



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

30 November 2017

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CULTURAL AND MUSIC EVENING: A few weeks back our cultural and music groups had an opportunity to perform for our parents and whanau. This was an informal opportunity to showcase the skills and talents of our students. It was also an opportunity to give the students an audience to know that all the hard work and practices go towards a special event. Thank you to all of our parents who attended and for the positive encouraging comments regarding the evening's performance. It is something we are keen to carry on with and grow. For the parents who were unable to attend, we have prizegivings next week, on the 7th of December so you will have a chance to see many of the groups performing again. A big well done to all the groups who performed:

Te Roopu Ahurea, Year 5 and Year 6 bands, Choir, Ukulele, Guitar, Indian Dance, Senior Pasifika.

COLLECTING STUDENTS: Parents please note our staff are very busy after school, we have asked all teachers to send students to the appropriate waiting areas after school. They are on the grass embankment by the lower gates at the Grayson Road entrance and on the garden seat outside the office. At 3.30 p.m. students who have not been collected are asked to sit outside the office. We would prefer to have all students collected by 3.10 p.m. every afternoon. If you are finding it hard to do this please consider enrolling your child in the Bizzy Bodz after school care. Alternatively there are a number of local after school care options in the area you may wish to consider.

2018 TERM DATES:

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January to Friday 13th April
Term 2 Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July
Term 3 Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September
Term 4 Monday 15th October to Friday 14th December

UNIFORM PRICES 2018: 'Angel's Fashion' are having a sale from the 20th of December. A flyer is available from the office. You can purchase on sale prices prior to the 20th if you have the flyer. A reminder that you can make savings on uniforms if you have a VIP card. Please contact Angel's Fashion for uniform inquiries 09 277 7735. *(Please note 2018 will see a rise in uniform costs. VIP card holders will be able to take advantage of this years pricings).*

PRIZEGIVINGS: A reminder that our school prizegivings will be next week, on Thursday the 7th of December which are held in the school auditorium so we can ensure that the assemblies are a celebration of awards, and syndicate items. We hope you can attend these prizegivings and celebrate with your children what has been a great year. Please note that school continues throughout the day and the expectation is that students will be at school for the whole day. Parents are welcome to stay and have morning tea, or lunch with their children.

Prizegiving Times

Junior School	9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Middle School	11.10 a.m. - 12.40 p.m.
Senior School	1.30 p.m. - 2.40 p.m.

END OF YEAR REPORTS: Reports are due home to parents on Wednesday the 13th of December. Reports will be mailed out on the last day of term if your child/children are absent in the last week of term, reports are not presented earlier than the 13th of December to families.

CHESS CHAMPIONS: Mr Pederson took our chess teams away last week to the South Auckland Chess Tournament at Rosehill Intermediate. There were over 126 students from 15 schools who participated. Once again we had some outstanding results. The team had seven members in the top 10! That is impressive to see how well the students have done against all South Auckland schools. Congratulations to the team who once again had some outstanding achievements.

Individual results:

Girls - Tina Truong 1st, Kassandra Yaakoob 2nd, Preetisha Kumar 3rd overall.

Boys - Robbie Finau 3rd overall.

With both boys and girls together Puhinui placed: 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 18th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 37th and 46th.

ATHLETICS ZONES: Last week on Tuesday the Papatoetoe Schools Athletics Zones was held. Congratulations to all the students who represented the school and demonstrated sportsmanship and competitive Puhinui spirit.

JUNIOR SCHOOL HAVE A GO DAY: On Monday the 20th of November the Junior School took part in their first 'Have a Go' sports day run by Counties Manukau Sport. The students got the opportunity to try a range of sports such as tennis, cricket and basketball. It was a great day of sporting fun.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 year olds. Gold coin donation. Last session for this year: 2nd December. Contact Mr Glenn at PACT Office 279-8340 or 0274 381646.

HORSE RIDING RIDER OF THE YEAR: Congratulations to Destiny Shelford-Green who attends horse riding as part of her learning programme. She has been awarded with the RD horse riding 'Rider of the Year 2017'. Congratulations to Destiny and the people that support her in this great activity.

'GIFT A LITTLE' HOMELESS CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Caydence and Celestial, two Puhinui students are helping collect for 38 families who are homeless and are currently residing in emergency housing. If you would like to support this appeal please contact 021 1019 7701. They are interested in non-perishable food, toiletries and children's gifts. Well done girls for displaying true Christmas spirit.

MUFTI DAY: Next Friday the 8th of December we will be holding our last mufti day. Students are invited to wear non-uniform clothing on that day and are asked to bring a gold coin koha. Mufti hats can also be worn during break times.

SUNNYSIDE TENNIS CLUB: Caters for children/youth aged 5 - 18 years old. Coaching provided. For more information email sunnysidetennisclub@outlook.co.nz or phone the Junior Co-ordinator 021 747135.

ENGLISH FOR ROAD CODE: Free class for quota refugees, starting Saturday 25 February - 8 April 2018 (7 weeks), Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. this will be held at English Language Partners Auckland South at 141 Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe. For further information phone 278 9099.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Navya Narayan from Room 24 who was the lucky lunch winner from the last newsletter. On Mondays or Fridays, the lucky lunch winner is able to order a pie of their choice and a box of juice from the auditorium before school.

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

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