



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

ROAD SAFETY AND TRAVEL AROUND PUHINUI SCHOOL: This week is a special newsletter that has a road safety and travel theme for our community. When it comes to morning drop off and after school pick-ups we have a challenging and often frustrating problem for our community and parents. That is parking in and around our school. Most of our families are very patient and also very respectful towards where and how we can park to pick-up children at Puhinui. Over the last few weeks Miss Ansin has been working with a group of children to help promote road safety and park and walk ideas to alleviate our parking worries. All of these roads are within 5 walking minutes of the school. The team have highlighted 5 roads that are easily accessible to parents for picking up, or dropping children off. These roads are upper King Street (4.30 minutes), Fitzroy Street (2.14 minutes), York Street (3.10minutes), and Norman Spencer Drive (3.13 minutes). We would like to keep encouraging parents to think about using these roads as an alternative to parking on yellow lines around our school. In combination with our drop off zone they would help us keep students safe, improve our personal fitness, be more relaxed, and have fun walking and talking to your children.

The Auckland Transport authorities are also promoting safety around schools. Last newsletter and this newsletter have a flyer that marks the roads mentioned above to help guide parents. The AT have also emailed people in our school zone a survey, which I hope you have received and that we hope you have responded to. It would be great to use the information to see what the concerns and issues are for families around road safety.

PUHINUI ROAD CHANGES: In the next 6 months Puhinui Road will be going through some major changes to the road layout and design. This is all part of the link between the Manukau Transport Hub and the Auckland Airport. Puhinui Road will have bus lanes established on either side of the road. This will mean it will become a single lane road for trucks and cars. A new cycle and walkway will be developed and there will be resurfacing and alterations to kerbs. We are unsure how this will affect the school, but we do hope it makes Puhinui Road and the surrounding roads a little less busy in the long run. The construction and redesign has begun and is scheduled to continue up to Mid 2021. Please see the attached flyer from the Auckland Transport.

SUMMER SOCCER: Papatoetoe Soccer club are offering a Summer time competition for any children aged between 4 and 14 years of age. Please see the information below if you are interested in finding out more. Starting from, Saturday 24th October on the Hockey Turf at Kolmar Sports Centre, Sutton Crescent, Papatoetoe and will continue until Saturday 19th December.

Times are as follows -

4 to 8 yr. olds:	9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
9 to 12 yr. olds:	10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
13 to 14 yr. olds:	12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.

This is free to all who attend. We just ask for parents/caregivers to step in and help us run the programmes. NO boots - only sandshoes/running shoes please, playing on turf, plus shinpads. No uniform required. Please bring a water bottle and sunscreen.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Last Thursday our Cross Country Team represented the school at the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Zone Cross-Country. Congratulations to the team for coming first overall. The team prepared well and put in a lot of time, training every morning through Term 3 and in the first few weeks back in Term 4. There were some very good individual performances with many of the team achieving personal bests on the day. We are very proud of the whole Cross Country Team.

Some especially memorable contributions came from:

11 yr girls: Lavin, Zia, Sameeha 11 yr boys: Zenas, Aryan
10 yr boys: Lahmon 10 yr girls: the whole team
9 yr boys: Alan 9 yr girls: Jessica, Legacy, Cherish.

Zone Cross-Country School Placings:

Papatoetoe North 3rd place, Holy Cross 2nd place, Puhinui 1st place

Puhinui Team members who received placings:

9yr girls, Jessica 2nd 10yr girls, Ane 1st 11yr boys, Zenas 3rd 11yr girls, Lavin 2nd equal

Puhinui Team Age Group Placings:

9yr girls 1st 9yr boys 3rd 10yr girls 1st 10yr boys 3rd 11yr girls 1st 11yr boys 2nd

SCHOOL ATHLETICS: Yesterday we held our annual School Athletics Day. Thank you to the parents who were able to take the time to support your child and the students of Puhinui School. Our athletics ran very smoothly and we would like to thank Miss Tailby, Miss McCoskrie and Miss Garvie for the excellent organisation and on the day coordination of the various events. The students showed excellent behaviour. They competed very well and were able to show a desire to all do their best. It was also pleasing to see the cheering and sense of community that the students displayed toward each other. Congratulations to all those who will now go on to represent the school at the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Zones Athletics Day. This will be held in 2 weeks time. Today (Friday), the Junior Syndicate will participate in their fun athletics activities. We are sure they will have a fun time participating in the various events.

USING THE TRACER QR CODE: We continue to encourage all our parents to download and use the QR tracing app. If we all make tracing a habit we are helping keep Covid-19 out of our communities. Thank you for supporting us and our people.

A REMINDER OF THE GOLDEN RULES: The golden rules set out by the Ministry of Health (MoH):

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Businesses help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing. Please use this when visiting the school.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.

SKiDS: Our after school providers are available for families who require before or after school care. 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 SKiDS in the Tech Room before or after school if you wish.

LUCKY LUNCH DRAW: Well done to Manaia Martin from Room 4 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 tomorrow so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

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