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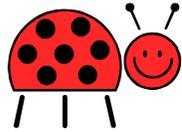
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## Arbugs

Something new for the kids in Pinehaven. Arbugs offers a variety of arts and crafts workshops aimed for children aged 5 - 12, run by AnnMarie Puglia and Jacqui Clarke. There are still places for Term 4 classes. Our theme is Christmas Arts and Crafts and we have a jam-packed term planned! Classes are held on Thursdays (starting 22 October for 8 weeks) from 3:30pm till 4:30pm at the Silverpine Scout Hall in Pinehaven, at a cost of \$110 per term. Please call me on 9773966 for bookings and more info.

*Jacqui Clarke*



There have been a number of close calls recently at the intersection of Pinehaven and Wyndham Roads. Sometimes it is the failure of Pinehaven Road drivers to stop and look, and sometimes it is the failure of Wyndham Road drivers to slow down, ready to give way. This intersection has been the subject of much discussion and change in the past, with the last round in 1994 when residents turned down the possibility of extensive reconstruction. Pat Christianson (5282710), a local city councillor, is interested if anyone wishes to comment. Meantime, we all need to treat the intersection with respect and caution.



## Art & Craft

The 2009 Art & Craft Exhibition was once again a wonder-

ful weekend for all involved. Feedback was positive and, with the stock including lots of very affordable items, sales exceeded \$30,000. This results in a profit of around \$8,000 for Pinehaven School. A special thank you to the co-convenors, Dominique Nollen and Anne Elzenaar, who, after a number of great years in the role, are stepping down. Next year will be the 40th anniversary of this wonderful community event.

# Pinehaven News

Pinehaven Progressive Association

President: Dominic Baron 970 9147

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## PPA AGM

7:30pm: Wednesday 28th October

Pinehaven Community Hall

Come along and:

- share your views about our community
- Mix and mingle
- Hear about transition towns

There will be a couple of vacancies on the committee this year and, like any organisation, new people are vital to maintain freshness and innovation. I am standing down from the presidency so you can start from the top, or join the committee. The work is not hard or demanding. It only requires a commitment to meet once a month and to contribute about 1 hour per week to administration or maintenance.

*Dominic Baron*



## Transition Towns

Heard about Transition Towns and wondered what they are about? Wondering about peak oil? Energy decline? Local community building? Want a society that can cope with the future changes with grace? Following the AGM, Pat van Berkel, Transition Town Upper Hutt, will present some of the ideas and invite discussion on what we can do in Upper Hutt and wider.

## StreamSkate

“The forgotten age”

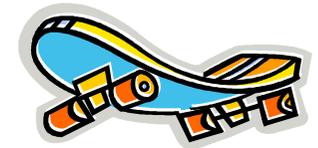
A group of enthusiastic youth from Silverstream and Pinehaven are keen to develop a skating area in their local community. To that end, they are interested in sharing their ideas and listening to the views of other residents. So come and take your opportunity to both listen and be heard.

Pinehaven School Hall

Wednesday 14th October, 7pm

Silverstream School Hall

Tuesday, 13th October, 7pm



## PPA Subs

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to drop off your donation/subs in the envelope provided.

Your generous donations will go towards the rewiring of the PPA hall planned for next year. If you didn't get round to it, it's not too late—drop off your \$5 either to the library or any of the committee members. Thank you.





## Building a strong foundation

You can hardly miss the changes at Pinehaven School. The new fencing and colour scheme are all part of a modernisation of the school made possible by the increasing roll, fantastic support from the community, and some prudent spending over the last few years. A much needed rebuilding of the administration block is also underway. During the rebuilding the reception will move to the library and the Principal's office to the dental clinic.

It's not only 'bricks and mortar' that are providing a fantastic foundation for the future though. This year's Educational Review Office (ERO) report is fantastic. ERO were extremely complimentary about our vision, charter and alignment with the curriculum. They also remarked on the quality of the school's 'self review' and noted that "positive and stimulating classroom environments promote good learning outcomes." The children were described as "articulate and friendly" - a credit to both school and community. We have received many comments from people involved in education circles who tell us that our report is about as good as it gets and certainly something to be very proud of. Copies of the full report can be found on the ERO Website, or a summary is available from the school office.

Our thanks, as always, to a community that supports our fundraising initiatives and helps us look after the unique character of the school and its environment. We look forward to building on our current successes into term four and beyond.

*Steve Manners (BOT Chair)*



## Pinehaven Community Garden

Winter is behind us and it is time to get rolling again on the Community Garden. The garden, at the Community Hall in Forest Rd, was started just last year so is very much a work in progress! It is what is called an "allotment" style, where individuals each have their own plot.

We are slowly improving the environs with some fruit trees. Just three feijoas and a lemon tree so far, and donations of any other fruit trees will be very welcome. On our wish list is also a garden shed to lock up our tools - actually, we don't have many tools, so would appreciate donations of those too!

We aim to meet every Saturday at 10am to do communal tasks like building compost heaps and general tidying, but individuals can of course come any time to work on their own plot. So, if you are interested in starting your own plot, or just wish to join in or learn more about gardening, come along any Saturday at 10am or contact me on Ph 9707630 email [whatford@clear.net.nz](mailto:whatford@clear.net.nz), or phone Kate Hunter on 9723490. *Max Christensen*



We are very lucky with the education available in Pinehaven. Like the school, Pinehaven Playcentre also had an excellent ERO review recently as the follow quotes show:

The programme promotes creativity and investigation of resources.

Centre members' interactions with children are responsive and caring.

A high level of oral language is used by parents to encourage and support play.

New families are always welcome at the playcentre. In particular, the junior session for children under 2½ has spaces, so if you are looking for something fun and educational to do with your child give Angela Browne a call on 9719804.



## Christmas Concert

6.30pm  
Sat 12th December  
Pinehaven School Hall

Early notice of this year's Pinehaven Christmas Concert so book it in your diary. This time we have booked the School Hall since it has been rather like a can of sardines over the last few years! There will be plenty of sing-a-longs, and we have some exciting new turns coming in. We have also decided to make it an earlier start time and finish; we do think it was rather late finishing last year, and we are trying to make it more accessible for parents and children. Can't keep them up too late! Entry will be a gold coin as usual, and there will be refreshments at the end of the show. We are pretty sure that Santa will turn up, he usually hears about us, so we will look forward to seeing him again, and we will see you all there!

*Rita Bota*

## Flood Meeting

A recent Saturday morning at the PPA hall saw people streaming in to view data from the recent survey of streams in Pinehaven. The display, a slide show and several large maps, showed the modelled effects of heavy rainfall in the area. Organized by WRC, UHCC and SKM to gather local information, people were encouraged to use post-it notes to record their experiences and knowledge of the streams and drains in their area. By the end of the morning the maps were covered. It was an interesting morning with a fantastic community response and many memories recalled. It was great for the community to have the opportunity to contribute and we hope it results in action to alleviate some of the problems.



Residents from Birch Grove area share their stories

*Dave Brown*