



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

24 October 2019

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

BEGINNING OF TERM: Welcome back to our last term for 2019. We hope that our families are looking forward to a fast paced term that will see students making a final push in their learning. We will celebrate another successful year at Puhinui with our syndicate prizegivings on Thursday the 5th of December. We look forward to your continued support this term.

MIHI WHAKATAU: Last Friday we had our last Mihi Whakatau for the year. Again our parents and new students appreciated this special way of welcoming them to our school. Thank you to Mrs Waimotu and the Māori team. A special mention to our Kapa Haka group Te Roopu Ahurea who are becoming confident and adept at leading our Mihi Whakatau. Well done to Mr Khan for doing a great job of being on the paepae for the first time.

DIWALI: We hope all our Indian families are enjoying their Diwali celebrations. Next week we will have a Diwali themed week for students. Each team will integrate into their learning special Diwali themed activities. Next Friday, students can come to school wearing any special cultural clothing they may have to help us celebrate this special time of year for our Indian community. A notice will come home tomorrow (Friday) with more information.

PARENT PARKING: Parents, we appreciate the challenges we have around parking and picking up students. Unfortunately, there is not a lot we as a school can do around the way the roads have been painted with yellow lines which designates no parking zones. Please also be aware that the parking along Grayson Avenue can be problematic for our neighbouring businesses. Recently the Cavalier Carpet group were not able to use their own car parking due to our parents parking in their spaces. As a school we encourage all parents to consider parking on the back streets around the school and walking your children to and from your cars. One great advantage to this would be in the opportunity to talk with your children about their day.

SWIMMING: Although it has been a cold start to our Term 4 swimming lessons, we are pleased that our students are back learning to swim. It is an extremely important activity for New Zealand children. One day it may help prevent the unthinkable. Please ensure your child is ready for swimming. They should have a named towel, togs and a bag to put these in. If your child is sick, please write a letter to your child's classroom teacher. If they have an ongoing sickness please provide us with a medical certificate from a doctor.

SCHOOL DONATION SCHEME: You may be aware of the Ministry's donation scheme for 2020. This is for schools from decile 1 - 7 who wish to opt in to the scheme. Essentially it means in 2020 Puhinui School will not request a school donation from parents for the year. The MOE have a guiding document that helps us distinguish between costs and donations. For example stationery is a cost that parents are still required to pay. Trips that are part of our curriculum and school donations are examples of costs we will not pass on to parents. Here is a link to the donations scheme for any parents who would like to know more.

https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/Fees_charges_and_donations | Education in New Zealand

SUMMER HATS: It is great to see most students have their summer hats with them at school. A reminder that students need to have a yellow Puhinui School uniform summer hat. This can be purchased from Angel's Fashions, the school uniform supplier. If students do not have a hat they will be required to stay in the designated shade areas during break times.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS: We have our school athletics next Thursday the 31st of October commencing at 9.30 a.m. This is our last main sporting event for the year and it is always a very exciting, action packed day. Students participate in a number of sprints and field events. Our top athletes are then selected to compete at the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Zone Day later in the term. We hope you are able to come along next week and enjoy this special sporting day.

OUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB: Play tennis and have fun at the Sunnyside Tennis Club, York Rd, Papatoetoe. New members welcome. Junior memberships start at \$110 for the year and include coaching in Term 4, 2019 and Term 1, 2020. They also have interclub teams for those wanting to play competitive tennis. Check it out at www.sunnysidetennisclub.com. Please feel free to get in contact with Deborah if you have any questions. Deborah Bland, Junior Co-ordinator, 021 0432 587.

NEW LIBRARIAN: Mrs Joanne Gow has been appointed as our new Librarian. Our Library will have different open hours this term. It will be open from 8.20 a.m. and Mrs Gow will open the Library at lunch times for any students who would like to enjoy the Library during break times.

2020 TEAM LEADER APPOINTMENTS: Recently we have appointed two staff members to leadership positions for 2020. Miss Talea Dobbs will lead the Year 5 and 6 team next year and Miss Nikki Oates will lead the Year 3 and 4 team. Mr Mose and Mrs Valeli have been overseeing the senior and middle school teams respectively. They will support the new team leaders in 2020 while continuing to serve the school in their A.P. positions. Congratulations to Miss Dobbs and Miss Oates.

ASSEMBLY: Our next assembly will be a special Diwali assembly. This will be held at 1.50 p.m. on Friday the 1st of November (Week 3). Assemblies are every odd week on Fridays in the Auditorium. Parents are welcome to attend.

SKiDs TERM 4: A reminder that our after school providers are available for families who require before or after school care. They have a new Term 4 programme out. You may see this advertised around the school, and flyers are available in the office. To contact SKiDS, **ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz.** Please see our website for more information, or call into the office for a pamphlet. You can also visit them in the Tech Room before or after school if you wish.

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]. Sessions in Term 4: **Starts 2nd November**, then 16th November, 23rd November, 30th November and 7th December. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Brijesh Dole from Room 26 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 _____