



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

21 November 2019

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

PRIZE-GIVINGS: The Junior, Middle and Senior school prize-givings will be held on Thursday the 5th of December. Please see the times listed below:

Junior School	9:15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Middle School	11:10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Senior School	1:15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.

We hope to see you there.

2020 PREPARATIONS: For families wishing to plan ahead, please see the term dates for 2020 below.

Term 1	Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Monday 12 October to Friday 11 December	9 weeks

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020: As part of the collective accord agreement schools have been allocated 8 days over the next 3 years for professional development during the school calendar year. Our school will utilise 3 of these days in 2020. To begin the year our teaching staff will be engaged in 2 teacher only days on the 29th and 30th of January. Later in the year we will confirm a third teacher only day with our parent community. This date is to be confirmed, however, it will more than likely be late Term 2 or early Term 3. Please note this means the first day for students in 2020 is as shown above, Monday 3 February. The office will be open for new enrolments from the 28th of January. School will commence on the 3rd of February at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS: In the next 3 weeks we will begin a number of special end of year events for students. Please note important events in your diary. These will include:

4th December	Senior School Monitors lunch,
5th December	School Prize-givings (see above for times)
6th December	Middle School water fun day
9th December	Meet the 2020 teacher, Year 6 pool party
11th December	Class parties, Reports home, Year 6 Disco, Year 6 Graduation Evening
12th December	Leavers assembly

YEAR 6 GRADUATION: After last years Year 6 successful graduation event, this year we have decided to continue with an evening event. The evening will include a shared dinner and disco for the Year 6 students. We will then have a graduation ceremony and acknowledge each student in a special way. The Year 6 graduation evening will be on Wednesday the 11th of December. The disco and dinner will start at 5 p.m. The Year 6 Graduation will begin at 7.15 p.m. More information will follow closer to the time.

WATER SAFETY DAY: For families that are interested in a fun family day, the NZ Water Safety Council are running a water safety day from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday, 23 November) at St Mary's Bay Ponsonby. It will include boarding, sailing and kayaking activities. All are welcome.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS PLACINGS: Please see below the field event placings from our school athletics day held in Week 3 of this term. Well done to the students who received a placing.

Shot put 11 year old girls Loreeta Room 1 Anahera Room 6 Sharon Room 2	Shot put 11 year old boys Nokise Room 1 Israel Room 7 Andre Room 4	Shot put 10 year old girls Aslan Room 4 Celestial Room 7 Alaina Room 4	Shot put 10 year old boys Heimata Room 6 Connor Room 7 Nathan Room 3
Shot put 9 year old girls Blair Room 9 Annah Room 1 Ane Room 4	Shot put 9 year old boys Jehrancis Room 4 Yszraelie Room 18 Kevarn Room 15		
Long jump	11 year old girls Sharon Room 2 Lyze'ah Room 6 Loreeta Room 1	11 year old boys Nokise Room 1 Israel Room 7 Andre Room 4	
	10 year old girls Celestial Room 7 Manaia Room 4 Sage Room 5	10 year old boys Boston Room 3 Gibson Room 3 Legend Room 6	
High Jump	11 year old girls Loreeta Room 1 Sharon Room 2 Anayah Room 4	11 year old boys Nokise Room 1 Israel Room 7 Hemana Room 4	
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ATHLETICS ZONES DAY: On Tuesday we held our Papatoetoe Primary Athletics Zone Day at the Papatoetoe Athletics Club. We had a full team for this event with 7,8,9,10 and 11 year olds competing in a range of track and field events. Placings are to be confirmed, however, it was a very well contested event with Holy Cross, Papatoetoe North, Papatoetoe West, Papatoetoe Central and Puhinui being particularly well represented in placings across all the events. All schools in the zones participated to the best of their ability and the sportsmanship was outstanding from all students. Thank you to Miss Chapman and the sports team who were responsible for organising and running the successful athletics zones.

SKiDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Please see attached to this newsletter the Puhinui SKiDS Holiday Summer programme. Thank you to SKiDS for continuing to provide a well designed programme for children and their families. Please note the programme begins Friday the 13th of December until the 20th of December. The programme then commences again on the 13th of January until our first day back at school. 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.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME: Over the Summer holidays the Auckland Public Libraries will be running a special reading programme called Kia Maia Te Whai - Dare to explore. Every child who signs up for the programme gets a free booklet including a wide range of fun reading based tasks. If you would like to know more please contact Ani Vaipo via email on: Ani.Vaipo@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, or by phone on 092618310.

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: 23rd November, 30th November and 7th December. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Armeet Sidhu from Room 13 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 _____