



**PINEHURST**

Proud of who we are, what we know  
and what we can achieve

# Newsletter

## Executive Principal's News

TERM 1, WEEK 4

26 FEBRUARY 2010



Dear Parents

**Physical Education (PE)** is a curriculum subject taught within the School day. Skills are taught sequentially throughout the School's year levels.

Minor games are used to practice skills. Whenever a joint Schools competition is entered, teachers ensure students have practiced the skills needed. The PE curriculum also encompasses Health Education and Fitness.

**Sport** is not a School subject. We use that term to define all games played by students representing Pinehurst. This may be at Mid Bays Tournaments (Primary) or Zone Days (Year 7 & 8) or North Harbour Competitions during the School day. Sport usually means individuals or teams representing Pinehurst outside of School hours. We have divided Sport into two groups.

### 1. Key Codes

There are seven Key Codes that are played from Year 1 - 13; Football, Netball, Hockey, Basketball/Miniball, Tennis, Multisports/Athletics and Golf. We aim to have every student playing at least one Key Code in winter and one Key Code in summer. The School focusses on Key Codes.

### 2. General Sports

All other sports are called General Sports. Where there is enough interest, and coaches and managers are available, students may participate as a Pinehurst Team. We prefer students to play at least one Key Code before choosing to play General Sports.

### Open Day

Open Day is arranged for Thursday 18 March and we would appreciate you informing any interested parents as word of mouth is our best way to attract great families to our excellent School.

### Classroom Co-ordinators

Many thanks to the team that volunteered last week for Year Level 1,2,3,4,5 and 12. We are keen to have Class Co-ordinators for the following Year Levels - 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13.

To be added to the list please email

Lisa.Jones@pinehurst.school.nz. The next meeting is on Tuesday 23 March at 2.30pm in Ms Penman Walters office.

With kind regards

Sherida Penman Walters (Ms)

Executive Principal

### Special Note

Dear Parents

Teachers are always very busy in the mornings, preparing for the day. Please understand that this is the wrong time for an in-depth conversation. All teachers have appointment times available for those necessary conversations.

Sherida Penman Walters (Ms)

Executive Principal

### Vex Robotics

Come and support the Pinehurst Vex Robotics Team at the Regional Robotics Competition to be held at Pinehurst in the Gymnasium on  
Saturday 27 February 2010



### CALENDAR DATES

#### Week 5 & 6

<b>1 Mar</b>	Football Information Evening 7:30 Gym PFF Dessert and Coffee 7:30 - Aubergine
<b>3 Mar</b>	Year 9 - 13 North Harbour Athletics Zone 2 Day
<b>4 Mar</b>	AS Drama Trip to Maidment Theatre. Year 9-13 North Harbour Athletics Zone 1 Day. Year 9-13 Yacht Racing.
<b>5 Mar</b>	Year 9-13 Yacht Racing. Yr 1-13 Mufti Day, Gold Coin Donation (Proceeds to Heart Children New Zealand).
<b>9 Mar</b>	Junior College NH Swimming Zone Day.
<b>10 Mar</b>	E-Day (Young Enterprise Scheme). Junior College NH Swimming Zone Day. Year 4 Camp.
<b>11 Mar</b>	Junior College NH Boys Tennis Zone Day. Year 13 Young Leaders Day. Year 3 Camp.
<b>12 Mar</b>	Year 9-13 North Harbour Athletics Champs.
<b>13 Mar</b>	Fishing Competition and Family BBQ

### WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

On Sunday I competed in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon at St Heliers. This was my third Weet-Bix Tryathlon and I had to swim 100 metres in the ocean, bike 4km and run 1.5km - it was very tiring. I met Anna Bannatyne from Year 4 - it was her first triathlon - we both had heaps of fun and I was one number off winning a new bike in the prize giving! It was so hot that I couldn't wait to tip water on my head when I finished. I think I will do this again next year.

Arianna Jaggard, Year 5, Room 8



Glen Radojkovich  
Headmaster

Primary and Junior College

Primary News

I had the pleasure this week of attending the Year 7 Camp on Motutapu Island. It was a pleasure for a number of reasons. The enjoyment of remarkable vistas as we jetted across crystal clear waters on our way to the Island followed by a greeting of stunning views as we made our way around the island made a perfect backdrop to the camp experience. I had the good fortune to become better acquainted with our wonderfully supportive and dedicated parents; parents who assisted in making the Year 7 camp a significantly special experience for our students. The joy of learning more about our Year 7 students and watching them achieve incredible feats on high ropes, abseiling, kayaking, sailing was an extremely rewarding experience. I couldn't help being proud by the incredible efforts of our students, as I witnessed the school values in action, their encouragement and support of each other and their perseverance and demonstration of excellence in overcoming personal challenges.

Outdoor events have been plentiful this week. In addition to our Year 7 camp our Junior Primary embarked on an exciting trip to Red Beach. Our Year 6 students participated in the Water-Wise sailing and kayaking programme at Murray's Bay. In every instance parents were instrumental in the success of each event.

It is events like these that further highlight the 'Pinehurst Triangle' of parents, teachers and students in action and in full support of each other. Whilst outdoor events provide an obvious platform to notice successful learning experiences, of equal pleasure but perhaps not immediately obvious are the day to day successes of our students as they strive to excel in their learning. Everything our students do from the time they arrive to school through to the interactions at home are the true reflections of successful learning partnerships in place.

I hope to get to know more of you at other events coming up as we progress through the year. Please make sure that you put time aside to attend the Pinehurst Fishing Competition, the sports information sessions, the Shore to Shore Fun Run and other community events coming up in the weeks ahead. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards  
Glen Radojkovich

Room 9

The students in the Senior Primary have now started their annual swimming lessons at the Millennium Stadium. The Year 6 students will have five sessions in total and each session in the pool lasts for approximately 30 minutes.

It is a specialised programme specifically geared towards improving their swimming ability. The professional instructors work through the basic routines of learning stroke development and teaching streamlining in the water to be more effective swimmers. The students are graded on their ability and are therefore instructed accordingly.

These sessions help the students significantly, as they prepare for the Inter-House Swimming Competition on 17 March in Week 7. This event is the major sporting event for Term 1 and the students will be encouraged to enter races to compete for their house.

Grayson Aspinall

Room 4



Room 4 has made an enthusiastic start to the year. We have made new friends and reacquainted with old friends. We have been discussing and sharing our ideas about what we think learning is. Our first math topic has been

Statistics and we have been learning to gather information, record our information in tally form then put our results onto a bar graph to discuss with the class.

Smartie math was our favourite because we got to eat them after tallying and graphing our results. On Wednesday we had a wonderful beach trip to Red Beach to learn about Water Safety. The lifeguards explained how we can be safe in, on and around water and then we got into our togs, had a swim and used the boogy boards. Thank you to all the parents who made this trip possible by helping.

We are currently establishing routines and have discussed what makes a good class captain. Each day Mrs Miller chooses a person who is a good role model to be class captain to sit on the special chair.

It has been very hot so we have to make sure we drink plenty and wear our hats when outside in the sun.

Fiona Miller



## Year 9NW Continue to use Metacognition Habit of Mind in all areas of their learning

Quote of the week:

"A man who does not think for himself does not think at all,"

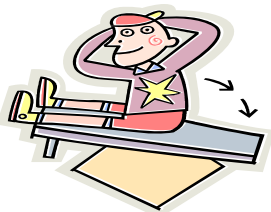
Oscar Wilde

### Year 9NW Comments:

During Maths we have been revising Number which includes rounding to a specified number of decimal places and significant figures. We are also learning about Standard Index Form which involves writing both significantly large and small numbers to a power of 10. E.g.  $5,6700000000000 = 5.67 \times 10^{13}$

In English we are learning how to write and speak using persuasive language. Our teacher, Mr Haywood, has been explaining how important it is for us to use emotive language to persuade the reader/listener to share our view. Most of the class has grasped the concept well and has even tested it out on Mr. Haywood pleading for less homework..... and it worked!

This week in P.E and Health 9NW has been looking at the varied skills required to be successful in sport. We have completed a number of tests which included running 2km, doing press-ups and sit-ups for a minute as well as agility tests. Congratulations to Tyler Soljan who managed to jump 50cm! These tests were challenging but overall enjoyable as we had the support of our peers every step.



## Pinehurst Food and Wine Market

Pinehurst Parents are warmly invited to the inaugural Pinehurst Food and Wine Market. Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere created by our very own talented pianist Richard Ellsworth, while selecting and tasting whatever takes your fancy – a great opportunity to try before you buy.

The market stalls offer an abundance of tasty delights including wine, cheeses, breads, chocolates, dips and sauces. This event is put on by independent stall owners and, if this market is well attended they'll return toward the end of the year in time for Christmas purchases. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This is a fantastic opportunity to mix with fellow parents. Friends welcome.

**WHEN:** Friday 26 February 2010, 7pm.

**WHERE:** Pinehurst School Gym

## THEY'RE COMING ... ...to Pinehurst!

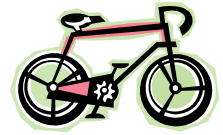
The 2009/2010 Entertainment™ Book is coming back to Pinehurst as a 2010 fund-raiser and will be sent home to ALL families on 25 March 2010. Featuring many of the area's best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities for families, all with valuable 25% to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers ALL for just \$65.

We have been lucky enough to secure the books in time for the School holidays. So if you wish to purchase the books please return your payment by **31 March**. If you do not wish to purchase the book – simply return it to reception.

*Entertainment™ Books provide important funds for our school and valuable savings for our families. The best part is that for only \$65, you'll be helping us fund-raise, with \$13 from every Book sold contributing to the School*

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK THROUGH THE BOOK WHEN YOU RECEIVE IT, AND TAKE AS MANY ORDERS FROM YOUR WORK COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS OR RELATIVES BEFORE THEY'RE GONE ... FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT

JUDY WALLACE 09 414 0960



## Pinehurst is participating in TravelWise Week 1-5 March.

Students will be encouraged to get to school in a sustainable way during the week by walking, cycling, catching public transport, or even scootering! There are some fantastic prizes for our school to win, so put this event into your calendar and encourage your children to get involved.

Kind regards

Michelle Nell

## Pinehurst Fishing Competition Saturday 13 March 2010

It's time to get your boat engines revving in preparation for some hefty competition on the water! Lots of fun and prizes!

Proudly sponsored by Fish City and hosted by Bayswater Marina. For parents new to the school, the Pinehurst Fishing Competition is not only for keen fisherman but a great day for the family. If you're not so keen on getting out on the water or if fishing isn't your cup of tea, then please bring the kids and join us for a fun afternoon.

An organised BBQ starts at **2pm** or bring your own picnic. Weigh-in/prize giving starts at **3pm** followed by a fish auction. For Entry forms please contact Judy Wallace on 4140960 or email [judy.wallace@pinehurst.school.nz](mailto:judy.wallace@pinehurst.school.nz)  
**Entries close 26 February.**  
Please support this event!





Jacqueline White  
Senior College  
Headmistress

Senior College News

Dear Parents and Senior College students,

One of the reasons I was interested in applying for the Headmistress position in the Senior College was the challenge of helping improve the school's academic performance. This is a tall order in a school that is already providing a world-class education. Having said that, any school, no matter how successful, should always be looking for new ways of improving the quality of the learning experience for its students.

Over the past four months I have been working closely with the Faculty Heads and teaching staff to develop means through which we can bring even greater "value-added" to the students. When looking at the structure of the school year, it was apparent that Pinehurst Senior College provides many formative assessment opportunities but that, perhaps, the format could be slightly altered to maximise student success.

Up until this year the Senior College has used end of term tests as the key assessment format and has only had one set of full examinations, in Term Three. Educational research indicates that students perform best in external examinations when they have had as many opportunities as possible to sit assessment that directly mimics the end of year format. The bottom line is that a brief test at Term's end cannot provide a truly accurate simulation of the scenario students will be facing at the end of year. Indeed, a brief look at the recent CIE Brilliance Awards Ceremony shows that a well known Auckland CIE school that has reduced their senior examinations from two to one session per year has dramatically dropped off the pace in terms of attaining Top in New Zealand and Top in the World results. While the link is not totally provable, the anecdotal evidence suggests that there is a correlation.

In light of the above points, in 2010 we will be moving away from the test format and falling in line with what the vast majority of schools do – providing full examinations and study leave in both Term 2 and Term 3 for Years 10-13. In contrast, we will be removing Test Week in Term One as it is the staff's considered opinion that the week could be put to better use as a normal teaching week. This would allow teachers to finish the course earlier; gaining more revision time at year's end. There will be no change in terms of Parent Conferences and the frequency of reports. The Conferences are something that set Pinehurst apart from other, similar schools and we are committed to continuing with this protocol.

The attached table indicates the formalised assessment and reporting regime in the College for 2010. While I can confirm that the Term Two examinations will take place in Week 6, we are still in negotiations regarding the precise date of the Term Three examinations. It is also important that you update your family calendar with the information outlined in this newsletter as it supersedes some dates and information on the website.

The staff of the Senior College are confident that this change in the school's assessment format, though minor, will help enhance our students' chances in the formalised external CIE examinations.

Jacqueline White  
Senior College Headmistress

	TERM ONE	TERM TWO	TERM THREE	TERM FOUR
Year 10	Progress Report Conference	Examination (Wk 6) Report Conference	Examination Report Conference	Test Report
Years 11 - 13	Progress Report Conference	Examination (Wk 6) Report Conference	Examination Report Conference	On study leave

**Pinehurst Family & Friends  
(A Social Network)**

PFF had a great turn out this week for its first 'Coffee 'n Catch Up'. Welcome all new families to Pinehurst – it was great to see a few of you brave people come along and meet strangers in an unknown setting. We trust that you feel more 'at home' now, and that you have started to forge links with other Pinehurst parents. For those of you who are committed during the day, **next Monday evening 1 March, is the monthly Dessert 'n Coffee at local restaurant "Aubergine"** in Rosedale Road. **7.30 p.m. onwards.** Just turn up and say you are part of the "Pinehurst" crowd! This is a golden opportunity for (paid) working parents to take time out to meet other Pinehurst parents. Another **PFF event** on the school calendar is the **Family Portrait session** with 'Positive/Negative' Photography. Professional photographers will take Black & White no-obligation photos of your family, pets and props included – mark **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March** between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for this chance to create a life long memento. Bookings for the 10 minute photo sitting can be made by contacting Angela Smith at [shaneandangela@xtra.co.nz](mailto:shaneandangela@xtra.co.nz). Booking fee of \$10.00 applies.



**School Uniform Shop Hours**

Monday 12:30–4:30pm  
Wednesday 8:00-9:30am  
Thursday 8:00-9:30am

**Solar Production This Week**

kWh	\$ Saving	CO2 Saving
31.84	7.00	20.46
<b>Year to Date</b>		156kWh
<b>Since Commissioned</b>		844.3kWh