

Pinehaven School 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

It has been an action packed week for our kura with Movin March and every student at our school going on a class trip. Thank you to those families who have paid their activity fees already. These trips were paid for by the fees and without this funding, we would not be able to make these trips happen. My thanks to the teachers and parent helpers for making these events possible. The smiles on the faces of our students during these extra curricular activities is priceless and really does make them worth the extra effort.

New Gate – Thank you!

Special thanks to Paul & Tamara and their team at Betteridge Engineering for making the new gate by the playcentre. Paul used the same shape as our previous gate however extended the height of the new gate to allow for the installation of a child safety latch at the top. We are really happy to see this improvement to keep our students safe especially around this busy area. We appreciate the time, effort and costs incurred to make this upgrade happen. Many thanks.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kelsey Adin, one of the teachers in room 4. Kelsey and her fiancé Glen are getting married today. Our best wishes to you both for your special day. Kelsey will be changing her name to Kelsey Smith upon her return.

Road Safety

Once again we have become increasingly concerned about the driving behaviour in the playcentre driveway around pick up and drop off times. Families are frequently parking on yellow lines, and driving too fast at the top end of the school. Your children's safety is our primary concern. This driveway does not belong to us and is shared access for the Pinehaven Progressive Association and Playcentre. It is not designed to be a stopping, parking or drop off area for school children.

We have also noticed an increasing number of parents not using the crossing by the hall when the road patrollers are out. While this isn't a law as such, we encourage you to consider your actions as children are often present. We are trying to model to students how to cross the road safely and would appreciate your help with this. As you are aware, vehicles do come down Pinehaven Road very quickly quite regularly and we do not want to see a child being hit by a vehicle and seriously injured.

Here are a few reminders about keeping our students safe around our school:

- Our carpark is closed when the road patrollers are on duty. The cones and chain signal this and are not to be moved by whānau or staff. You are welcome to use our carpark if you are prepared to wait until it is open again.
- Pedestrians should not use the carpark – please use the path on the other side of the hall.
- The disability park is only to be used by those with permits and can only be used if the person for whom the permit is allocated is leaving the vehicle (you cannot park in this park if you are the permit holder and you are not exiting the vehicle)



NZEI Paid Union Meeting – School ends at 12.30pm, Tuesday 19th March 2024

A nationwide paid union meeting for Teachers is planned for **Tuesday 19th March**. Our Teaching staff will be attending this hui, so school will finish at the earlier time of **12.30pm**. Teachers will be leaving school soon after 12.30pm so we would appreciate it if Parents and Caregivers could please collect children at 12.30pm. We will have a very skeleton staff remaining at school so we are able to offer supervision to any children who are not able to be collected early. We have notified our after-school provider to tell them of the change to end of day. If you do require supervision for your child it is important that you let us know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for an alternative programme. Please email Pamela at office@pinehaven.school.nz. You will need to advise what time your child will be collected, who is collecting them and if they are going to after school care at 3pm.

Cross Country & Colour Run – Friday 15th March

Our Cross-Country and Colour Run's are next week. Students have the choice to enter the Cross-Country and all children will participate in the Colour Run. Please talk to your child about the events. A time line of the day is provided below. 99If you are able to help at the Colour Run by spraying colour or setting up obstacles, please meet Callum Nicol on the netball courts at 1.55pm and he will give you a job.

Cross-Country (Competitive)

Students who participate in this event have the opportunity to compete at the Upper Hutt Inter-School Cross-Country event next term. It would be great to have a good number of entrants in this event so we encourage all to give this a go.

Colour Run

This is a fun event where all students can participate. For the Colour Run, every child will need a white t-shirt. T-shirts need to be named, and be suitable to have colour thrown on them and permanent marker written on them. Students can bring their t-shirts to school during the week to decorate or just wear them on the day. Please also be aware that the colour may mark other clothing and footwear so do not send students along with items that are expensive or precious. You may want to pack a towel for your child and provide a bag for wet clothes should they want to get changed back into their dry clothes. We will be dismissing students from outside the classrooms at 3pm to avoid colour on our carpets.

Timeline for Friday 15th March

12.45pm	Roll, teachers bring students to courts.
1.00pm	Y0-2 competitive race (down to the end of reserve & back) Yr 1 boys & girls first, then Yr 2 boys and girls.
1.15pm	Y3/4 competitive race (once through the bush) Year 3 boys & girls together, Year 4 boys and girls together.
1.35pm	Y5/6 competitive race (twice through the bush) Year 5 boys & girls together, Year 6 boys and girls together.
1.55pm	Fun Run Course set up – students get changed into fun run clothes etc, small break for juniors
2.15pm	Colour Run starts.
3pm	Colour Run ends, students dismissed outside their classrooms by teachers. Back packs outside.

Fundraising

The effort and enthusiasm from students this far has been fantastic but, as we are still a little way off reaching our goal, we are reminding families that there is still time to participate. The easiest way to do this is through online fundraising, where there is no limit to what can be achieved. Go to schoolfunrun.co.nz, create a student profile page and share your online fundraising link via SMS, Email and Social Media. If you are currently fundraising, THANK YOU! We hope you will continue to share your link and fundraising for our kura.



New Students

A warm welcome to the following students: Leo, Lola, Frankie and Zara. It is lovely to have you all here at Pinehaven School! Welcome everyone.

Lunch Online

We have lunch deliveries available on Tuesdays (dumplings), Wednesdays (sushi) and Fridays (Pita Pit). This is an ongoing fundraiser for the school and orders can be made via luncheonline—www.luncheonline.co.nz



HERO - Record your absences using Hero-App

To record your child's absence simply log in and open Hero.

Choose "Report an absence" and select the option that best suits the reason.

If your child is absent but not sick please provide additional information for the absence, e.g. on holiday, offsite activity etc



Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

This event is on **Wednesday 22nd of May 2024**. If your child would like to participate you need to register them and pay online. See instructions below for how to do this. This event has a limited number of spots available so please head online to enter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

How to Enter Online - Instructions

To enter your child for the 2024 Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge please enter your child online.

Step 1:

Go to: www.eventpromotions.co.nz

Step 2:

Select Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge - **Wellington - Wednesday 22nd May 2024**.

Step 3:

When asked for 'school name' please enter **"PINEHAVEN"** in capital letters.

Step 4:

When asked 'Bib Number Pick Up' select **"Teacher"**.

Pinehaven Pacers – Message from Simon (Pacers Parent Volunteer)

With Zach moving to Intermediate, taking his father Hadleigh with him, we now require a second parent helper/runner. You don't need to be quick, in fact making it a little less intense might make it more accessible for some younger ones and increase our numbers. Let me know if you are interested. Day of week and frequency negotiable. Contact Simon on simon4586@gmail.com

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 15 March – Colour Run Fundraiser

Tuesday 19 March – NZEI Paid Union Meeting – School ends at 12.30pm

Friday 22nd March – Upper Hutt Student Leaders Conference

Tuesday 26th March – Traditional Māori Games Interschool Event

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March – Bee Healthy Van Visiting

Thursday 11th April – Disco (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

Term 2 Begins

Monday 29 April – 8.55am

Wednesday 22 May - Tough Guy & Gal

Ngā Mihi

Phillipa & the Pinehaven team