



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

STUDENT SPORT REPORTS:

Girls Playball Zones

On Tuesday the Playball girls went to SDA for zones. We were so nervous as we walked to SDA. At first I was so scared with lots of butterflies flying around in my stomach. As soon as we got there I was shaking and then we started to warm up. Looking at all the other schools, I decided to just focus on myself. Through the day we won all our games. We made the finals against SDA. We were just hoping, if we could beat them and try and take this 1st place. As we were fielding we gave it all we had. We changed over in the final innings and we were at bat. We tried to hit the ball as hard as a hurtling rock. It came down to the final ball of the final innings. We had loaded bases, Donna smashed the ball into the outfield. This was our final batter to try and take us home. As we watched we saw the outfielder go back and fast to the side, we held our breath, Nooo! She caught the ball! We lost but at least we tried our best. Our game finished and then they were announcing the winners. YAY! We came 2nd. We would like to say thank you to our fantastic coaches Mrs Valeli, Mrs Stowers for helping us. Also to Mr Valeli for coming along and supporting us.

By Grace, Room 1

On 13th March 2017, we went to Papatoetoe Recreational Grounds for cricket zones, it was fun and challenging. One of the things we found challenging was figuring out what the other team's tactics were. We wanted to work this out so we could have an advantage over them. For example one school we figured out that they were weak at hitting spin bowlers, so we did more of them to get them out. We also did a very good job at fielding that made us win most of our matches. I think that the best players that represented Puhinui School were Japnoor and Arshpreet. Japnoor bowled most people out and Arshpreet was hitting sixes all over the place. The best part was played by our awesome coach Mr Feau, he was the one that did an awesome job at coaching us.

By Balpreet, Room3

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 students who participated in Week 7 in the outdoor ed week activities. As mentioned in the last newsletter there were a number of excellent activities designed to help students appreciate our national love of the great outdoors. Apart from participation and the enjoyment of these experiences, students also learn to take learning risks and overcome fears, such as climbing the rock wall, or spending a night in a tent away from their family. Such experiences help children to develop the school value of 'Resilience'. Accepting the challenges and experiencing new things like kayaking and archery fit under our value of 'Opportunity'. One of the great things about outdoor ed week is how the students come together and enjoy belonging to a group who do things together, this is our value; 'Community'. As we can see outdoor ed week is more than just fun. There are so many important things the students gain from these experiences. As adults and parents we need to continue encouraging our children to learn resilience, take opportunities and be an active part of a community.

DRUMMING SHOW:

This week Mr Read our amazing music specialist and Room 7 teacher, organised a drumming show with Johnny from Rhythm Interactive. This show is unique in that firstly, it is about drumming and drumming is loud! Secondly, it is interactive and the students learn how to play different beats and rhythms on the drum. Each child has a drum and Johnny takes the students on an educational drum journey. A special thanks to our parents for providing the \$4.50 for this special show, we appreciate your contribution, and we want you to know that from our point of view it was worth it when we consider the learning and enjoyment the students experienced.

Student Report on the Drumming Show

The sound of rhythmic beats of pounding drums filled up the empty auditorium atmosphere. Johnny was the drummer and his chants spread across the auditorium repeatedly, like a boomerang coming back. I saw the mini drums neatly positioned across the rows, enough for all the seniors. As I walked in, I could feel the ground moving with the drums. It was the start of the drumming show.

Johnny started to play different patterns of beats that each gave his drum a unique colour. The audience responded by duplicating the patterns on each of their own mini drums. It sounded like a duet, except replaced with drums beatboxing. Johnny divided the audience into two groups, playing their own beat. He started to play his harmonica, before combining it with the audiences thumping drums. It sounded like horses sprinting on concrete. I was really amazed. In the end, Johnny shared some important messages: Do your best in everything you do, and practice to get better, and you will achieve your goal as a drummer, or in anything you want to be.

By Jessica, Room 7

Room 16 comments on The Drum Show

I went to the drum show with my class. It was really cool. I had lots of fun.

By Zenas, Year 3

Yesterday my class and I went to a drumming show. I was drumming with the whole Middle School and there was a man called Johnny. We had to listen to him carefully. What I liked was the rhythm and the beat. We hit the drum fast and my back started to hurt.

By Zia, Year 3

“Hi! My name is Johnny. Listen to this carefully. Doo-yaka-yuum-by-yay.” (x2)

“Now copy this. When I do seven beats, I’ll hold up how many beats you have to do. You have to say it when you drum it. OK?” When he did it Johnny said “Wow!”

By Rhianna, Year 4

Yesterday my class and I went to the drumming show. It was fun. After we learned the beat and rhythm. We were a good drumming classroom.

By Laksh, Year 4

REMINDERS:

Lateness. Thank you to our parents who are in the good routines and habits around morning time and getting children to school on time. Such routines are helping children learn the importance of being on time and managing their lives. Unfortunately we do have a number of students who are coming 5-10 minutes late to school. We ask you think carefully about what changes you need to make to ensure your child is on time for school. Being on time helps them to be settled and ready to learn.

Playground:

A reminder to families and students, we ask that all students stay off the playgrounds after school. Our aim is for all students to make their way home, or to their agreed meeting areas promptly after school.

Assemblies:

Every second week we have a class rostered on full school assembly. Assemblies begin at 2.10 p.m. every second Friday and parents are most welcome to attend. Usually the school meets for a singing practise prior to the assembly. If you think we have started assembly early, don’t worry we are just having our singing practise. Room 5 are hosting this week’s assembly, we hope to see you there (start time 2.10 p.m).

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: For children aged 5 – 11 years. **Final day for Term 1: Saturday** 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 Dylan Harkisan from Room 13 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 _____