



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Nau mai, Haere mai! Hello, As-salām 'alaykum, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo, Chào bạn, Musta, Noa'ia, Hola, Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana, Greetings.

SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. Integrity is our value for the rest of this week and week 1 in Term 2. Integrity is a character value. Hopefully, we are instilling in a person and in the tamariki, a feeling of knowing what is the right and honest thing to do. When we are pressured to do something we know is wrong, this is when our integrity is being tested. A brave person can pass the test by doing what they know is right. When we see this we can be filled with admiration and respect for the person and their integrity.

PARKING & OUR NEIGHBOURS: We would like to continue saying thank you to the majority of our parents who are doing a great job of respecting others, in showing integrity and in helping us keep all tamariki safe before and after school when parking. We have had a parent park over driveways and we would like to ask that they please follow the example of other parents and by keeping tamariki safe and in respecting and caring for our school neighbours.

MIHI WHAKATAU: This morning we had our school Mihi Whakatau for our new tamariki and their whānau. This was a slightly different Mihi as we took the time to also celebrate the learning that is happening in our new Kauri Block. Our celebration included our Choir, Pasifika Group, Indian Group and Kapa Haka. Our House Captains were our hosts and they included a story about Tane Mahuta and the mighty kauri. We welcome all new tamariki, whānau and staff members to our school. We look forward to learning and growing together in Term 2.

HOLIDAY BREAK: This is our last week of Term 1. It has been a good start to the year and our students will be looking forward to a break from school. Term 2 will commence on Monday 29th April. We hope you are able to enjoy some quality time with your children during the holiday break. We look forward to returning to school and continuing with the delivery of learning as 'together we educate and nurture the whole child'.

ANZAC: When we return to school we will hold a special ANZAC ceremony on Thursday 2nd May in week 1. This is a sombre, reflective time for our Nation and our tamariki. We use the opportunity to help educate the children as they learn about life being precious and the importance of living peacefully with others. 'Lest We Forget'.

TOPIC STUDY TERM 2: Each term the teams prepare and plan for the upcoming terms learning. Our teams discuss and decide upon a theme that will help guide the learning sequences for our literacy and topic time. The theme also becomes a context for maths when appropriate. In Term 2 the following topic themes are:

Junior School Theme: The Living World, students will be learning about different animal habitats, and how animals have adapted to their environments. The topic will include a visit to the zoo.

Middle School Theme: "Up high, down low and everything in between" This will be a focus on science, and in particular space and water. Elements of Te Ao Māori will be integrated throughout the learning.

Senior School Theme: "All creatures great and small." This will be a science theme similar to the Juniors, with more focus on types of animals and the categories of species.

END OF DAY ROUTINES: Parents could we please do a check in with your tamariki before we return to school next term around where they are being picked up and, or, whether they are walking home. This will help tamariki remember the plan for the end of the day. Children should not walk home and play at a friend's house on the way home. They should go directly to their waiting areas, or home. We will discuss this with the tamariki as well, so we are helping ensure everyone knows the plan and we keep everyone safe. If a child is unsure, they should always check in with their teacher and, or, the office. We are always happy to ring and clarify with home.

HEALTH NURSE: We have a new health nurse working with us in 2024 who visits the school on Tuesdays. If you intend on seeing the Health Nurse, please advise the office by Monday noon, so you can be booked in to see her. **MANA HEALTH NURSE CONTACT DETAILS: 027 223 2308**

Health checks include:

Hearing checks	Vision checks	Sore throats	Skin conditions - sores, eczema
Asthma concerns	Toileting issues	Consistent runny nose (especially during winter)	

SKIDS: Our before and after school care providers have resumed their services. To contact SKiDS, ring **Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz> .**

PAPATOETOE AFC: The Papatoetoe Football Club are taking registrations for those interested in playing football. Boys and Girls aged 4 years and upwards. The playing season starts on the 27th of April. The club is based at Murdoch Park, Chestnut Road, Papatoetoe. Enquiries to papatoetoeafc1959@gmail.com or register via Papatoetoe AFC - Registration information (sporty.co.nz)

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PARENT SURVEY: This is a repeat survey from our last newsletter. If you have not had a chance to complete this, please could you do so and return before the end of the term. Thank you.

In this repeat survey we have 2 questions for you. With Waitangi celebrations having just been not that long ago, the questions are related to Tikanga Māori (Things Māori). Parents please take the time to answer these 2 questions and return these to your child's teacher.

- What would you like your tamariki to learn at Puhinui School in a Te Ao (Māori world)?

- Are there any ideas or things you would like us to think about? That may help us to grow as educators and as a community, around,
 - Te Ao Māori? (the Māori world)

 - Te Reo? (the Māori language)

 - Te Tiriti o Waitangi? (our nation's founding document)

LUCKY LUNCH: Well done to Ayaan Sharma from Room 25 who was the lucky lunch winner from the last newsletter. On Mondays or Fridays, the lucky lunch winner is able to order their free lunch from the auditorium.

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Please sign and return this slip to school so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's Signature _____ Child's Name _____ Room _____