



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2020: This is our last newsletter for the year and so firstly, we would like to thank our Puhinui whanau for the continued support you have shown us throughout this year. As we come to the end of this year, we are beginning to look forward to 2020 and the future journey ahead of us. We hope all our families have the opportunity to have a safe restful break and spend a good amount of time with your children during the summer. For most, we will see you in 2020, for Year 6 students, those students leaving and their families, good luck and thank you. Merry Christmas from all the staff at Puhinui School. The last day of school for 2019 is Thursday the 12th of December at 3 p.m.

2020 TERM DATES:

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

NEW ENROLMENTS 2020: Office hours for new enrolments will be Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of January 2020. Office hours on these days will be 8.30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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 3rd 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 available for new enrolments from the 28th of January. School for existing students will commence at our normal time of 8.50 a.m. on the 3rd of February. New students to the school will meet in the auditorium at 9.30 a.m.

UP COMING EVENTS FOR OUR FINAL WEEK:

6th December	Monitors lunch, Middle school water fun day
9th December	Meet the 2020 teacher, Year 6 pool party
11th December	Reports home, Class parties, Y6 Disco and Graduation Evening
12th December	Leavers assembly

PRIZE-GIVINGS: Today we held our prize-givings for Junior, Middle and Senior school teams. Thank you to all the parents and whanau who were able to attend. At our prize-givings we acknowledge all those students who have stood out in some way throughout the year. We also showcase a range of cultural groups, syndicate items, dance and drama. Our prize-givings are unique to our school, and give the students a chance to celebrate together and showcase their performance and cultural talents for parents. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped make our prize-givings such a special occasion.

FULLY REGISTERED TEACHERS: Last week we acknowledged a number of our wonderful young teachers who became fully registered teachers. We met as a staff at a special ceremony to congratulate them and welcome them into our profession. Mentor teachers spoke encouragingly to our graduands and they replied with thanks to the people of our school and those who have helped them in their two year journey to full registration. Well done to, Delshad Sidhwa, Alexandra Garvie, Alayne Miller, Bridget Wright, Aleisha Dreadon, Chanel Tailby, Kathryn Franklin.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY AWARD: Congratulations to Miss Angela Cave who was recognised at a special community award ceremony for her services to the Guiding New Zealand Organisation and as a faithful servant to the Papatoetoe Community. Well done Miss Cave we are very proud of you.

PUHINUI BOARD of TRUSTEES: I'd like to make a special mention of thanks to our BOT, thank you for a great year. For our new board members we look forward to your continuing contributions in 2020 with our wiser, older members. Thank you to Mr Les Waimotu for your continued work as our Board Chair and your faithful service to our school.

MEET THE TEACHER: On Monday your child will have the opportunity to meet their 2020 teacher in the morning block. We hope they come home and share a little bit about being with their new classmates and their new teacher before they start next year. A reminder students go straight to their new class next year at our normal 8.50 time, please make sure they are on time for the first day of school.

FAREWELL TO ALL LEAVING FAMILIES: At this time of year we say goodbye to some of our families who move on with their children. Thank you to all those families, especially those who have had a long, supportive relationship with us. Best of luck, have a safe enjoyable summer. Thank you for the contributions you have made to Puhinui School.

FAREWELL TO STAFF: At the end of this year we farewell Miss Delshad Sidhwa and Mrs Vicki Appleton-Tattersall and Miss Rachel McKay. We thank them for the wonderful job they have done with our Puhinui Students and we wish them well. We also thank Mrs Keryn Harland and Mrs Mari Hechter who have continued to help us in fixed term relieving positions throughout the year, along with Miss Cathy Horgan and Mrs Rozanne Fleming for the wonderful job you do for us as relievers. Sadly, we also say a farewell to Mrs Judy Hopkins who has helped organise our resources and library for almost 24 years. Thank you for your years of faithful service, To all our leaving staff, we wish you all the best for 2020 and best of luck for the next journey in your lives whaia e koe te iti kahurangi (follow your inner most dreams). Goodluck and haere ra.

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS: Next Thursday on the last day of school, at our last assembly, we farewell our graduating Year 6 students. As always they have been a great Year 6 cohort. We wish them all the best in 2020. We will be sad to see them go, but we are also very excited and know that leaving us is a rite of passage that means they are ready to grow and step closer towards becoming the person they are meant to be. Kia Kaha Year 6 students! *Ko te pae tawhiti whaia kia tata, Ko to pae tata, whakamana kia tina* (seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain). Farewell assembly will begin at 1.50 p.m.

YEAR 6 UNIFORM DONATION: Traditionally we have had some Year 6 students donate their uniforms to the school on the last day of the year. These can be left at the office after school on Friday. The Year 6's can get changed into mufti clothing after school if they are donating their uniform.

END OF YEAR REPORTS: Reports are being sent home with students on Wednesday the 11th of December. We hope parents enjoy reading and finding out how their children have progressed throughout the year. Please note, reports will be mailed out to the address on file on the last day of term if children are absent in the last week of term. Reports are not presented earlier than the 11th of December to families.

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.

SKiDs TERM 4: A reminder that our after school providers have their holiday programme dates and times available. 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 as well. You can also visit them in the Tech Room before or after school if you wish.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Samanvi Rawat from Room 8 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.

SUMMER BREAK: On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all our parents and whanau for the supportive encouragement and faith you put in us as a school. Your children are outstanding and we love the work we do as educators and carers of your children. Have a safe and restful summer break to you all. Merry Christmas, see you next year.

