



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CRICKET AND PLAYBALL ZONES: Congratulations to all the students who represented the school at our cricket and playball sports zones on Tuesday this week. The teams were highly competitive and we attained some excellent results. The most pleasing thing for our coaches was the improvement in the various skills required to play the games. This is particularly, seen in cricket with bowling, such a hard movement requiring good balance and coordination of complex movements that all need to be well timed. Mr Feau and Miss Oates were really pleased with the improvement the students made with their bowling ability. In playball Mr Mose, Mrs Stowers and Mrs Valeli were impressed by the rise in focus the students showed. They were highly competitive and teams showed an excellent balance between some great individual plays and the overall team work. Congratulations to all our sports teams! Thank you to our coaches for the time taken to teach and prepare the students for the zone tournaments.

ZONE RESULTS:

Playball boys 1st place Playball girls 2nd place
Cricket boys 4th place Cricket girls 6th place

STUDENT SPORT REPORT:

On Tuesday the girls cricket team went to the Papatoetoe Recreation grounds for our zones. We played a lot of schools, and they were friendly, humble and showed good sportsmanship. The hardest school to beat was Holy Cross as they had good bowlers and their team bowled us out. We tried really hard with our batting and our bowling, but they were just too good on the day. My favourite part was fielding, we had to sprint around the field and try and catch the ball. We would like to say thank you to our awesome cricket coach Miss Oates.

By Lovi Pauta, Room 6.

POWHIRI: Friday of week 5 we had the Principal's powhiri, led by our inspiring kapa haka group and supported by the, junior kapa haka group (who had the cute factor and passion combination going on). The students did a wonderful job during the ceremony. Kru Pihema of Room 7, did a fantastic job of speaking on behalf of the school, along with our Board of Trustees Chair, Mr Les Waimotu who is a gifted orator himself. Both Kru and Mr Waimotu spoke with mana and eloquence, they spoke of the culture of the school and how we are together to ensure our tamariki continue to do well. The school sang two himene, He Honore and Wairua Tapu which sounded like a wall of sound coming at you. The senior kapa haka group sounded amazing with their poetic melodies performing Tena Koutou and Whakarongo. They were supported by our junior kapa haka group who sang Tutira Mai and finished their set with the fierce Ka Mate! Ka Mate! haka. Thank you to Mrs Waimotu and the Maori team for their preparation and time practising with the students. A special thanks to Mr Glen Ryan (St Anne's principal), Jo Millich Misikini (St Anne's A.P.) and my wife and daughter for being part of the manuhiri. Finally, a special mention to the wonderful Puhinui staff and children of our school. Thank you for the special powhiri and welcome.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION: This week our Y5 and 6 students have been participating in a number of awesome outdoor education week activities. This is an exciting time for our students and for many, this is an opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities that they may have never experienced before. There are a wide range of experiences including tenting, rock climbing, cooking, orienteering and the fun activities at Eastern Beach. One of the biggest events is the traditional Year 6 overnight stay. Our Year 6 students are so excited. A number of cool activities are scheduled this evening including survival and team building games, the talent quest, we also have a special secret item from our Y5 and 6 teachers! Good luck to our Y6 students we hope you enjoy the great outdoors this evening!

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE: Puhinui has recently joined in partnership with the Auckland Transport authority to support safer school gate practices during morning drop off and afternoon pick-ups. They have a special programme called "Safety at the school gate." The aim of the programme is to improve safety around the school gate for students who are put at risk by drivers who park illegally.

*Auckland Transport will support schools with enforcement of safe parking practices at the school gate before and after school. Schools on the programme are required to advise parents that parking officers will be on patrol and that they must park safely. Parking officers have been advised to take a 'zero tolerance' approach. **This means that they will not be issuing warnings; drivers who are illegally parked will receive a ticket.***

Please keep this in mind, particularly for the parents who park illegally outside our school gates. For the majority of our parents who follow the road rules and keep the safety of our children as their key priority, we thank you. Together we keep all of our Puhinui students safe.

SWIMMING RESULTS: Congratulations to all of our swimmers for their respective performances in the zone swimming sports, held at the Papatoetoe Pools last week. Puhinui School was placed 2nd overall. All of our swimmers had trained very hard since the beginning of the year to improve their technique, stamina speed and were very excited to compete. All swimmers represented their school to the very best of their ability and achieved great results. Many thanks to our parents who attended the sports to support their children. Your attendance was very much appreciated.

The individual results were as follows (There were six races of 25 metres for each age group):

Freestyle (Boys)

8 Yr	Khale Dave	1 st	Zane Gibson	1 st	Andre Nauer	2 nd	Jackson Ford	2 nd
	Te Ariki Edmonds	2 nd						
9 Yr	Kazual Tasi-Sofele	2 nd	Oli Carter	2 nd	Trae Kelly	2 nd	Talan Pearse	2 nd
10 Yr	Kiko Liutai	1 st	Joe Salaivao	2 nd	Aaron Le	2 nd	Makea Upu	2 nd
	Qw'y	3 rd	Kru Pihema	3 rd				
	Tikena-Stuchbery							

Freestyle (Girls)

8 Yr	Manaia Surowiez	1 st	Havarna Pihema	1 st	Alaina Lauitiiti	2 nd	Aslan Poching	3 rd
	Jasanvanthia	3 rd						
	Logo							
9 Yr	Manuia Fox-Romia	2 nd	Rachel Scott	2 nd	Matelita Pepa	2 nd	Tiana Lameko	2 nd
	Priyanka Ioane	3 rd						
10 Yr	Ivana Lauitiiti	2 nd	Zarah Hassan	2 nd	Bailie Edmonds	3 rd	Katrina Nelisi	3 rd
	Grace Mataia	3 rd						

Backstroke (Boys)

8 Yr	Te Ariki Edmonds	2 nd	Khale Dave	2 nd	Israel Tanielu	3 rd
9 Yr	Kazual Tasi Sofele	2 nd	Noah	3 rd	Siraj Singh	3 rd
			McKenna-Lilo			
10 Yr	Aaron Le	2 nd	Fogalele Emani	2 nd	Kru Pihema	3 rd

Backstroke (Girls)

9 Yr	Leilani Rose Valeli	2 nd	Matelita Pepa	2 nd
10 Yr	Grace Mataia	3 rd	Zarah Hassan	3 rd

Breaststroke (Boys)

8 Yr	Te Ariki Edmonds	2 nd	Jackson Ford	2 nd	Zane Gibson	2 nd
9 Yr	Ryan Prakash	2 nd	Trae Kelly	3 rd	Noah	3 rd
					McKenna-Lilo	
10 Yr	Makea Upu	2 nd	Kru Pihema	2 nd	Kiko Liutai	3 rd

Breaststroke (Girls)

8 Yr	Havarna Pihema	2 nd	Alaina Lauitiiti	3 rd	Rhianna Prakash	3 rd
9 Yr	Priyanka Ioane	2 nd	Tiana Lameko	2 nd		
10 Yr	Ivana Lauitiiti	3 rd	Donna Fesolai	3 rd	Bailie Edmonds	3 rd

Relay Teams

All 2nd

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: For children aged 5 – 11 years. **Saturdays** in Term 1: **Starts 4th March**, then 18th, 25th March and 1st April. 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Papatoetoe East School, 138 Tui Road. Gold coin donation. Contact Mr Glenn at PACT Office 279 8340 or 0274 381 646.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Journey Johnson from Room 10 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.

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