



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers & Families,

Welcome back to Puhinui School for the 2019 school year. We hope you and your whanau are well rested and ready for a year of hard work and success at Puhinui School. To our new students and their families, we hope your first few days at Puhinui School have been positive and you feel settled at your new school. Welcome also to our new teachers and staff members. Our Mission Statement expresses our purpose at Puhinui school, *"We educate, nurture and value the unique character of our children"*. From this statement our teachers and staff members strive to provide each student with the best education possible at our school. We hope to establish positive encouraging partnerships with each family and together we are able to ensure students build confidence and become well rounded young people.

2019 TERM DATES:

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January to Friday 12 April	11 weeks
Term 2	Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 22 July to 27 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Monday 14 October to Thursday 12 December	9 weeks

TERM ONE CALENDAR: For information relating to special events and dates this term please go to our Puhinui school website (<http://www.puhinui.school.nz/>). Up-coming events are shown on the bottom right hand-side of the home page. Underneath there is a link to the school parent calendar. Not all events will be applicable to your child or children but you will be able to note those that are. When there are events which involve your child, you will be informed by a notice or letter.

MIHI WHAKATAU: In the first week of each term we have a Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students, staff and whanau. If you are a new family to Puhinui School, you should have received an invitation to the Mihi whakatau. This will begin at 9.10 a.m. in the auditorium tomorrow (Friday). All whanau meet in the staffroom and students go to class to start the day and for marking the roll. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. A reminder there will be no assembly tomorrow afternoon due to the Mihi Whakatau. Our first assembly will be Friday week 3, 15 February at 1.50 p.m.

PUHINUI SWiS: Social Workers in Schools (SWiS) is a free service available to our children and their whanau here at Puhinui School. These services are designed to provide assistance to families who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges. The wellbeing of children is the key focus and the service aims to create more positive outcomes for children/families.

Our Puhinui SWiS is able to provide information and advice on a whole range of topics/areas, as well as helping to connect families with other community agencies and services. SWiS programmes run within our school throughout the year with focus on key areas/topics e.g. self-confidence, parenting, behaviour regulation, peer relationships.

Please feel free to contact our school SWiS (Anna Alder) through the Office or on one of the following: anna.alder@fwn.org.nz or 021 737 899.

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day for students commences at 8.50 a.m. and ends at 3.00 p.m. We ask that parents ensure that their children are at school in plenty of time to organise themselves for the start of school and have time to talk to and play with their friends before the class bell rings. The breaks during the day are:

Morning break 10.50 a.m. to 11.10 a.m.

Lunch break 12.40 p.m. to 1.40 p.m.

PUNCTUALITY: Please keep in mind the importance of punctuality. It is the responsibility of our parents to ensure their children are at school on time. Lateness is learned behaviour, as is being punctual. By establishing good routines at home children learn how to manage their time well. Parents please work with us in relation to improving our student punctuality. The school bell rings in the morning at 8.50 a.m., please ensure your child is at school between 8 a.m. and 8.40 a.m.

SCHOOL DONATION: The school donation for students attending Puhinui School for 2019 will remain the same as the last several years. The cost per child is \$40 for the year with a maximum cost to any family, irrespective of the number of children, being \$80 per year. The donation can be paid on a term by term basis of \$10 per term, per child.

DENTAL HUB: Dental services are accessed from 2C Grayson Avenue. The parking directly outside the clinic is provided for dental staff and parents of children being treated. The dental hub's phone number is 278 1975.

SKIDS: Our new before and after school care providers have started well this term. The feedback from parents has been positive and the children have enjoyed the variety of activities being offered in the daily programme. 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>. Term 1 costs will be the same as they currently are.

GRAYSON AVENUE ACCESSWAY: This was designed as a drop off zone in the mornings and a pick up zone at the end of school. The parking is limited and cannot accommodate parking for everyone. When parents show patience and consideration for others, traffic flows and children are dropped off and picked up successfully. Please show patience and respect for others. By doing so we keep everyone safe. Staff members are on duty to help facilitate and encourage road safety in and around our school. Once again, we appreciate your assistance in keeping our students safe.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: As you will be aware our Public Health Nurse (PHN) Leata is at Puhinui School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She runs a Manakidz Clinic that offers free sore throat and skin health assessment and treatment. If you have hearing and/or vision concerns for your child the PHN can assess them and refer for wax removal, a hearing test or specialist input if required. She also follows up any new entrants students with overdue immunisations. Being a Community Nurse Prescriber, she can provide free assessment and treatment for pain, fever, itchy skin, antibiotics and creams for skin, eye, ear infections, urinary tract infection, barrier and moisturising creams for eczema and laxatives for constipation. If your child has head lice she can provide free shampoos for your child and family. Leata can also provide Nicotine Replacement Therapy for any adults wanting to quit smoking. This is a free service, so please do utilise the Public Health Nurse at school. She can be contacted at the school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or on her mobile number 021 241 6711.

HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 1 AND TERM 4: Please ensure your child is wearing their school hat this term. Hats can be purchased from the school uniform provider, Angels Fashion, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe. Hats are brimmed, gold in colour and have our school emblem on them. Students must wear their hats when outside, if they have not got a hat they will be expected to be sitting in the designated shady areas of the school. Please name your child's hat. Only our school hat is to be worn.

WAITANGI DAY: Please remember that Waitangi Day is next Wednesday 6th of February. This is a public holiday and school will be closed.

Reminder: Monday 4th school is open as usual, 8.50 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 5th school is open as usual, 8.50 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 6th school is closed for Waitangi Day
Thursday 7th school is open as usual, 8.50 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday the 28th of February (week 5). These are beginning of the year conferences to discuss how your child has settled back in at school and any insights or issues the teachers may wish to discuss with you. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

SWIMMING: Swimming is a compulsory part of the New Zealand Curriculum. If your child has a medical condition preventing him or her from swimming, a signed note from you is required. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel on their swimming days. Our aim is to ensure all students have the water confidence they may one day need to keep them safe from harm in and around water.

LUNCHES: Pie sales will resume on Monday the 4th of February. Orders are taken in the auditorium before school and delivered to your child's room at lunchtime. On Mondays or Fridays, the lucky lunch winner is able to order their free lunch from the auditorium before 8.50 a.m..

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

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

STAFFING FOR 2019:

Principal	Mr M. Elder		
Assistant Principal	Mrs S. Valeli		
Acting Assistant Principal	Mr L. Mose		
Senior Teachers	Mrs L. Borrie	SENCO/Support programmes	
	Mr L. Mose	Senior Syndicate	
	Mrs S. Valeli	Middle Syndicate	
	Mrs J. Wells	Y2 Junior Syndicate	
	Miss A. Cave	Y0-1 Junior Syndicate	
Senior School	Miss D. Sidhwa	Rm. 1	Y.5/6
	Miss A. Garvie	Rm. 2	Y.5/6
	Miss T. Dobbs	Rm. 3	Y.5/6
	Mrs M. Waimotu	Rm. 4	Y.5/6
	Miss A. Miller	Rm. 5	Y.5/6
	Miss N. Oates	Rm. 6	Y.5/6
	Mrs B. Wright	Rm. 7	Y.5/6
Middle School	Mr M. Khan	Rm. 8	Y.3/4
	Mrs K. Krishna	Rm. 15	Y.3/4
	Mrs R. Twiname	Rm. 16	Y.3/4
	Miss C. Barry	Rm. 17	Y.3/4
	Miss M. Tung	Rm. 18	Y.3/4
	Miss S. Graham	Rm. 19	Y.3/4
	Miss N. McCoskrie	Rm. 20	Y.3/4
	Mrs N. Lameko	Rm. 22	Y.3/4
Junior School	Miss A. Dreadon	Rm. 9	Y.2
	Mrs J. Wells	Rm. 10	Y.2
	Miss S. Ashley	Rm. 11	Y.1
	Mrs R. Fa'aesea	Rm. 12	Y.2
	Mrs J. Virk	Rm. 13	Y.1
	Ms P. Kirkwood	Rm. 14	Y.2
	Miss S. Zoutenbier	Rm. 21	Y.2
	Miss C. Tailby	Rm. 24	N.E
	Miss K. Chapman	Rm. 25	N.E
	Miss K. Franklin	Rm. 26	Y.1
Music Teacher	Mr B. Read		
Social Worker/Family support	Ms A. Alder		
I.C.T.	Mr S. Pedersen, Mr D. Tia		
Part Time Teachers	Mrs J. Ravji, Mr A. Khan, Mrs R. Fleming, Miss C. Horgan		
Office Staff	Miss L. Campbell, Miss M. Levi		
Accounts and Property	Mr G. Brown		
Library Staff	Miss T. Andrew, Mrs J. Hopkins		
School Counsellor	Kamalinder Kaur		
Support Programmes	Mrs J. Gow, Mrs J. Frost, Mrs S. Munthree		
Literacy 'in class' support & Learning Assistants	Mrs H. Haylock, Mrs D. Lunny, Mr G. Stanisich, Miss L. Doherty, Mrs V. Nehme, Mrs L. Cave, Mrs J. Gow, Mrs M. Daji, Miss K. Habib, Mrs K. McGregor, Mrs S. Nisha, Miss D. Borrie, Ms M. Prasad, Mrs W. Vosloo, Mrs C. Palalagi, Mrs Y. Chalmers		
Property Officer	Mr C. Valeli		
Cleaners	Mr and Mrs Falaniko, Seaway Cleaners		
B.O.T.	Mr L. Waimotu (Chair), Mr R. Manaia, Mr M. Chalmers, Mr S. Haylock, Mr A. Lameko, Miss N.Oates.		