



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Families,

OUTDOOR EDUCATION: This week our Senior school classes have been participating in our traditional outdoor education week. They have enjoyed a wide range of activities including, visiting Eastern Beach for a range of beach side activities including kayaking and archery. Throughout the week students have also been involved in water safety skills at the Papatoetoe Pools. At school, students have enjoyed orienteering, tenting, outdoor cooking as well as the 'Rock Up' climbing wall! After school today (Thursday) we have the annual Year 6 "Overnight Stay". The forecast is for cloudy, but fine weather, so we anticipate the full programme will operate. If not, teachers have a revised programme all ready to go. During the evening Year 6 students will be involved in a number of exciting group based tasks and activities including, group challenge activities, pitching tents, the exciting talent quest, and the sleepover. On Friday, students take the 6.30 a.m. traditional morning swim. Outdoor education helps challenge students physically and emotionally as they overcome obstacles towards attaining a goal oriented outcome. It helps them build confidence and a sense of belief in overcoming adversity. These challenges transfer into our values of resilience, taking opportunities and also help develops a supportive community within the team. We are sure all students have enjoyed their adventure filled week. Have fun tonight Year 6 students!

SCHOOL VALUES: As parents, and as a community we all know the importance of having a value set to pin our expectations on when needed and to help us live by on a day to day basis. At Puhinui School we have 5 core values:

Community, Integrity, Opportunity, Resilience, Respect.

As a school, our teaching and support staff work with students on a daily basis on finding ways to promote our values and to support students in understanding them. We hope that through the promotion of our core values we are supporting students to develop character traits that are consistent with our community and their homes. Hopefully we are all working together to help young children develop as successful members of our school and as future citizens of New Zealand. Each school assembly the House Captains announce what the value for the next 2 weeks will be. This week and next week our focus value is 'community'. If you have time, it would be interesting to see if your child can talk to you about how we show community at school and in their lives.

SWIMMING ZONES: On Tuesday, our swimming team participated in the Papatoetoe Primary Swim Zones Day. We placed 3rd overall, Papatoetoe North were 2nd, and Holy Cross 1st. Congratulations to Holy Cross, this was another very successful year at the swimming zones for them and they were well deserved winners. Papatoetoe North were also very strong this year and we were disappointed to come in 3rd place behind them, but of course we congratulate North for doing so well. In the last newsletter I commented upon one of our goals being to take our overall water confidence and transferring this into technically proficient swimming. If we make this a focus for our swimming programmes for the remainder of our Term 1 swimming programme and in Term 4 I believe it will have a flow on effect into our swim team results. My challenge for our teachers will be to maximise our time in the pool to ensure student technique and skill are continually improving.

PLAYBALL AND CRICKET ZONE DAYS: In 2 weeks time our teams are off to the primary school playball and cricket zones. Teams have been preparing for these events from early in the term and we hope to see competitive teams going to the zones and aiming to do the best they can on the day. Good luck to our teams, we wish you well at the zones.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Last week our parent conferences were held and we had a positive response from parents who made the most of the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. Our teachers really enjoy meeting the whanau and it is a positive sharing time for them. They often take multiple pieces of information away from parent conferences that help them work with their students in one way or another. This year parent attendance was around 85%. This is down from last year and I have asked teachers to follow-up with parents who for whatever reason were unable to attend. I'd like to thank teachers for taking the extra time to do this as it has made a difference for the families that were able to have a second chance to find out about how well their children have begun the year. Unfortunately we still have not heard back from some parents, so if you are one of those parents please contact your child's teacher to arrange a phone conversation, or a face to face meeting.

VISITING SCHOOL: A reminder if you are visiting the school, or dropping items off for your child, please make sure you leave them at the office. All visitors must sign in, this ensures we know who is on our site at all times in case of an emergency. For parents collecting students early for appointments the office require your child to be signed out. The office can and will coordinate all visitors and your enquiries.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: We have a new Public Health Nurse (PHN) at Puhinui School for the beginning of 2020. Nurse Deborah will be available Thursdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Her main work is to deliver the Manakidz Clinic programme which offers free sore throat and skin infection assessment and treatment. She can treat both if positive for infection. She will assess hearing and vision and refer on if needed. She follows up new entrant overdue immunisation. She provides moisturiser to help with eczema and treatment for head lice and scabies. In fact, if you have any concern regarding your children's health you can contact Nurse Deborah on her mobile 021 242 3006 at any time. She is in clinic at school on a Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS 2020: Southern Districts Hockey Club are taking registrations for all junior players. These will be held at the Kolmar Sports Centre. There are a number of days set for registration in March depending on the age of your children. Please contact Sheryl for more information (secretary@sdhc.co.nz) or check out the registration dates on the flyer in the office window. The club website may also help if you are looking for more information, www.sdhc.co.nz

PAPATOETOE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS 2020: Registrations for the 2020 season will be held on the following days at Kolmar Sports Centre, Sutton Cres, Papatoetoe - starting Saturday 1st Feb: -

Wednesday evenings - from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday mornings - from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please bring ID for registration - Birth Certificate, Passport, Driver's License. Registration forms must be signed by the player and parent/caregiver to be accepted. Contact Anil Ranchhod on 0274 201 720 or email papatoetoe_united@hotmail.com for more information.

MARIST CATHOLIC GIRLS COLLEGE: Any parents interested in sending their daughter to Marist College as a Year 7 student, there is an open day on Tuesday 31st March, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. For more information contact the school on 8468311, website, www.maristcollege.school.nz

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES: Dream Big are running free programmes every Wednesday after school at Allenby Park for children aged 5 – 14yrs. The programme runs from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the school term. A range of games and activities will be played such as, rippa, soccer, cricket, volleyball, hip hop, zumba, gymnastics, self-defence, team building and more. Participants will be provided with water, small snacks and prizes for 'minute to win it' games.

SKIDS: A reminder that 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 them in the Tech Room before or after school if you wish.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Ekam Dhillon from Room 25 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 _____