



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

Welcome to Week 9 and Outdoor Education week for our Years 5 and 6 students. This is also a busy time for all teachers as we are working towards completing our assessment tasks for the term.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS: Throughout the year we have scheduled in parent consultation meetings with our main ethnic groups. These include Indian, Pasifika, Maori and a general group. The general group will give many of our smaller ethnic groups a chance to meet with Puhinui School teachers and staff. We hope everyone has an opportunity to be represented if they wish to. Please see the dates for these meetings below:

Indian	Term 1	3rd April
General	Term 2	15th May
Pasifika	Term 2	12th June
Maori	Term 3	31st July

Our consultation meetings will have a planned purpose as well as give parents an opportunity to talk with us about any topical learning issues. We intend sharing with our families information regarding the ongoing development of the student graduate profile. We would also like feedback on our key mission and vision statements. The consultations are an important way in which you can make a contribution to your child's learning at a community level.

INDIAN CONSULTATION: Next Wednesday the 3rd of April, at 4.p.m. we have the first 2019 parent consultation meeting with families from our Indian community. A letter was sent home today with more information for families who identify as Indian. Please read the information and send back the bottom part of the letter if you are able to attend this consultation meeting. We would love to see you here next week on Wednesday at 4pm. The meeting place for this consultation will be the School Library.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Year 5 and 6 students have so far enjoyed a number of fun outdoor education activities this week. They visited Eastern Beach on Tuesday and Wednesday for kayaking and archery. Other activities have been at school which include orienteering, tenting and outdoor cooking. Water safety skills and other water based activities have been held at the Papatoetoe Pools. On Thursday and Friday students have the 'Rock Up' climbing wall to look forward to and more classes will visit the Papatoetoe Pools. Today (Thursday), after school the Year 6 students will have the exciting overnight stay. We are hoping the weather will be favourable for the overnight stay, if however, it is too windy and wet, students will sleep indoors. During the evening students will be involved in a number of exciting activities including, group challenge activities, pitching tents (weather permitting), the exciting talent quest, and the sleepover. On Friday, students take the 6.30 a.m. traditional morning swim.

CRICKET & PLAYBALL: Last week was a very successful sporting week for Puhinui School with both the boys and girls playball teams winning their zone sports tournament. The girls cricket team placed 3rd overall and the boys cricket team 2nd, including a very close, exciting win against Holy

Cross in the semi final. Congratulations to all our teams, there were many memorable moments and it is great to see how competitive we have been in all sports this term. Training for Winter sports with rugby, netball and soccer trainings having begun. A special mention to the Middle School swim training squad coached by Mrs Twiname. Although the swimming zones were held several weeks ago, Mrs Twiname is already thinking of getting a head start for 2020! Way to go Mrs Twiname and the Middle School swim team.

CHESS TOURNAMENT: Last week our Puhinui chess team participated in a mini invitational tournament held in the school auditorium. Here is a report written by Jitesh from Room 5:

Yesterday an Interschool Chess Tournament was held at Puhinui School. Three schools competed against each other. These schools were: Papatoetoe West, Papatoetoe East, Papatoetoe Central. There were seven rounds each player had one match in each of these rounds. Round one started with all the players being told the rules. The rules were after each turn you must stop the round timer or the clock. You had a limit of thinking time for a turn. They would all be put against random players, sometimes they may be from their own school! On the first round, every player was put against an opponent from a different school....

Round Five I could imagine the excitement and pressure in the player's heads. The chess pieces slid on the chess mat. The knights, pawns, bishops, were all moving in different directions in the game. Almost every player was moving the queen it seemed to be the go-to chess piece to capture other chess pieces. Players did not waste any time thinking about the next move they had gone 'sonic mode.' Click after click on the timer and the turn clock, one of the turn clocks almost broke! Then the timer stopped a small alarm echoed in the room all of the players breathed a sigh of relief their shoulders slumped down onto the table and then it ended. The players walked back, I congratulated them and they sat down on the bleachers. The manager congratulated all the schools and announced the placings. Puhinui came second just half a point away from Central. They all had fun and all the other schools were good too. That was the Interschool Chess tournament GO PUHINUI!!

(well done Jitesh an exciting report!)

LATENESS, A CONCERN: Although we are generally very positive about the rates of attendance and punctuality of our students, there are a number of students that we have concerns about. This week our SENCO, SWiS, A.P. and Principal have met to coordinate our response to students we have concerns about regarding lateness. We will be contacting several families and we hope this will be seen as an opportunity to make adjustments to the night and morning routines to ensure better punctuality. For all our families we would like to encourage you to please keep punctuality in mind. Good routines and teaching children the value of being on time will help set them up for success at school and one day in their working lives.

SKIDS: A reminder the holidays are fast approaching and SKiDS have another great holiday programme on offer. Please contact them if you are interested in their holiday programme. 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 Technology Room after school if you wish.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Garv Banga from Room 1 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 _____