



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

WELCOME BACK: We hope all our families have had an opportunity to spend time together over the school break and that all students are well rested and recharged ready for Term 2. It has been a very busy beginning to the term. We had an ANZAC remembrance assembly on Tuesday, Papatoetoe choir rehearsal on Wednesday and today (Thursday) we have our first winter sports exchange with Holy Cross. Tomorrow (Friday) we have the Term 2 mihi whakatau for new students.

TERM 2 EVENTS: Please remember to check the school calendar on our Puhinui website (www.puhinui.school.nz) if you would like to see the various events and activities that are scheduled for Term 2. Events include sports exchanges each week, parent consultations, Matariki celebrations, sports zone days, reports home to parents (to name a few). In Term 2 we continue to focus on the maths curriculum and professional development in maths. We begin building up to the Term 3 science focus with increased science experiences and investigations in class. Our writing team continue to develop their expertise in writing and students are currently working on writing samples which teachers will moderate as part of our assessment schedule.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS: Throughout the year we have scheduled parent consultation meetings with our main ethnic groups. Our consultation meetings will have a planned purpose as well as give parents an opportunity to talk with us about any topical learning issues. The dates for these meetings are detailed below:

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

ANZAC REMEMBRANCE DAY: On Tuesday morning our House Captains hosted the school ANZAC remembrance assembly. The programme closely followed the protocol of an ANZAC service programme, so we were able to provide our students with an authentic ANZAC remembrance service. The House Captains shared the Flanders Field poem beautifully, followed by the laying of wreaths and the Ode. Mr Graeme Brown played the Last Post, followed by a minutes silence and the Rouse. The flag monitors set the flag to half mast and raised it again during this time in the ceremony. The students were reflective and showed the appropriate reverence for this special occasion. At the end of the ceremony junior students each placed a poppy upon the Field of Remembrance. "Lest We Forget."

The Ode of Remembrance

They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.

MIHI WHAKATAU: In the first week of each term a mihi whakatau is held to welcome new students, staff and whanau. If you are a new family to Puhinui School, you should have received an invitation to the mihi whakatau. This will begin at 9.10 a.m. in the auditorium tomorrow (Friday). All whanau attending, please meet in the staffroom before 9 a.m. New students go to their class to start the day and for marking the roll.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: With the winter months coming it is time to think about ensuring your child has the correct school uniform. Please consider purchasing the polar fleece jacket to keep your child warm. If your child walks to and from home you may wish to consider getting a shower proof jacket as well. Another option for winter is the long sleeve polo shirt. We want to ensure we maintain our sense of pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform is a part of what we do. We also have some second hand uniforms available at school, please call in at the office, if you would like to purchase any. Non-uniform clothing items such as long sleeved shirts that are not school uniform should not be worn under the school uniform. Girls tights are forest green or black. Beanies can be purchased through our uniform suppliers, Angel's Fashion in Papatoetoe. Please note that beanies will only be worn in Terms 2 and 3. The beanies are not compulsory but those who choose to wear them must wear regulation uniform beanies (students will be asked to remove non-uniform beanies). Students may wear school beanies to and from school and during breaks. They will not be worn inside the classroom and must be worn appropriately at all times. The cost of the school beanie is \$18 and are available from Angel's Fashion now. Uniforms can be purchased from our supplier, Angels Fashions, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe.

BOT ELECTION 2019: Every state and state integrated school in NZ is currently undergoing a trustee election process. Nomination forms and an election candidate information sheet will be mailed to all eligible candidates by Friday 10 May 2019. Nominations will close and must be received by the Returning Officer by posting to the school or delivering to the school office by 12.00 noon on Friday 24 May 2019.

Should any person interested in putting their name forward as a BOT member require further information, they can contact the school office to make an appointment with the current Board Chairperson or Principal. Should there be more than 5 nominations, an election will take place with voting papers being sent out by Wednesday 29 May 2019. Voting closes on the election day at noon on 7 June 2019 with successful candidates taking office on Friday 14 June 2019.

Could you please ensure the office has an up to date address on file for you to receive the nomination forms. Please remember nomination forms will be posted out to your mailing address, so please keep an eye out. If they do not arrive, please call into our office. Thank you.

BULLYING POLICY: The BOT have recently revised this policy. If you would like to submit any comments or recommendations regarding this policy, please put them in writing to the Principal. Responses will be collated and presented to the BOT for their consideration. Amendments will be made if required at the next BOT meeting. Please note the bullying policy can be viewed on our school website.

SKIDS: A reminder SKiDS provide before and after school care for students at Puhinui School. Please collect a programme from the office or see a SKiDS staff member before, or after school in the Tech room. Alternatively you can contact **Becca on 0800 754377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz.**

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30am - 11am on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Road. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only]. 6 sessions in Term 2: **Starts 11th May**, then 18th May, 25th May, 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Kalani Matai from Room 11 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 next term so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

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