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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

END OF TERM ONE: The last day of term is Thursday with our usual 3 p.m. finishing time. It has been a busy and exciting term. It has been a full term in the life of the school as it adjusts to a new principal and new staff members since Mr Hornby's retirement. The staff continue to show their professionalism, continue to work hard and serve our community in education. Thank you for your continuing support and working with us to make Puhinui the best place for your children. We wish all whanau safe travels over Easter and the school holidays. We hope you get to enjoy family time with your children during their break. School will resume on Monday the 1st of May, at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

HORNBY SUITE OPENING SOON: We are getting close to completion of the old dental clinic at the front of the school. This project has a few final touch ups to be made before we officially open it as the 'Hornby Suite'. This is in recognition of the many years of service our retired principal, Mr Kevin Hornby has given the school. We plan to use it in a number of ways, mostly as a place for teachers to meet for professional development and for small group teaching and learning. Our community will be advised when an opening date has been set.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUN HATS: Over the last few weeks the Middle School students have been busy designing sun hats to protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays. This has been a technology design and build project. It is interesting to see how the students have been able to identify a relevant learning experience with a problem to be solved. From their designs the students have constructed (out of available materials) sun hats. The end result being, something that is functional, as well as have a design that captures the interest of others. On completing their hats the Middle School walked around the school in a colourful sun hat parade. It was great seeing them proudly walk and wave to all their fellow students who cheered and supported them. Afterwards the students had a shared lunch on the back field where they tested their hats, to see if they met their sun safe goal. Well done Middle School!

STORIES FROM THE JUNIORS: This week we have some wonderful drumming stories from Room 10 and Room 11 students. Junior students have a gift for saying things in a simple way, yet full of personality. It is always wonderful seeing our junior's writing and instilling a love of writing that can be built upon in the middle and senior school.

My favourite part at the drumming show was rumbling on my drum. It made me super duper happy. Thuy, R11

We went to the drumming show and Johnny was singing and playing the drum. We listened to Johnny and we played the drum. Johnny was shaking the shaker. The drumming show was marvellous. Nicolas. Room10

On Wednesday Room 11 went to the drumming show. It was in the auditorium. I felt happy. My favourite part was drumming on the drum. Saskia. Room11

Yesterday the junior school went to Johnny's drumming show. We had drums and it was a fun and magnificent drumming show. We rumbled and rumbled. When we were about to leave we said, "We can do anything." My hands got tired. Jaden, Room 10 GOOD LUCK AND SAFE TRAVELS MISS GAGEN: In Term 2 Miss Gagen will be on leave travelling around the world visiting far away destinations. We wish her all the best in her travels and we look forward to seeing her back in Room 21 in Term 3. While Miss Gagen is away, Miss Grace Farrant will teach in Room 21. Miss Farrant has spent a number of days this term in Room 21 learning about the students. We welcome her and we look forward to her joining the Junior School team next term.

<u>UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS:</u> Forms have been sent home for parents who have different contact details to those held by the school. Parents can update their physical address and/or their phone contact numbers including both landline and mobile. We will only change our records if a form is returned to the school. If we do not receive a change of details form, we will assume your contact details have not changed since last year. It is essential that we have your current details in case contact regarding your child is required.

KEEPING SAFE: Now that it is getting darker earlier and daylight savings has ended, you need to make sure your children are more alert and aware if they are walking around the street or in a park when it is getting dark. Make sure that if they are out walking and they are on their phone they look up every now and then and take in the surrounding area and who else is around. It is not a good idea to have earphones in and listening to music as you cannot hear anyone. Tell them that if they feel unsafe run to a house or shop where they know they will be safe and there will be other people that can help them. If someone approaches your child and says something like they are there to pick them up, a good idea is to have a password that the family know, if the person doesn't know it, tell them to find someone they can trust and tell them what has happened.

SAFETY GOING HOME: There have been some recent incidents involving students from around the country being approached by strangers. Teaching your child the right responses to various situations can help keep them stay safe if they're ever approached by someone.

- Create a safety password that you share between you, your child and the trusted adult who may be
 picking them up from school or home. Your child should never go with anyone, even someone they
 may know or someone who offers them gifts, unless the adult can tell your child the secret password.
- Sometimes, making a ruckus is a good thing! In situations where someone tries to forcibly take your child somewhere, tell them to raise a loud commotion scatter the contents of their backpack, push nearby objects over, etc. and scream, "This person is not my parent/guardian/family!"
- Teach your child who they can run to for help if they're ever approached by a stranger that makes them feel uncomfortable. The police suggests that they ask for assistance from anyone with a uniform or name tag, preferably a female.
- At the beginning of the year walk with your child to school and check the safest and quickest way to school
- Make sure your children know what the plan is if you are unable to pick them up.

ASSEMBLY: Our last assembly this week will be hosted by Room 11. This is the end of term assembly and will begin at 2.00 p.m.

ANZAC DAY IN THE HOLIDAYS: A reminder that Anzac Day falls in the school holidays this year. Please see the details below if you are interested in attending a service with your family. 'Lest we forget' at this time, as we honor the servicemen and women of our country.

Papatoetoe (Dawn Service), at Papatoetoe Crematorium, starts 6 a.m. (Assembly time: 5.45 a.m). Papatoetoe (Civic Service) at Papatoetoe Central School, cnr St George Street and Great South Road,10a.m. For more information on Anzac services phone: Linda Darnill, 027 465 0494 or 027 488 9562

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Matthew	Haricombe from Room 6 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