



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Nau mai, Haere mai! Hello, As-salām 'alaykum, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo, Chào bạn, Musta, Noa'ia, Hola, Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana, Greetings.

SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. Respect is our current school value. Treating someone with respect means: Showing regard for their abilities and for the worthiness of the person. Respect is valuing a person's feelings and their ideas, even if you don't necessarily agree with them. At school when we accept others as a fellow student or friend we are valuing them as equals. We give them the same consideration and treat them as we would like to be treated. Respecting others also involves respecting yourself too. Puhinui School is filled with respectful people.

EVALUATION PARTNER (EP) FROM ERO: We have just spent 3 days with our ERO evaluation partner Mrs Platt at school. Our evaluation partner looks at our student achievement and our strategic planning. They check our policy documentation and evaluate how well we are meeting the learning needs and well being of students. Mrs Platt spent a lot of time observing how things are in a range of classes, she observed learning support and literacy programmes, met with our Leadership Team, observed instructional coaching, ESOL programmes, sat in at our sensory Koru Room as well as observing Kapa Haka and Literacy teacher aides in the classroom. It was a very busy time. Mrs Platt also met with a group of parents and our School Board. On the third day Mrs Platt worked with the Senior Leadership Team and drafted an evaluation report that will be shared with us in a few weeks time. Overall Puhinui School continues to provide high quality learning opportunities. We look forward to sharing the report with our school community.

SPORT EXCHANGES: Every week this term we have sports exchanges. Our winter sports include teams in rugby, netball and soccer. Last week we played Papatoetoe North. Games were played with good sportsmanship and were very close overall. Results against Papatoetoe North:

Rugby /under 50s	win 6-3	Netball A	win 9-1	Netball B	loss 7-0	Netball C	loss 12-1
Netball D	loss 7-2	Netball E	loss 1-10	Netball F	win 6-0	Boys Soccer A	win 2-0
Boys Soccer B	win 3-0	Girls Soccer	win 1-0				

Today we played Papatoetoe South School in netball, soccer and in the open rugby grade. Next week we play SASDA, our school neighbours from along Puhinui Road. Sports exchanges are held each Thursday this term. In Week 8 our teams will play in the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Sports Zones. Our teams train at lunch times and during fitness times throughout the week.

PHOTOLIFE: Parents please be ready for our photolife individual and sibling photo shoots scheduled for Friday 14th June 2024. Please complete the form and return to school if you wish to have a sibling photo taken. Each student will have an individual photo taken so there is no need to return any form for an individual photo. After photo day you will receive a photo access key and be able to purchase both sibling and individual photo packs online. A reminder if you would like to order classroom photos taken earlier in the year, please email photolife on www.photolife.co.nz or phone them on 262 1040.

UNIFORM PURCHASES: I recently met with Angel's Fashion, our uniform suppliers. Angel's Fashion have been providing uniforms for our school for many years now. We are keen to continue working with local businesses such as Angel's Fashion as part of our Papatoetoe community. From time to time we receive

some feedback from parents and we follow up with Angel's Fashion about this. Recently, there has been an issue with incorrect size labelling. When I raised this with the owner he apologised for the mix up. From our discussion it was agreed that the staff in the store will help ensure that parents are able to check for the correct size. It may be advisable to attend the store after school so that you can try on uniforms so you are happy with the sizes you purchase. If however, you are unable to do this under the Consumers Guarantee Act you may return uniform items to swap, or request a refund. Please note once the uniform has been worn, you will be unable to return it to the store due to incorrect sizing.

Angel's fashions from time to time may sell out of a particular uniform size. They will do their best to ensure this doesn't happen, however, if it does they are happy to alter a different size in length, or make a uniform of a size if they are unable to have the correct size within a week of the initial request. Normal sizes are 4,6,8,10,12,14 and small adult.

A reminder Angel's Fashions have a VIP card. Registering for the VIP card is free and it will help you get the discount saving costs on the uniform list. It would be a good idea for all whānau to have a VIP card and to ensure you take it with you when you are purchasing uniform items.

If you have any issues with the service and ability to purchase orders please contact the school and we will do our best to follow-up with Angel's Fashion.

WRITING: It is always enjoyable having an opportunity to read student writing and put it in the newsletter to share with you. This piece of writing comes from Zinza, Room 19.

Hello girl in the adorable clothes, do you want to learn about turtles? Nice! Well then let's flip into it. Are reptiles and they're herbivores. When turtles hatch out of their eggs. They use an egg tooth. That is a tooth a baby turtle uses to hatch out of the egg. Turtles' appetite is slimy, gooey and fresh like snails, worms and lettuce. When the water goes cold the turtles go to a warm place of water because turtles like being warm.

It's time for a turtle joke, What did the turtle do on its birthday? It shellerbates.!!! Want to hear another one? What did the sea do to the great king turtle? It just waved!!!

PHONES AWAY: Parents will be aware that schools are now required to enforce the "phones away for the day" regulations from the first day of Term 2. This is not a new thing for our school and we have very rarely had any issues with phones in school. Our expectation has always been that tamariki do not bring phones to school. Luckily most primary schools do not have a major issue with students using phones in school, as opposed to intermediates and high schools, where phones and social media platforms become a worry for the well being and esteem of young people. If you do have any questions regarding phones in school, please contact the office. We ask that if a student needs to bring a phone to school it is expected that they will hand it to their teacher, or into the school office for safekeeping until the end of the day. There are special circumstances that may apply in regards to a phone being used at school, these are related to learning support, for health purposes, or for an educationally based special purpose. If parents have any questions about special circumstances please enquire at the office. Our teaching staff will be expected to enforce the regulations of 'phones away for the day' so please support us by ensuring phones are not coming to school with your child.

HEALTH NURSE: We have a new health nurse working with us in 2024 who visits the school on Tuesdays. If you intend on seeing the Health Nurse, please advise the office by Monday noon, so you can be booked in to see her. MANA HEALTH NURSE CONTACT DETAILS: [027 223 2308](tel:0272232308)

Health checks include:

Hearing checks Vision checks Sore throats Skin conditions - sores, eczema
Asthma concerns Toileting issues Consistent runny nose (especially during winter)

SKIDS: Our before and after school care providers have resumed their services. To contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz> .

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Please sign and return this slip to school so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

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