



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

WINTER IS HERE: Welcome to the first week of Winter! Autumn was very mild, but we are already beginning to see the cool winter days. This week and last week we had large numbers of students away. If children are sick please ensure they go to the doctors and when they are well we would expect them back at school to maximise their learning opportunities. Did you know that when we analyse attendance, our worst days for truancy and unexplained absences are Mondays and Fridays. Please make good choices for your children regarding attendance.

LATENESS: Lateness continues to be a concern for us, parents please keep your evening and morning routines as regular as possible so your children are on time. A reminder to please consider your morning routines to ensure students are on time for the start of school, especially during winter. All students arriving after the 8.50 a.m. bell must collect a late pass from the office.

ATTENDANCE TEXTING: Parents can expect to receive a text during the morning advising of a student being absent without an explanation from home. Please respond to the text by calling the school on 09 2788703, or freephone 0800 167919 or alternatively replying to the text, which sends an email to the school. It is imperative to notify the school if your child is going to be absent and the reason for their absence.

SPORTS ZONES: Our winter sports teams are continuing to train in preparation for the Papatoetoe Winter Sports Zones Day to be held in week 8 on Tuesday 18th June with a savings day on Thursday 20th June. Information will be coming out shortly in relation to the events and where they will be played. We look forward to seeing parents at our zones day. This term our sports teams have been playing in Thursday sports exchanges against other schools. Today we have a sports exchange against Papatoetoe Central School. Our teams have had some very good results, particularly our soccer teams who are especially strong this year. There are over 100 boys and girls representing the school in our winter sports this term. The majority of students are in Years 5 and 6 with some students from Years 3 and 4. It is pleasing to see so many students involved in sports and developing an active lifestyle.

REPORTS AND PARENT CONFERENCES: Currently teachers are in the process of writing reports for our mid year reporting to parents. Although it is a time consuming process, it is a time that teachers enjoy in terms of reflecting on the progress and growth the students have made. Each report reflects the learning of each child. Teachers are mindful of reporting well and consistently to parents and students families. Reports will go home on Friday 28th June. Parent conferences are in the last week of term on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July between the times of 3.15 p.m. and 7.15 p.m.

MOBILITY PARKING: Parents please be aware, we have 2 Mobility car parks in the front car park area. These are to be kept free at all times. They are only for cars who have students or persons who have disability parking cards and are registered users of mobility parking. Please be considerate and role models to your children and our students.

BIRTHDAYS: We often get requests for students to have cakes and presents at school for their

birthday. Although we appreciate the special occasion, teachers core work and focus is on educating our students. Our staff work hard to prepare quality learning experiences for the students and this is our first priority. In the first instance we would ask that you keep cakes and sweets at home. If treats come to school, teachers will hold these until the end of the day.

BOT ELECTIONS: A reminder that BOT election votes need to be completed and cast by tomorrow, Friday, 7th of June at 12 noon. You may deliver your voting papers at the office, or mail them to the school using the reply paid envelope that was enclosed with your voting paper. If you are wanting to cast your vote by post, we have been advised that parents should do this until Thursday 6 June (today) in order for them to be counted as valid. Postal votes will be accepted until 12 June if date stamped before 12 noon on 7 June.

A reminder votes need to:

- be put in the post no later than the day before voting closes if at all possible.
- your vote can be hand delivered to the school office before voting closes.
- if you have not received voting papers by now you should let the school know immediately.

MEASLES: Parents please be advised that there is an Auckland wide notice that has been sent out to all schools relating to Measles by the Auckland Regional Health Service. We are currently preparing for any potential cases involving measles at our school. Please make sure your child/children are up to date with their vaccinations. If you are unsure please refer to your child's immunisation records in their "Well Child/Tamariki Ora" booklet, or ring your GP. If your child has not had their immunisations they may be at greater risk and the Health Service is advising that you go to your GP and immunise your child for free. In the event of an outbreak any students not immunised may be required to stay at home. If you would like more information please visit the Health Service website at: arphs.health.nz/measles

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. There are two consultations left for the year. The dates for these meetings are detailed below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	Term 1	3rd April (Completed)
<input type="checkbox"/> General	Term 2	15th May (Completed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasifika	Term 2	12th June (Coming up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Maori	Term 3	31st July (Early Term 3)

Next Wednesday 12th June we will meet with our Families who are from our Pasifika cultures. A note has gone home outlining the purpose for our meeting. A reminder will follow on Monday. If you are from our Pasifika families we look forward to seeing you next week on Wednesday 4 p.m. in the school library. The information we collect from our consultations is helping us build clarity in our mission and vision at Puhinui School. We appreciate our parents point of view. The consultations help us consider your perspectives as we continue to shape our Puhinui Curriculum design.

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: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. 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: 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Sahej Saini from Room 14 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 _____

