



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

2 May 2024

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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. Opportunity is our current school value. This is a great value for the tamariki. It helps us encourage them to not be afraid to try new things and to see new experiences as a way to learn and grow. Every day there are examples where students are taking opportunities to be better. It can be seen in new groups and sports teams they may join, it can be in working with someone new, or it can be in trying a new way of doing something. Part of opportunity is knowing that we don't need to be good at everything and letting tamariki know this. We learn a lot as we experience things so it is understandable that the children will not be perfect when they try something for the first time. We need to keep encouraging them to know this is ok.

**BUILDING PROJECTS:** You would have noticed we have a number of building projects on the go both inside the classrooms and especially outside.

Room 1 has had a new paint job, lighting and carpets and Rooms 7 and 8 have tradies in over the next several weeks. This has meant Room 7 has temporarily located to Room 2.

The Library has been painted and is closed while we complete the refurbishments. Mrs Gow will be redoing her beautiful displays and tidying the shelves in Week 2 and we hope the library will reopen in Week 3.

The Tech Room now has the kitchen tables, hanging plugs and air fryers installed and has had an electrical upgrade. We will continue developing the Tech Room as we work towards converting it into a kitchen cafe style learning space. SKiDs will be working mainly out of the Auditorium and the Music Room from now on.

The Junior Playground matting is progressing and we hope to have the playground ready for the Juniors by Monday of Week 3 (13 May).

The pool is close to completion with the new coating being applied over the next week and a half. This will complete all major upgrades to the pool (apart from the instalment of a plant and swimming sports garage later this term).

This term we will be making refurbishments from Rooms 8-3, class by class. This will include painting, carpets, LED lighting, new wall coverings and double whiteboard shelving units. This work will also carry over into Term 3, before we begin refurbishments to the Junior classes, as well as Room 21 and Room 22.

**ANZAC ASSEMBLY:** This morning the school assembled in the auditorium for our ANZAC Assembly. Students laid wreaths and poppies as a mark of respect on the Field of Remembrance by the flag pole. Our School House Captains led our service which included The Ode, our National Anthem, the lowering and raising of the flag while Mr Brown performed the Last Post and The Rouse. The students observed a moment's silence. On a lovely Autumn morning our students were able to show reverence for the occasion and participated with calmness and reflective thinking. Well done to our tamariki and thank you Mr Mose and his helpers for a very well organised, meaningful ceremony. Well done to our House Captains for speaking so well and leading us through our ANZAC programme. A special thank you to Mr Brown for playing The Last Post, we are lucky to be able to have him play at our ANZAC service.

**FRUIT TREE COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY:** On Saturday 11th of May at 10:00AM there is a fruit tree planting day at the Puhinui Domain, 50 Plunket Avenue, Papatoetoe - The reserve entrance is next to the Glass Factory. Come along and be a part of planting a new community fruit tree orchard with a shared lunch in the Puhinui Domain. Come prepared rain or shine for a fun and free interactive day learning about Te Puhinui awa (the ancestral stream of Te Waiohua Iwi), learn about the pollinators that keep nature healthy and plant some fruit trees for your community to enjoy for years to come. We will have something for all your whānau to enjoy and kai will be provided. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To register please RSVP to : [team@tewhakaorangaotepuhinui.co.nz](mailto:team@tewhakaorangaotepuhinui.co.nz)

**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 in the Bremworth Carpark across from our Grayson Avenue entrance. We would like to ask that whānau please follow the example of the majority of awesome parents who are keeping tamariki safe and respecting our school neighbours.

**END OF DAY ROUTINES:** Parents could we please do a check in with your tamariki 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](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz). Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz> .

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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 \_\_\_\_\_