



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

AUT PARTNERSHIP: This year we continue to work with Auckland University of Technology (AUT) in our educational partnership. Last week we hosted AUT masters students. They visited classrooms to see our technology curriculum learning experiences. After school Mrs Valeli, Miss Boss and Mrs Stowers, presented to the masters students, explaining how we plan, prepare and implement our technology in the junior, middle and senior school.

This week we have also had first year students from AUT visit and observe in their associate teacher classrooms. This is their first practicum visit and it is a chance for them to begin experiencing what the various roles of a teacher are. Next term they will be back to continue their practicum with us. They will begin teaching and supporting learning under the guidance of their associate teachers.

Working with AUT gives our teachers a chance to share their experience with our young aspiring teachers. It also helps us access study opportunities for our teachers. One of the positives for us is the number of beginning teachers we have employed from the AUT because of partnership. It means we continue to provide the best learning experiences from top quality teachers.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION WRITING: Currently students are writing character descriptions as part of our writing assessments for this term. In this newsletter we have attached some of our Year 5 and 6 writing to give you an idea of the writing they are doing. *(These samples have been shortened)*

Suddenly , a thought races across my mind, "What did I do?" He gives me the silent treatment. My head is in a swimming pool of sweat. He nods his nail like finger towards me. That can never be a good thing with my uncle.

Manuia Room 5

I have an 18 year old sister named Sandy. She has muddy-brown coloured eyes that are shaped like roasted almonds. Her shoulder length hair is the darkest obsidian black. Sandy's bright smile is my favourite feature that can make anyone's day. When she has spare time she paints peacefully in her room. She likes to be creative and draw for hours. You can tell her a secret, she will keep it to herself. A promise is a promise.

Jessica Room 7

Rayna is my best friend. Her dark brown eyes are kindness, they are truthful and show how much she appreciates me. Her hair is smooth and silky like the clear night sky. It goes to her waist like a shimmering waterfall. Whenever she smiles at me I can't help but smile back.

Dhanvi Room 6

BAND PARENT MEETING: Last Wednesday after school Mr Mose met with the parents of our Year 5 and 6 bands. This was an opportunity for us to discuss with band parents our expectations of the students and to explain what we do in terms of practice. Mr Mose discussed how in order for our band members to do well, they need to be dedicated and prepared to work hard. The more practice they

get the greater the improvement will be. The Tironui Trust were also at the meeting. The Trust are the generous people who provide the instruments for our students free of charge. They also provide the students with tutors, who do a great job of teaching the students, musical skill and notation. Together Mr Mose, the Tironui Trust and our parents work together in partnership to ensure the students are successful. As part of the meeting our Year 5 and Year 6 bands performed for the parents. It was good to see how well the Year 5 band had progressed in just one term, and then when the Year 6 band performed it was impressive to see their progress in a year and one term. It was also good for the Year 5 band to see that if they work hard they will this time next year be like the Year 6 band.

If you're interested in your child playing a musical instrument, Kedgley Intermediate run after school tuition on week days, during term time. Students are taught in small groups for half hour lessons. Please see the link provided here for more information. Music tuition is affordable and for children aged 7 to Year 13. Classes are held in the Music Centre (building adjacent to reception) at Kedgley Intermediate School. <http://www.kedgley.school.nz/kedgley-music-centre-0>

For more experienced students, the Manukau Concert Band, are happy to support young aspiring players. This would be a great opportunity for any past pupils who have had Year 6 band experience.

SPORTS EXCHANGES: Unfortunately last week our sports exchange against Papatoetoe East was cancelled due to the poor weather. This week we play Papatoetoe North, hopefully the weather will be fine and the games go ahead (fingers crossed). Each week we have exchanges scheduled (please check the school overview term dates). This is valuable playing time for our sports teams as they prepare for our winter zones in week 7 (13th June). Parents please keep this date in mind. On Tuesday, a few of our teams played against Seventh Day Adventist School. Our B soccer team drew 2 all. Netball A team drew 4 all and B netball won 7-2. Coaches were pleased with the overall performance of their teams, but also have said now that they've had a chance to see their teams in action, they now know what they need to work on.

SCHOOL BANKING - NEW HEADSTART ACCOUNTS: The ASB offer school banking here at Puhinui School. We have a small number of students who regularly bank with ASB. Each week they deposit their savings into the box provided in the office. It is good to see these students learning about financial literacy and forming good savings habits at a young age. If you would like your child to open a bank account application forms are available from the school office. It would be great to see more children opening the ASB New Headstart Account.

TERM OVERVIEW: Parents please take note of special dates and activities on the Term 2 overview. Please take particular note of our parent conferences and end of term reporting. The term overview can be found on our school website: www.puhinui.school.nz

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: For children aged 5 – 11 years. Saturdays in Term 2: Starts 20th May; then 27th May, 17th June, 24th June, and 1st July. 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Papatoetoe East School, 138 Tui Rd. Gold coin donation. Contact Mr Glenn at PACT Office 279-8340 or 0274 381646.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Kaytelynn Lio from Room 24 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 _____