



# PUHINUI SCHOOL Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 4:** A warm welcome back to school, to all of our students and families. I hope you all had a very relaxing break and are now ready for a busy, exciting term. The weather will improve, the swimming pool will be open and there will be many, many, exciting learning opportunities throughout the term.

**TERM OVERVIEW:** Enclosed is a Term 4 overview, including all of the major events throughout the term. As our parents can see, the term is very busy and promises to be very exciting at the same time.

**STAFF LEAVING PUHINUI SCHOOL:** It is very unusual for staff to leave during term time, however, life as we all know isn't always tidy and neatly packaged and opportunities for teachers, don't necessarily wait for the end of term to present themselves. Mrs Michelle Mackay, teaching Room 4, will be leaving at the end of week two on Friday the 21st of October to commence a job at AUT at the Manukau Campus. We wish Michelle the very best for her new career and thank her for her work in the senior teaching syndicate during her time at Puhinui School. Her replacement in Room 4, from Tuesday the 25th of October will be Mrs Tari Stowers, who has taught at Puhinui School, in a relieving capacity on a number of occasions. We welcome Tari to the Puhinui School staff for the rest of Term 4.

**NEW YEAR 1 CLASS IN OUR JUNIOR TEACHING TEAM:** A new, year one class will be commencing at Puhinui School on Tuesday, the 25th of October, after Labour weekend. This will allow a move through for our older children in our new entrant rooms, to create a new year 1 room, making spaces for new children starting, through to the end of the year. Our new staff member joining the junior team is Mrs Appleton, an ex teacher at Puhinui School, returning from overseas. We warmly welcome Vicki back to Puhinui School, after her overseas experience teaching in London.

**TIRONUI TRUST CONCERT:** Our year 5 and 6 bands tutored by Mr Lua Mose our Room 2 teacher, will be playing at the Tironui Trust Concert on Tuesday the 25th October at the Vodafone Event Centre in Manukau. We wish the band and Mr Mose the very best for the evening and thank them for their hard work and for representing the school on such a special occasion.

**A BRIGHT FUTURE IN MODERN DANCE:** The Upu children, Irava an ex student of Puhinui, now attending St. Kentigerns as a year 8 student, and Makea her brother, a year 5 student attending Puhinui School, certainly know how to dance.

Irava and her dance group from St. Kentigerns, choreographed and trained by herself, recently won the Auckland Hip Hop Competition making them the 2016 Auckland champions.

Also in the last school holidays, both Irava and Makea competed in the Australian dance competitions held in the Gold Coast, where they competed in the hip hop, jazz, contemporary theatre and lyrical competition. They received first place for their musical theatre, jazz and hip hop duo and also first place for their hip hop solos.

Congratulations to Irava and Makea. There is no doubt that we will hear much more of their dancing in years to come.

**PAPATOETOE ZONE CROSS COUNTRY:** On Tuesday the 13th of September, our cross country team competed in the Papatoetoe Zone Championships held at the Puhinui Reserve in Prices Road, Papatoetoe. The weather was excellent and the very difficult course was dry and firm, ideal conditions for cross country running. Our team had been training regularly during Term 3 and were very fit and determined to be competitive. Congratulations to all of our team members for their dedication and outstanding performance on the day. The overall results in the team events were as follows:

9 Years	Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
10 Years	Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
11 Years	Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place

In each of the age group races there were approximately 80 competitors, so to gain an individual placing in the first 3 runners is an outstanding achievement. Our students who achieved this were:

9 Year Girls	Rachel Scott	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	
9 Year Boys	Jayden Dawes	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	
10 Year Girls	Lynna Nguyen	2 <sup>nd</sup> place,	Shanaya Prasad 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
11 Year Boys	Alexander Hale	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	

The overall placings were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Puhinui	502 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Papatoetoe North	789 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Papatoetoe East	996 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Papatoetoe Central	1118 points

The placings are determined by the school who accumulates the least amount of points, for example the placings of the first 6 runners in our 9 year old girls added up to 37 points, whereas Papatoetoe North's 9 year old girls first six runners, who came second, had a total of 92 points.

Well done to every member of the Puhinui Team for their individual contribution to the team's success.

**GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Congratulations to all of our gymnasts for their time and effort preparing for the gymnastics competition held in the last week of Term 3 and for their performances in their respective disciplines. The team results were as follows:

<b>Year 3 and 4 Girls</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> place overall</b>		
<b>Individual placings</b>			
Vault	1 <sup>st</sup> Rachel Scott		
Beam	1 <sup>st</sup> Rachel Scott		
Floor	1 <sup>st</sup> Rachel Scott		2 <sup>nd</sup> Helen Nguyen
<b>Overall placing</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rachel Scott		
<b>Year 3 and 4 Boys</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place overall		
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> place overall		
<b>Individual placing</b>			
Floor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bhavishna Kumar		
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place overall</b>		
<b>Individual placings</b>			
Vault	1 <sup>st</sup> Levi Muagututia-Saipele		3 <sup>rd</sup> Kru Pihema
Bar	1 <sup>st</sup> Shahil Kumar		2 <sup>nd</sup> Levi Muagututia-Saipele
Floor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shahil Kumar		
Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup> = Levi Muagututia-Saipele		2 <sup>nd</sup> = Shahil Kumar
<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> place overall</b>		
<b>Individual placings</b>			
Floor	1 <sup>st</sup> Abhijay Sharma	3 <sup>rd</sup> = Rachit Kumar	4 <sup>th</sup> Devlin Tasi Sofele
Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup> = Devlin Tasi Sofele		

Well done to all of our gymnasts, a great effort.

**SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Congratulations to our A soccer team who competed in the South Auckland Champion of Champions soccer competition held at the Papakura Army Soccer grounds on Tuesday the 20th of September. The Puhinui team won their section and played The Gardens School from Manurewa in the final. Both sides played excellent football, with the Gardens team scoring a 2 to 0 win. The Puhinui team was runner-up in the championship competition and extremely proud of their achievement to do so in such a competitive environment. Well done to all of the players who played so well, both individually and as a team, to achieve their runner-up placing.

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Karissa Chalmers from Room 17 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 tomorrow so your child's name can be entered in the draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_