
- Easter Monday 1 April
- Easter Tuesday 2 April

Term 1 Ends

- Friday 12 April – 3pm

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Phillipa & the Pinehaven team