



Snippets

Library Review: The review of library services in Upper Hutt is scheduled to start shortly so make sure you keep up those library visits. Remember, reading out loud is one of the most important gifts you can give your children.

PPA land: The restoration of the PPA land is finally underway thanks to Graeme Wall, the developer. There are however a number of outstanding issues with the height of the land and drainage around the hall that still need to be resolved.

Swimming Pool: Thank you to Brian Colbourne for stepping forward and knocking down the concrete pipes in the pool. As you can see, the hole is gradually being filled with dirt from the building site.

Tennis: The Tennis Club have upgraded the floodlights on courts 1 and 2 thanks to a grant from the Community First Foundation. The old lights were over 40 years old and well past their use by date. While summer is ending, Pinehaven Tennis is an all year sport with sessions through winter on Tuesday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Dogs: While many residents take notice of the signs saying all dogs on the Reserve must be on a leash, there are a number who continue to let their dogs roam free. Please remember that small children constantly play in the area and they may not understand the dangers of approaching a strange dog. And don't forget to bring your 'pooper scooper' so we can all enjoy a clean Reserve and neighbourhood.



From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of the Pinehaven News. As you can see there is plenty happening in the community and also a few calls for help from Pinehaven groups. If you have something you would like to see included next time then feel free to get in touch: ella@kahu.org.

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WANTED

The PPA are looking for donations of baking equipment and crockery for the Hall so the Guides and Brownies can do some baking. In particular they need baking trays and tins, plates and mugs. If you can help please contact either Anne (527 8383)

or Ella (976 5995).



Pinehaven News



Pinehaven Progressive Association
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Congratulations



Pinehaven School pupils Madeline & Sam Smith-Bell and Tom & Scott Millen were recent winners at the RIP Rap River trash Extravaganza 2005, a sculpture day organised by the Wellington Regional Flood Control. Children had to recycle rubbish found on the Hutt River and turn it into a work of art. The prize was a donation to Pinehaven School which will be spent on art supplies. The sculptures are on exhibition at the Dowse. Well done!



Farewell & Thank You

Jo McCullough, the new entrant teacher is leaving Pinehaven School.

Jo has been a valued member of the staff for twenty years, during which time she has given many children a wonderful start to their schooling.

A final assembly for Jo will be held on Friday April 15th at 11.30am. Please join us and remain afterwards to share a cup of tea and sandwich.

Anyone wishing to make a donation and sign a card may call at the Pinehaven School Office.

Last Minute News

Landcorp is planning to sell a large part of Belmont Regional Reserve to developers. Have your say and prevent this desecration of Wellington's wonderful hills. Get down and sign the petition at Silverstream Pharmacy and write to your MP.

Easter Show

The Lighthouse Church are putting on a special event to celebrate Easter. We are showing the video of the Gospel of Matthew down at the PPA hall. This is a marvellous video telling the story of Jesus Christ. It is 4 hours long, so will be played over two nights. The first one will be Good Friday night at 7.00 pm, and the second on Easter Saturday night at 7.00pm. We will provide a cuppa and biscuits in each interval, and it should finish at 9.00pm, which we feel is not too late! You won't want to miss this – so please make a date and come along. Gold coin entry appreciated.

Rita Bota



Library Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
12.30pm—4.30pm
Tuesday 6pm—8pm
Saturday 10.30am—12.30pm



School Report

The school is growing fast with the roll at the beginning of March reaching 164. Welcome to all the new children and to the new entrants in the wings waiting to start their schooling experience.

We also welcome our new Deputy Principal, Claire Hughes, who started in Term 1 and is teaching a Year 5/6 class. Jo McCullough has resigned from her long standing role as Assistant Principal and new entrant teacher. Jo will be greatly missed, and we wish her well with her future adventures. Kaye Stannard has been appointed to the role of Assistant Principal and will continue teaching Year 0/1 children. Congratulations Kaye on your appointment.

The gala went very well thanks to Sharlene Pillar and the PTA team, plus the children, teachers, parents and the community. The gala made a profit of \$3,000 which will go towards funding additional resources for the classroom, sports, IT and library, etc.

Other events the children have participated in this term include the school swimming sports and visits from the Wellington Free Ambulance and from Chris Best, the Police Youth Education Office, teaching safe cycling habits. Fitness is a big theme with John Masson starting a running group for Year 4-6 children with a regular turnout, sometimes including parents, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The triathlon is to be held on Thursday 24th March at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing par-

ents, caregivers, grandparents and the community cheering on our children.

Our Gifted and Talented children had the opportunity to paint a two sided panel that reflects the multicultural nature of our school. The banner will be on display at Oriental Parade as part of the Wellington Multicultural Crossover Exhibition from 15-28 March.

Volunteers needed: Our Parent Tutor reading programme is in need of volunteers. Sessions are run from 9.10am-10.30am each day so if you are able to help the children with their reading (you don't have to be a parent), please contact the office on 528-4365. We also welcome extra adults who are willing to help supervise the children doing Road Patrol in the mornings and afternoons.

Julie Manu
Pinehaven School Board of Trustees

Pinehaven School



"A Great Place to Learn"

To visit please phone the principal John Masson on 528 4365



Fun, Learning and Biscuits!

The Guides and Brownies are back in full swing at the PPA Hall for 2005. The Brownies are enjoying exploring the wind theme this term so please smile when you see them flying their kites or exploring for seeds which use the wind to propagate. The Guides are working on their Civil Defence and First Aid skills (which we hope they never have to use). Anyone interested in joining can contact Glenys on 528 4990 or Anne on 527 8383.

And of course it is Girl Guide Biscuit month so don't miss out on your annual supplies of these delicious biscuits. If you would like some and no-one has knocked on your door yet, please call Glenys or Anne. And while these biscuits are delicious straight out of the packet, for an extra yummy treat try turning them into S'Mores. ➔



S'Mores

Put a (large) marshmallow on top of a chocolate GG biscuit and microwave for 6-7 seconds on full power. Top with a second biscuit and eat.

Divine!

Wednesday Drop In



Are you new to the community? Looking for a way to meet people? Got some time on your hands during the day? If so, why not visit the PPA Hall on Forest Road on Wednesdays.



The drop-in centre ended the year on a high note! After receiving a grant from the UHCC – we spent three Wednesdays learning to hand-craft our own Christmas cards – it was great fun, and we have decided that we will continue on with making all kinds of cards – birthday, Easter, Mother's day, whatever you want – so come along and see what you can do! There are plenty of materials provided.

That does not mean that our usual fun activities are in any way curtailed – no, we continue to indulge our passion for jigsaw puzzles, scrabble and numerous other games (all the while, putting the world to rights). Don't forget that we also have a bottomless cup of coffee available and lunch. So what are you waiting for? Starts 10.30 am and goes on to at least 2.30 p.m.

Rita Bota

Thought for the Day

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead