

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

This is the final newsletter for the year. 2022 has been a year we have all had to display *manawaroa*/resilience, one of our school values. As a new principal, I have certainly had many learning opportunities however I have loved this year, being back at Pinehaven School and look forward to working with many of you in 2023. For some families, it is the end of an era with your child leaving Pinehaven School. Our final day is Thursday 15 December and school will close at 12.30pm. You are welcome to join us for a Poroporoaki to farewell Deirdre Reeves at 11.45am onwards.

Farewells

At the end of this term, we will be farewelling Deirdre Reeves. Deirdre has worked in room 4 this year and has been a welcome addition to our school. Thank you Deirdre for all your hard work and the contributions you have made to both your students and the wider Pinehaven School community in the past year. Special thanks also to Anna D'Shea for teaching room 6 for the second half of this year. We have appreciated you stepping in at short notice and the way you quickly got to know your new students. Anna will be working at Pinehaven School next year in a part-time capacity so it is not farewell for Anna, rather a change of pace! We are preparing to farewell 29 Year 6 students as they move to intermediate, as well as a small number of children who are moving to schools outside our area. Earlier in the week we enjoyed a Year 6 Celebration Evening with our students and their parents. It was a lovely evening where we could acknowledge our Year 6 group and the great contributions that they made while they have been here. We wish them all the best. There will be a formal poroporoaki on the last day of school to farewell those leaving.



Reports

On Monday 12th December, you will receive your child's final report, along with their self-assessment in relation to our values and picture collage. At this time of the year, the reports are not followed by a meeting with teachers, however we endeavor to send the report out before the final day so that you can make contact with your child's teacher by phone or email should you have any questions. In the report envelope, you will also find information about your child's class placement for 2023 and stationery items that are required for the year. A considerable amount of work goes into placing each child carefully, considering who they work well with and ensuring a balance of social, emotional and academic needs in each class.

Thanks!

It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated team of staff. Thanks also to the Board of Trustees for their support and governance throughout the year. To the many helpers who offer their time and skills throughout the year, we simply couldn't do what we do without you. We are reliant on volunteers to help us have trips, camps, attend sports events, the list goes on. Thank you. And finally, thanks to you for your ongoing support—I wish you all a happy and safe festive season, and all the best for the new year!

Have a great weekend,

Phillipa

Key Dates

9 December	Whole School Fun Day from 11-12.30pm Assembly School - Kererū 2.30pm start	15 December	Last Day of School—12.30pm finish
12 December	Reports out today	31 January	First Day of School—8.55am start
15 December	Poroporoaki—11.45am start	6 February	Pōwhiri for new staff & students Waitangi Day—School Closed

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Arts & Crafts Exhibiton 2023

What a great result we had at this years Art and Craft Exhibition, so many people, great community spirit and \$8930 raised towards our bike track! Our small team are working away in the background already, thinking about next year's exhibition...and we need a bit of help.

Working alongside our main organising team, we would love to have a 'friends of the exhibiton' group who we can call on during the lead up to and on the weekend of the exhibition for things like sewing, crafting, baking, food preparation etc.

If you would like ot be part of the organising team, friends of the exhibition group or have any ideas around sponsorship, we would abslutely love to hear from you. Please email us at pinehavenartandcraft@gmail.com

We are also on the look out for Sponsors. It costs over \$1000 to cover expenses for the exhibition and it would be great to cover that with sponsorship so we can raise more funds for our school.

We are looking forward to an awesome exhibition in 2023!



Lost Property

Please get your children to check the lost property—we will endeavour to get this out by the hall entrance for parents to look at on a fine day as well. Any items left over at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

Congratulations!

Well done to all the students who competed recently at the Wellington Regional Athletics Competition over in the Wairarapa. Five students represented Pinehaven School at this event, Max, Tipene, Stanley, Kristin & Lilian.

Special mentions:

- Max K—1st place Year 4 boys 100 m dash and 5th Year 4 boys 60 m dash
- Tipene T— 2nd place Year 4 boys Vortex
- Stanley H—4th place Year 4 boys 100 m dash

Max & Stanley were also part of the Year 4 boys relay team which placed 2nd.

Well done to all of you!



Meet the Teacher! 7 & 8 February 2023

Save the date! We had great feedback from parents and teachers this year with the start of the year meet the teacher evening, so we are holding it again in the second week of school. You will be invited to come and meet your child's teacher, sharing information about your child with them. We are really keen to hear early in the year your views on their strengths, as well as any goals and aspirations you have for them for 2023 and beyond.

Sports Tops, Library Books, Reading Books, etc

Please have a look at home over the weekend and send any Pinehaven School sports tops, library books or readers back to school on Monday. We really can't afford for these items not to be returned. A good look, even if you don't think you have any lying around, would be much appreciated.

Enviro & Stream 'Trip' Day Pics!

