



# Pinehill School News

Inspire active learners and leaders who make a difference

Week 3, Term 1

February 24, 2021

## Message from our Principal

Kia ora tatou,

What an amazing start we have had to the school year. I would like to acknowledge the support from all our families for ensuring the children are set up for a successful school year. We are very mindful that the start of the school year can be very expensive, so thank you. Please keep in mind we welcome expenses to be paid over time throughout the year if this is an option you would prefer.

Our whole school assemblies will continue to be held every Tuesday afternoon in the hall at 2:15pm. Each week one of our classes has the opportunity to host the assembly and to be up on stage, sharing their learning with the rest of the school. It is an afternoon full of learning celebrations and awards, as shields for each class are also awarded. Parents, whanau, family members are always welcome to attend. Our first assembly for the 2021 year was a singing assembly in the hall yesterday. Next week Room 5 will host the first classroom assembly for the year. We will continue in numerical order for class hosting and learning sharing (the following week Room 6, week after Room 7 and so on).

### Our school day starts at 8:50am

Your children are welcome to be at school from 8:15am. To maximise learning and to set your child up for a successful day, it is important that your child is at school settled and ready to learn at the start of the school bell at 8:50am.

### Pinehill School Community Picnic

We have our **Pinehill School Community Picnic** on **Thursday 11th March from 5pm-7pm** on the school field. This is an opportunity for the whole family to come along with a picnic rug or chairs and dinner to meet other families in your child's class as well as your child's teacher. There will be some food available to purchase from one of the food stands that the FOPS (Friends of Pinehill School) are organising to be onsite for this event. We will have some fun games taking place on the field, such as sack races, egg and spoon races etc. The staff and FOPS will all be there. We hope you can join us for a fun evening. Mark it in your calendars and keep it free.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini  
Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Carla Veldman, Principal**

---

## Headlines

### Spencer Road Drop Off Zone

**The safety of your children is a priority for us as it is for you.** Let's work together to keep our children safe. We are concerned with the unsafe driver practise on Spencer road.

- backing off the kerb,
- driving on the wrong side of the road to pick up students in layby
- driving too fast
- driving onto the footpath, narrowly missing staff and students
- driving and using mobile phone
- children without seat belts
- children are being crossed between cars onto a busy road
- cars illegally parked on the verge

**It takes every parent to step up, follow the road safety rules and support our children's safety.** We will be inviting Auckland Transport to help us monitor and ensure safety at the Spencer Road drop off zone. **Let's work together to keep our children safe.**

## School App



Our main channel of parent communication is via our School App.

We use our School App for newsletter communication and alerts for daily information and events. If you have not yet downloaded the School App, please follow the steps below to set up. Thank you to the parents who downloaded the app during level 2 and used the COVID 19 check in.



## Hand Sanitiser

Many thanks to the parents who have already supplied hand sanitiser as part of their child's stationery pack. We would really appreciate it if you have not already supplied a 500ml sanitiser to arrange for your child to give it to their teacher over the next couple of weeks. As you can imagine we use a considerable amount (approximately 500ml per week per class) under the current COVID levels.

---

## New Students

**Pinehill School would like to welcome the following new students:**

Angel-Josue Cubides, Dahamlee Lekamge, Xixi Xu

---

## Dates to Remember

Friday 26 February

- Fun Food Friday - orders close tonight

Friday 5 March

- Snack Food Friday

Monday 8 March

- Yr5/6 Water Safety with MISH

Tuesday 9 March

- Yr5/6 First Aid course

Wednesday 10 March

- Yr 5/6 Water Safety @ MISH

Thursday 11 March

- Yr5/6 First Aid course
- Pinehill School Family Picnic @ 5pm

Friday 12 March

- Fun Food Friday
- Yr 5/6 Water Safety @ MISH

**Please note that the school community calendar is available on the SchoolApp and on the front page of our school website.**

---

## Board of Trustees

### Board of Trustees Members

We would like to welcome our new members to the Board, Sam Brown and Matt Haycock. Sam and Calla were elected to the board in last year's election and Matt's selected position was confirmed at last night's meeting.

Current board of trustees are

- Evan Bateup - Presiding
- Rodney Wickes
- Calla Cheng
- Samantha Brown
- Matt Haycock

The board can be contact at [board@pinehill.school.nz](mailto:board@pinehill.school.nz)

### Board of Trustees Policies

All school policies are available through School Docs - click [here](#)

Logon - pinehill

password - pinehillway

---

# Friends of Pinehill School (FOPS) News - PTA

## First 2021 Fun Food Friday This Friday 26th February



This is the first Fun Food Friday this year! All pizza and sushi orders are to be placed online using the Kindo Online Shop. (We do not accept any cash orders, apologies for any inconvenience). Orders must be placed by the end of today, Wednesday 23rd February. Children love their yummy sushi and pizza, don't miss out!!! Thank you for your continuous support to this fundraiser.

For our new families, here is the link for placing your order:

- [https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user\\_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Pinehill%20School](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Pinehill%20School)
- or type in the following URL: [tiny.cc/FOPSKindoShop](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html)
- Kindo is also on our SchoolApps, click on Kindo on the home page, it will take you directly to its website.

\*\* First time users can use the following link which has instructions for setting up your account:

<http://www.pinehill.school.nz/school-life/school-shop>

On Friday Juicies, cookies and chips can be purchased in the hall foyer at lunch time.

*There will be NO sales of these items until 12.40pm when lunch eating time ends!!*

## Second-hand Uniform

We have new stock added this week. Huge thank you to families and students for their generous donation! Please visit our Kindo Online Shop to purchase, <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>. Uniform orders can be delivered to your child's classroom or collected from the office.



If you have school uniforms that you can donate, please ask your child to bring them to school and pass them to the office. Thank you for your generosity! Please email us if you need further assistance.

## Second Hand Book Sale

We are collecting books for sale at the Family Picnic on 11th March. Please donate books to the cardboard box at the school office. Your generosity is appreciated!

## Yummy Stickers



We are collecting "Yummy" stickers from apples, nectarines, peaches and pears, and barcodes from bags of "Yummy" fruit. This is a year long promotion, the stickers are exchanged for sports equipment for the school. All stickers and barcodes need to be stuck on the official forms which can be downloaded from [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz). Forms are also available from the "Yummy" dropbox opposite the health room in the administration block. Please return forms to the drop box when you have filled them up.

## Helpers Needed - Family Picnic Evening!!!

FOPS is privileged to support our school to make sure our families enjoy the Family Picnic evening. Many hands make light work, we are seeking parents who are willing to offer their help on the evening. We will need people to assist selling food and other items, supervising bouncy castles, and so on. Please email us at [pinehillfops@gmail.com](mailto:pinehillfops@gmail.com) if you are interested. Each member brings something unique and special to our group. Kia ora rawa atu thank you!



## About Us - Friends of Pinehill School

FOPS is a fundraising and support network of parents and teachers assisting Pinehill school to connect our community. It is a great way to get involved and meet other fun enthusiastic parents. If you have any question or would like to join this amazing force, please email [pinehillfops@gmail.com](mailto:pinehillfops@gmail.com).

Pinehill School PTA - Friends of Pinehill School

---

## Travelwise

WSB name	Days	Time/Location	Contact details
Pinehill Penguins	Morning: Mon-Fri  Afternoon: Mon - Thurs	AM: Leaves from 1 Kilear Cl at 8:10am. Another pick up point at 8.30am from 2 Ballymore Dr  PM: Meeting outside Room 5. Leaves school at 3.10pm (arrives at 2 Ballymore Dr)	Calla Chang calla@live.com
Bridge	Everyday		Lamia Bouaifel bouaifel_lamia@hotmail.com
Spencer Rd	Morning ONLY Mon - Thursday	Leaves from 12 Spencer Rd at 8:30am	Kelly Liang lucas110123@hotmail.com

## Community News




# Pinehill School Family Picnic

Thursday 11 March  
5pm - 7pm



Pack your basket, blankets, chairs etc.  
Meet your class on the school field for an evening of fun.

**PICNIC**



## Stay 'Connected' With our School App!

Alerts | Events | Absentee | Newsletters  
Daily Notices | Forms | Contacts | Sports  
Parent Portal | Term Dates | Links

Simply Download 'SchoolappsNZ' from the Google Play or App Store & search your school once installed.



They think it's FUN.  
you know it's EDUCATIONAL



Real-world concepts related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics



Build upon skills such as programming, fine-motor, critical thinking and problem-solving

# bricks 4 kidz

## Pinehill School

### AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

**Junior Robotics Level 1 (Year 0-4)**  
Combines model building and WeDo "drag and drop" coding to spark interest in STEAM  
Every Tuesday 3:15 – 4:45pm  
(23/02/2021 – 13/04/2021)  
Location: Ruru Block  
Cost: \$210 for 7 weeks (save \$35)

**Motorised LEGO® Model Building (Year 0-6)**  
Experience the fun of hands-on model building to develop problem solving skills  
Every Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm  
(24/02/2021 – 14/04/2021)  
Location: Ruru Block  
Cost: \$175 for 8 weeks (save \$25)

**Junior Robotics Level 2: Sensors introduction (Year 2-4)**  
Introduction to the use of motion sensor to explore mechanical engineering concepts  
Every Tuesday 3:15 – 4:45pm  
(23/02/2021 – 13/04/2021)  
Location: Ruru Block  
Cost: \$210 for 7 weeks (save \$35)

First week is FREE  
Come try it out!

Find your school at:  
[www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/after-school-classes](http://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/after-school-classes)

[nz@bricks4kidz.com](mailto:nz@bricks4kidz.com)  
0800 LEGO 4 K

**We Learn, We Build, We Play with LEGO® Bricks**



Pinehill小学微信公众号正式上线

为了让您更好的了解学校动态，及时获取学校信息与通知，请扫二维码关注 Pinehill小学公众号



Scan the QR code to add me on WeChat

如果您想了解學校的資訊或者有關於學校的任何問題，請加這個微信號碼，我會在我工作時間內盡量解答您的問題。

#### School Contact Information

Phone: 478 0301 Email: [info@pinehill.school.nz](mailto:info@pinehill.school.nz) Web: [pinehill.school.nz](http://pinehill.school.nz) Twitter: [PinehillSchool1](https://twitter.com/PinehillSchool1)