

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora and welcome back!

It is great to be back at school after the summer holidays. I trust you all enjoyed the more relaxed schedule and most importantly time with your family & friends. 2023 has got off to a fantastic start here at Pinehaven School. Classes are settling in beautifully and we are excited for the year ahead.

### New Staff Member

I would like to introduce to you our new staff member, Alice Gibb. Alice is Teaching in Room 8 and will be leading the Korimako Senior Hub. Alice brings a wealth of experience from her previous teaching positions and has strengths in Structured Literacy & Te Reo. We are excited to have Alice join us and look forward to working alongside her this year.



### Strategic Goals

The beginning of the year is always a good time to remind ourselves of the direction we are taking as a school and to introduce our strategic goals to new families and staff. These goals span 3-5 years and each year, are unpacked into an annual plan with strategic actions. An overview is provided below.

Strategic Goal:	Key aspects/actions:
Grow our capability as learners <b>CAPABILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure clear goal setting for learners.</li><li>• Build on students strengths and interests.</li><li>• Strengthened processes for professional growth, coaching and problem solving throughout the staff, progressing towards a 'culture of coaching'.</li></ul>
<b>Capability</b> relates to all learners, both students and staff. One example of how we plan to build capability this year is by introducing Structured Literacy. Structured Literacy begins in Years 0-2 but will eventually be utilised throughout the whole school. We look forward to weaving this new way of learning through our literacy programmes. Mathematics is another area we are working to strengthen as we refresh our curriculum.	
Deepen the learning <b>CURRICULUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take authentic actions as a result of learning.</li><li>• Implementation of Deep Learning programmes (NPDL).</li><li>• Local curriculum updated.</li></ul>
<b>Curriculum</b> - At the end of last year, we were successful in securing funding in relation to our Pinehaven Local Curriculum. "The Pinehaven Way", what is unique to our school, what we teach and how we teach it, this is what makes up a schools local curriculum. We will work with a facilitator to refine our programmes, content and delivery, reflecting the needs of our learners. Aotearoa/NZ Histories Curriculum will also be introduced in 2023.	
Expand and strengthen connections <b>CONNECTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen learning partnerships with whānau.</li><li>• Utilise local environment for learning.</li><li>• Maximise the use of experts to support learning programmes.</li></ul>
<b>Connection</b> —Covid played havoc with the way people connected with others. One of our main goals this year is to increase connections, particularly with our school community by involving whānau more in the life of Pinehaven School, through whānau hui, consultation and increased opportunities to participate in school life. Our local environment is amazing! We want to find ways to connect our students learning to the world around them also.	

With these examples in mind, I hope you now have more of an insight into some of our foci this year. We will have multiple opportunities for community consultation throughout 2023 as we believe a strong learning partnership is vital. There will be plenty of notice for our consultation opportunities so keep a look out for dates in our upcoming newsletters.

Our staff feel privileged to teach your children and look forward to working with you all this year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phillipa Whiteman

# Key Dates

Thursday 23rd February	Yr 5/6 Camp Parent Information Evening	Monday 13th—Friday 17th March	Years 1-4 EOTC Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Assembly School - Kererū 2.30pm start	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 & 6 Camp at El Rancho
Monday 27th February	Paid Union Meetings—School closes 1.30pm	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly – Korimako to lead
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Interschool Netball Tournament	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Colour Run & Cross Country
Thursday 9th March	School Photos	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1—3pm finish
24th February-15th March	Bee Healthy Van Visiting		

## New Students

A warm welcome to the following students:

Cole, Eva, Klara, Louie, Mana, Stan, Valeska, Lola, Ailo, Lihan, Lillah, Hugo, Poppy, Ethan.

We have had a number of new families join us this year. It is lovely to have you all here at Pinehaven School!

Welcome everyone.



## School News

### NZEI Paid Union Meeting for Teachers—SCHOOL FINISHING AT 1.30PM

As explained in yesterday's email our teachers are attending a Paid Union Meeting, on Monday 27th February. School will be finishing at 1.30pm that day. We would appreciate Parents/Caregivers collecting their child/ren at 1.30pm. You are welcome to collect your child earlier if that suits you, please ensure you sign our child out at the office. As mentioned we will have a very skeleton staff at school so need to know asap if you are unable to collect your children early. Please contact the office with this information. Our before and after school provider has space for an additional 9 students from 1.30pm should you require help with cover for your child. See contact details below.

### Before/After School Care Provision

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.

### Sunhats

A reminder that during Term 1, children need a sunhat that protects their face and neck from the sun. The images below can be used as a guide.

Suitable Hats:



Unsuitable hats (as well as beanies):

### Activity Fees and Donations

We rely on locally raised funds and parent donations, and we do need to charge activity fees for trips that are additional to regular curriculum provision. Within the next few weeks you will receive electronic statements outlining money due and the donations we rely upon. Thank you to the parents who have already paid—we are grateful for your support.

### Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are correct and if needed update with Pamela at office@pinehaven.school.nz

## Sports

### Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge 2023

Online registrations for the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge are now open. This event is available for all students year 3-6.

The Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge is being held on **Thursday 25th May** at Camp Wainui, 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata.

If your child would like to attend the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge please register them online. Follow the instructions below from Mr Nicol:

- It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that parents select the **CORRECT ENTRY, DATE & VENUE** for their child (**Thursday 25th May**)
- They must also select **THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER** when they come to the Bib Collection question
- Please write the School Name in **FULL** (i.e. Pinehaven School)

Here is the Online Registration Link: <https://events.mygameday.app/#/event/registration-form/juniortoughguyandgalchallenge/>

## Requests

### Road Patrol

Is there anyone who can give up one morning a week covering Road Patrol? The time commitment is 8.30-9am. Contact Rachel on rachel@pinehaven.school.nz if you are available to help. Thanks in advance!

### Parent Helpers—We need you!

This term, Junior students will take part in the Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) every morning, Monday to Friday. PMP is a physical skills programme that aims to increase children's fine and gross motor skills, coordination, concentration, eye tracking skills, and memory through a variety of activities and games.

If you are able to regularly commit to a small block of time, or one morning a week, I would love to hear from you! Training is provided. Please contact Melanie on melanie@pinehaven.school.nz

### Sickness

If your child is unwell, please keep them home. If your child becomes unwell we will assess and may contact you to collect your child.

# Introducing our staff



**Senior Leadership Team**



**Office & Library Team**



**Teacher Aides**



**Kererū (Junior) Hub**



**Part-time Teachers**



**Korimako (Senior) Hub**



# Learning Support Co-ordinators

## Background to the Learning Support Co-Ordinator (LSC) role:

Schools across the Upper Hutt Cluster are fortunate to have an additional trained teacher working in their school settings. Vi Lyons is the Learning Support Co-Ordinator here at Pinehaven School. This year, Anna D'Shea will be working in this role as Vi moves to a shorter week. We are fortunate to have both Vi & Anna working alongside staff to support our students with their learning needs.

## Purpose of the role:

The purpose of the LSC role is to ensure children and young people with additional learning needs have access to the services and support they need. They will substantively contribute to a collaborative approach that organizes learning support around what best meets the needs of children and young people across our cluster. They will help simplify the current learning support system, particularly for key stakeholders that interact with it, including parents and whānau.



## Great start to 2023...



We have had a wonderful start to the year. Here are a few photos to show what we have been up to. Spare a thought for Mrs. Beaumont-Yee who had to empty one of our traps the other day in the bush. Great job Kate & Rm 4 & their buddy class, Rm 9! Mr. Bashaw was happy to take the photo instead!

