



Pinehill School News

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Week 9, Term 1

7 April, 2021

Message from our Principal

Kia ora tatou,

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter Break with your families. I have enjoyed welcoming the staff and students back to school this morning as we prepare for a very short week ahead.

Our Three Way conferences will take place over the next two afternoons and evenings. The school will close at the normal time of 3.00 pm today, Wednesday 7th April **with an early finish of 1.30 pm tomorrow on Thursday 8th April.** We look forward to meeting with you and supporting your child to share their learning.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could pick your child up tomorrow at 1.30 pm to allow teachers to start conferences. If you are unable to pick your child up at 1.30 pm please email the office info@pinehill.school.nz.

PKC will open earlier on Thursday for families who are unable to collect their children at 1:30 pm or who have booked their child/ren to attend PKC on Thursday. If you are requiring your child to attend after school care on Thursday, please contact Ayla - 021 250 5363 to book a place.

Three-Way Conference meetings are a conversation between the student, parents and teacher that is focused on recent learning. It is one of the many ways of reporting to you, on your child's progress at school. In a Three-Way Conference meeting, it is the child that leads the way by talking about their recent learning and progress. Not only is your child the best person to tell you about what they have learnt, but by talking about their learning they can build and deepen their learning. The staff and children are putting in much time and effort into preparing for the Three-Way Conference meetings. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi
Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work

Ngā mihi nui,

Carla Veldman, Principal

Board News

Update from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has now had two meetings this term. As your elected representatives, it is important to us that you remain informed on the direction of the school and what happens in the meetings. Hence, in the future, we will ensure that we share key decisions from each Board meeting with you via the school newsletter.

We have 2 new elected members on the Board this year, taking the total number of Board members to 7 (made up of 5 parents, Darren Mathers -Teachers Representative, and Carla Veldman -School Principal). Evan Bateup has been appointed by fellow Board members as the presiding member (this was formerly called the chairperson). We have a Board with a diverse skill set, and therefore areas of focus have been assigned to members as follows:

- Matt Haycock - Health & Safety
- Rodney Wickes - Property
- Calla Cheng - Finance
- Sam Brown - Communication
- Evan Bateup - Key staff appointments

One of the main tasks that the Board has reviewed and approved in the early stages of 2021 has been the school's strategic plan. This year the school has 3 key strategic aims as follows:

1. Raise student achievement, particularly in writing (specifically in our last meeting we reviewed the schools' policy on helping children who require additional learning support)
2. Enhance wellbeing
3. Increase community engagement

The school has a strong plan in place to achieve these goals during 2021, and the Board will work to support the strategic intentions and actions.

Some other key highlights from the recent Board meetings are as follows:

- The 2021 school budget has been reviewed and approved.
- A safety issue has been highlighted with cars parking on the grass areas between concrete driveways on Spencer Road (opposite the drop off/pick up zone). The school is currently in discussions with the landowners about this to ensure the ongoing safety of both our school community and the condition of the land. Please refrain from parking in these areas as it creates traffic delays, and more importantly, a hazard for children crossing the road.
- The Board is tasked with reviewing key school documents throughout the year, and to date have reviewed the Home Learning policy, and the Finance and Property Management policy. Just a reminder that all school policy documents are available for you to read and the link to these can be found via our school website [here](#) or the link below.

We are a passionate group who are all looking to represent the Pinehill School Community in the best way we know how for the greater good of all of our children. We are all very approachable, so please do come and say hi if you see us around the school. The Board can also be contacted via email at board@pinehill.school.nz.

Board of Trustees Policies

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

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Headlines

3WC - Three-Way Conference meetings

What do Three-Way Conference meetings look like?

Each family books in a 15-minute slot online to attend. Your child will talk to you about what they are learning and how well they have achieved their learning. Their strengths and weaknesses, their learning goals and how you can help them at home achieve these goals. An important thing to remember during the Three-Way Conference meeting is that the focus is on learning and not behaviour. If you have concerns about your child's behaviour then please email or pop in and see the teacher when the matter arises.

- Each conference takes 15mins - Your child will talk about their learning
- A timetable is available online - You are able to book conference times online: [Click to book](#)
- **Conference code: mutaa**

What date and time are the Three-Way Conference meetings?

There are two dates and time slots available for the Three-Way Conference meetings. Families with more than one child attending the school should make their bookings for times for all children leaving at least one appointment time between each child's conference. The Three-Way Conference meetings dates are:

- Wednesday 7th April 3.15 pm to 6:00 pm
- Thursday 8th April 1.30 pm to 7.00 pm (**School finishes early at 1.30 pm**)

Why Three-Way Conference Meetings?

For students, Three-Way Conference meetings are an opportunity to:

- Develop and extend your child's ability to talk about their learning
- Celebrate what has been learnt and set goals for their next steps in learning
- Shape their ability to clarify what they are learning and assess their own progress

- Reflect on their learning journey and modify it as a result of the reflection

For parents, Three-Way Conference meetings are an opportunity to:

- Actively and meaningfully support their child in his or her learning
- Understand more fully what their child is learning and the progress they are making
- Enjoy a rich, learning-oriented conversation with the child (and teacher)
- Understand better how learning and teaching happens 'these days'

For teachers, Three-Way Conference meetings are an opportunity to:

- Build partnerships with both students and parents
- See how well the student really understands what he or she is intending to learn and has learnt

What is your role as a parent/s in the Three-Way Conference meeting?

During the meeting, you will need to listen carefully to your child and encourage them to continue if they feel nervous. You can provide encouraging comments on your child's work, progress and achievement.

- Be an active participant in your child's learning
- Focus on learning about processes (skills) not content (facts)
- Ask questions about their learning and next steps for future learning

Questions you could ask your child to help discuss their learning:

- What have you been learning?
- Tell me what you think you are doing well?
- What helped with this learning?
- What did you find difficult?
- What do you need help with?
- What are your next learning steps?

Class Awards

Room 1:	Isaac Lim	Room 2:	Gavin Guo	Room 3:	Haytham Hassan
Room 4:	Kiara Smith	Room 5:	-	Room 6:	Nevaeh Wickes
Room 7:	Lucas Penny	Room 8:	Kitty Shen	Room 9:	Joon Hwang
Room 10:	-	Room 11:	Jiyoun Kim	Room 12:	N/A
Room 13:	-	Room 14:	Harlyn Yao	Room 15:	Lucas Wu
Room 16:	Sophie Du	Room 17:	Asees Kaur	Room 18:	Minugi Wijesinghe
Room 19:	Gillian Guo	Room 20:	Ayin Yun		
Winning House: Motuihe					

New Students

Pinehill School would like to welcome the following new students: Yan Li and Hyun Kim

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 7 April

- **Three-Way Conference meeting** 3.30 - 5.30 pm

Thursday 8 April

- **Three-Way Conference meeting** 1.30 - 7.30pm - **School Finishes @ 1.30pm**

Friday 9 April

- Fun Food Friday
- Mid Bays Swimming Cluster

Monday 12 April

- Year 3 EOTC
- Year 4 EOTC - Team Building

Tuesday 13 April

- Year 4 EOTC - Long Bay

Wednesday 14 April

- Year 3 & 4 EOTC Savaday

Friday 16 April

- Snack Food Friday
- **Last Day Term 1**

Monday 3 May

- **First day Term 2**

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

Sports News

Players of the Day

Basketball

Pistons	-	Cesar Wang (30/03)
Wizards	-	Jayden Lu (30/03)
Heat	-	Sean Lee
	-	Gavin Wang



Friends of Pinehill School (FOPS) News - PTA

Pizza Only Fun Food Friday this week 9th April

This is a pizza only FFF. Please place your order online using the Kindo Online Shop by the **end of today**, Wednesday 7th April. Children love their yummy pizza, don't miss out!!!



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, stickers are exchanged for sports equipment for the school. All stickers and barcodes need to be stuck onto the official forms which can be downloaded from www.yummyfruit.co.nz. Please return forms to the drop box when you have filled them up.

Entertainment Digital Membership

Entertainment membership fundraiser is back. You can now purchase your digital membership using this link, <https://nz.entdigital.net/subscription?fundraiser=948b34>. For every membership purchased using the above link, 20% will be donated to the school. For a limited time, you will receive a Bonus \$10 or \$20 Gift Card (choose from JB-Hi or Countdown).

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The official digital membership app will give you unlimited access to these offers anywhere anytime year round.

An advertisement for Entertainment Digital Membership. It features a woman and a child looking at a smartphone. The text says "We are fundraising with Entertainment!". Below this, it says "Give back Support us. Buy your Entertainment Membership and we receive 20% of the purchase." and "Get more Receive a BONUS \$10 or \$20 Gift Card* Choose from Countdown or JB HI-FI." There are logos for JB HI-FI and a "LIMITED TIME OFFER" badge.

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