



THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Yes, it's that time again folks! Whatever happened to the year? We will be holding the concert at the Community Hall again on December 6, starting at 6.30 p.m. Tania will create a new and exciting scenery backdrop and there will be a cuppa and bikkies after, not to mention a special visit by a certain "person" who always wears red! Come and sing your heart out and enjoy a community evening out together! Rita (9390442; 021-117-1854)

Super Summer Reading Challenge

Jane Cherry

The Upper Hutt City Library is offering a Super Summer Reading Challenge for ages 5-12, a 6 week programme of FREE events and challenges to keep children reading and entertained over the summer. Registrations can be completed on our website or at Upper Hutt City Library's Central or Pinehaven Library. Students can pick up their Super Summer Reading Challenge Hero pack from December 15. After completing the challenges they will receive an invitation to our Heroes Party and go into the draw to win prizes, including tablets, Lego and loads more!

**WEEKEND WORKSHOP
In Pinehaven**

20 & 21 December 2014,
9 am - 4 pm

**Build your own Cob Pizza Oven and
Introduction to Permaculture Design**

Registration is limited to 12 people.
For more info or to register, please see James Richardson
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What is the PPA?

The PPA is a voluntary community organisation established to protect and improve our unique community. We do this by voicing community needs and views to the appropriate authorities and by assisting wherever possible with community development. Among the activities of the PPA are:

- Liaising with local government and other authorities over issues of concern to local residents. This includes preparing submissions on the District Plan and development proposals, facilitating community discussions and gathering community views on significant issues for referral to the city and regional councils
- Representing Pinehaven on community forums such as the local Civil Defence network
- Acting as a custodian of and maintaining the Pinehaven Community Hall and grounds. The hall is used by local organisations including Guides, Brownies, yoga, church groups, the community drop-in centre, Pinehaven School, and once a year for a community picnic
- Fostering community connectedness, including maintaining a community website as a conduit for information and platform for discussion, and producing this newsletter.

The PPA would be grateful for any contribution that helps us continue our work. We no longer call round to households, but you can donate by leaving a cheque in an envelope at the Pinehaven Library, or pay your donation via online banking to account number 03-0774-0857067-00.



Join the PPA and other community members on www.neighbourly.co.nz



The Tennis Club New Season

Tony Packer

October is the first month of the season, prompting a burst of activity. We have tidied up the courts and nets, had flood lights repaired and painted the clubhouse exterior. Welcome back to those who have pursued other activities during the winter.

Welcome also to players from Upper Hutt Tennis Club. Presently without premises, they use our facilities under certain conditions and can join in our club days, but still run their interclub teams as Upper Hutt, running their junior section on a College court. We are enjoying their company.

Our interclub teams are preparing for competition. We hold junior Saturday morning coaching activities and have more juniors this year than last. The Senior teams organise practice sessions themselves and hold club days on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The Ladies team are now in Premier Grade Three. We are preparing the very popular parent-child tournament to be played well before Christmas.

Activation, a Council section promoting exercise, organised events to introduce sports clubs to college leavers. With photo display boards, we visited all the Upper Hutt colleges at lunch-times to talk about our club and activities over the traditional barbeque. If you are interested in joining, come along any time you see activity at the club and someone will show you the ropes. Surely there are prospective members lurking among the plne trees!

New Year's Day is a good time to get together, play a game of tennis and enjoy a glass of something with a bring-and-share lunch, even a barbeque! All welcome. Happy Christmas!

Pinehaven: Children's View

Pinehaven Rain, by Sam G.

As the rain slowly falls
It lands in a pool of sky
blue water.
It will drop from
leaf to leaf until it lightly
hits the ground.
You can hear the birds
tweeting, trying to
get to shelter.

Pinehaven by Hannah E.

Hard hot stone underneath bare feet,
sun glints off the river,
sprint over sticks and stones,
the perfect summer's day.
Into the water as soft as silk,
that cascades all around.
A pool untamed by city life,
so clear and cool and still.
Skip over mossy rocks,
race with the sunshine and win,
Dance in the river with the secret pools,
and birdsong all around.

Pinehaven School End of Year Report

Kaylene Macnee, Principal

With the year nearing an end, I would like to extend a thank you to our wonderful, caring local community for supporting us this year. We have a number of exciting projects happening on site soon, likely to begin over the holiday break. We will have builders refurbishing Rooms 6, 7 & 8.



Exciting news! The school will be building 3 bike tracks on the school field: one loop track that borders the field; a skills track with 8 obstacles; and a pump track, all available for community use outside school hours. The school will purchase 50 bikes, helmets and a storage facility, so that children can access bikes during the school day. It will be a major part of our learning programmes.



We need community help to generate money for the project. We currently have around \$25,000: half way to funding the entire project. We have pending grant applications and have been approaching local businesses. If you can help with business sponsorship, please let us know. If you would like to make a smaller donation, our givealittle page is www.givealittle.co.nz/org/Pinehaven. Every little bit helps, so please donate whatever you can. We hope to open our bike tracks early in February.



Please help us look after our school grounds over the holidays. If you notice our gardens are dry, feel free to water them! If you notice anything over the break that needs urgent attention, such as a broken window, you can phone the school office and be put through to an emergency notification line by following the prompts on the answerphone. We would also appreciate it if you could avoid bringing dogs onto the school grounds.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

Update on the Upper Hutt Greenbelt

Kate Hunter

The Green Belt subcommittee of the Upper Hutt branch of Forest & Bird have been making great progress this winter. A strategic plan has been developed, some landowners have been approached to sound out their support for the project, and a petition has begun circulating. F&B's aim is to secure a protected green belt around Upper Hutt. At a minimum, this would retain green spaces around the city, but ideally it would create ecological corridors for wildlife and recreation. You can help by writing to our councillors to support the idea, help collect signatures (copies of the petition are available from Margaret Craigie on 9711794) and by making sure you use the hills this summer – get to know them and what makes them special!