



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

WELCOME TO WEEK 3: It appears we are in the coldest weeks of the year with a real turn in wet and cold weather. Parents please remember to distinguish between genuine sick days and days off because it might be a little cold. Of particular note are Mondays and Fridays. Statistically these are the highest days for student absence. In theory, the days should show a consistency, or even number for absence. Learning happens best when students are able to build on quality learning day in and day out. Congratulations to the parents who make consistent attendance a focus for their children.

CROSS COUNTRY: Last Friday, we were able to go ahead with our school cross country despite the uncertainty with the weather, which made it difficult to prepare for. Having said that, we were able to complete all age group events with students running very well on the day. It was pleasing to see the students participating to the best of their ability and to see the students who are not normally motivated runners trying so hard. Each syndicate team did very well in preparing the students for the cross country. Well done to the teaching staff for preparing the students so well. Student placings are below, with their room number alongside.

| Boys | 5 Years | 5 ½ Years | 6 Years | 6 ½ Years | 7 Years |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| First | Desmond 24 | Lisiate 26 | Dolovin 10 | Tevita 9 | Orlando 19 |
| Second | Kasen 24 | Daniel 11 | Jayveer 12 | Luca 9 | Adam 16 |
| Third | Makaia 24 | Uriah 12 | Roman 13 | Likhil 14 | Davy 19 |

| Girls | 5 Years | 5 ½ Years | 6 Years | 6 ½ Years | 7 Years |
|--------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| First | Lauren 24 | Gabriel 26 | Rayna 11 | Alice 21 | Jessica 22 |
| Second | Marley 13 | Alena 13 | Katie 13 | Tanisha 21 | Chevalaye 10 |
| Third | Keryn 23 | Mahalia 11 | Chloe 12 | Puti 12 | Talei 17 |

| Boys | 8 Years | 9 Years | 10 Years | 11 Years | |
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| First | Touanga 22 | Levi 2 | Jackson 3 | Israel 7 | |
| Second | Alan 8 | Sulaymaan 5 | Boston 3 | Andre 4 | |
| Third | Japjeet 20 | Vance 1 | Legend 6 | Hemana 4 | |

| Girls | 8 Years | 9 Years | 10 Years | 11 Years | |
|--------|------------|------------|----------|------------|--|
| First | Katie 16 | Ane 4 | Ana 6 | Anayah 4 | |
| Second | Winnie 22 | Khyz 6 | Lavin 6 | Azayliah 5 | |
| Third | Cherish 20 | Caydence 2 | Eva 4 | Sharon 2 | |

SIONE'S STORY RM10: *One night me and my friends decided we were ready to launch up to space. Suddenly we blasted up into space. There was firerocks coming then the aliens followed me. Hulksmash came and saved me.* Well done Sione a great space adventure story.

FAREWELL TO OUR FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER: Sadly, we farewell Anna Alder our family support worker (SWIS) next week. Anna has accepted a position with the DHB and Oranga Tamariki in supporting families at the Starship Hospital. Anna has done some high quality work in supporting students and families in need. Thank you for your service to the school Anna, we wish you all the best in your new position.

ROOFING UPGRADES: It is pleasing to see the roofing upgrade in the Junior School is now completed and the Junior team are back into normal organisational routines. The roofers are now replacing the roof in the Senior area of the school. Weather continues to play a role in preventing good progress, however, there is minimal disruption to learning. As the contractors make their way down the senior block we are moving classes out of their classrooms. Each class can expect to be out of their classroom for one day. We have made appropriate plans for classes in anticipating the roofing replacement work. Lets hope for improved weather so the contractors can get a good run at the work ahead. Once we have completed the work in the Senior block we will move into the Middle School and will be replacing the roofs from Room 15 through to Room 18.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION: The teachers have thankfully had a positive outcome in settling their collective agreement with the Government and MOE. This is exciting and very pleasing for us. We hope it continues to attract good people into our profession and that many more will see teaching as an attractive career. Our focus now shifts to Principal negotiations and hopefully this will see primary school principals gaining pay parity with secondary school principals. Like the teachers we hope that a positive outcome recognises the importance of getting quality people to consider principalship as an exciting career option in education. Next Monday the Principals have an Auckland wide paid union meeting. There is a proposal for industrial action on the 22nd August for Primary School Principals.

REMINDER NEW LUNCH PRICES: Due to increasing costs, a sausage roll now costs \$2.00. Below is a list of pies with prices available for purchase.

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| Small mince pie | \$1.50 | Regular mince and cheese pie | \$2.00 |
| Potato top pie | \$2.00 | Chicken and gravy pie | \$2.00 |
| Bacon and egg pie | \$2.00 | Apple pie | \$2.00 |
| Sausage roll | \$2.00 | Juice drink | \$2.00 |

A reminder, lunches are available on **Mondays and Fridays only**. Orders are taken in the auditorium before school and delivered to the child's room at lunchtime.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Road. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only]. 6 Sessions in Term 3: **Starts 10th August**, then 17th August, 24th August, 31st August, 14th September, 21st September.
Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Samaira Sachdeva from Room 11 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 next term so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

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



OUT OF SCHOOL CARE SUBSIDY

The OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) Subsidy is for children aged 5 to 13 years. It helps towards the costs of before-school and afterschool care for up to 20 hours a week, and school holiday programmes for up to 50 hours a week.

You may be able to get this subsidy if you're:

- working, (depending on salary threshold of household), studying or on an approved training course, or;
- involved in an activity that Work and Income has asked you to do, or
- a shift worker who works nights, or
- seriously ill or disabled, or
- caring for a child in hospital or for a child you get the Child Disability Allowance for.

SKiDS staff are happy to talk with you about your options when you apply for a subsidy. If you get the OSCAR Subsidy during the year, they will send you a form before the end of each school term to ask about your childcare needs for the school holidays and the next term. They can also apply for more hours during the holidays.

If you need the OSCAR Subsidy just for the school holidays, applications must be completed before each holiday commences.

A reminder a SKiDS staff member is happy to help you complete the paper work and apply for the subsidy.

*SKiDS provide before and after school care for students at Puhinui School during term time. You can collect a programme from the office or see a SKiDS staff member before, or after school in the Tech Room. Alternatively you can contact **Becca on 0800 754377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz.***

Kind regards,

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