



PUHINUI SCHOOL Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SWIMMING RESULTS: Congratulations to all of our swimmers for their respective performances in the zone swimming sports, held at the Papatoetoe Pools last week. All of our swimmers had trained very hard since the beginning of the year to improve their technique, stamina, speed and were very excited to compete. All swimmers represented their school to the very best of their ability and achieved great results. Many thanks to our parents who attended the sports to support their children. Your attendance was very much appreciated.

The individual results were as follows (There were six races of 25 metres for each age group):

Freestyle (Boys)

8 Yr	Jackson Ford	2 nd	Noah McKenna-Lilo	2 nd	Ryan Prakash	2 nd
	Talan Pearse	3 rd	Zane Gibson	3 rd		
9 Yr	Makea Upu	2 nd	James Cabello	2 nd	Jayden Dawes	2 nd
	Kiko Liutai	2 nd	Kru Pihema	2 nd	A.J. Tanielu	2 nd
10 Yr	Jordan Gow	1 st	Roko Delana	1 st	Nathan Taule'alo	2 nd
	Alexander Hale	3 rd				

Freestyle (Girls)

8 Yr	Tiana Lameko	1 st	Leilani Rose Valeli	2 nd	Aslan Poching	2 nd
	Alaina Lauitiiti	2 nd	Rachel Scott	3 rd	Priyanka Ioane	3 rd
9 Yr	Ivana Lauitiiti	1 st	Paige Habib	1 st	Ruby Simmonds-Hau	1 st
	Azania Pekepo-Ropiha	2 nd				
10 Yr	Mariah Inoke	1 st	Audrey Tuipala	2 nd	Aaliyana Sadiq Televave	2 nd
	D'ante Turua	2 nd				

Backstroke (Boys)

8 Yr	Noah McKenna-Lilo	2 nd	Jackson Ford	2 nd	Te Ariki Edmonds	3 rd
9 Yr	Makea Upu	2 nd	Jayden Dawes	2 nd	Aaron Le	2 nd
10 Yr	Boaza Boaza-Tangi	2 nd	Meilani Anderson	2 nd	Alexander Hale	3 rd

Backstroke (Girls)

8 Yr	Aslan Poching	2 nd	Priyanka Ioane	3 rd	Leilani Rose Valeli	3 rd
9 Yr	Ruby Simmonds-Hau	2 nd	Bailie Edmonds	2 nd		

Breaststroke (Boys)

8 Yr	Noah McKenna-Lilo	2 nd	Te Ariki Edmonds	3 rd	Jackson Ford	3 rd
9 Yr	Makea Upu	1 st	James Cabello	2 nd	Jayden Dawes	2 nd
10 Yr	Meilani Anderson	2 nd	Jordan Gow	2 nd	Alexander Hale	3 rd

Breaststroke (Girls)

8 Yr	Rachel Scott	2 nd	Priyanka Ioane	2 nd		
9 Yr	Ivana Lauitiiti	2 nd	Ruby Simmonds-Hau	3 rd	Donna Fesolai	3 rd
10 Yr	Angel Sitapa	2 nd	Salome Lauitiiti	2 nd	Audrey Tuipala	3 rd

Relays	Boys	8 Years	2 nd	9 Years	2 nd	10 years	2 nd
	Girls	8 Years	1 st	9 Years	2 nd	10 Years	2 nd

To have so many of our swimmers achieve a placing in all three strokes is a tremendous effort. Well done.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Last week was outdoor education week for our Senior School, years five and six students. This was an opportunity for our students to be involved in learning experiences outside of the classroom. The activities promoted creative problem solving in practical situations. They also provided the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to work in team situations. Our year six students stayed overnight at school on Thursday night and were involved in a variety of activities which of course, they thoroughly enjoyed. The activities throughout the week were very successful and created much excitement among our students. There is no doubt that the outdoor education experience, particularly the sleep over, provides opportunities for children to develop special long lasting friendships.

DRUMMING SHOW: Some of our parents may remember our senior students last year being filmed to create a promotional clip for the American market. The drumming presenters performed for our students on Wednesday the 16th of March. There were three performances for the respective syndicates within the school. The show was interactive, allowing students to use the drums while the performance was happening. This was a great opportunity for our students to enjoy the expertise of the drummers and learn and participate in drumming activities.

EASTER BREAK: The Easter Break will be from Friday the 25th of March through to Tuesday the 29th of March. All schools are closed Tuesday the 29th of March, with students returning to school on Wednesday, the 30th of March. We hope that all of our students have a relaxing, enjoyable break over the 5 days.

PAST STUDENTS RETURN: On Friday the 26th of February Augustine Pulu, a current All Black and the star of the recent International Sevens Rugby Competition held in Wellington came back to have a chat and look round his old school. He was accompanied by his good friend Sundeep Sund, who was also at Puhinui School at the same time as Augustine. They both had very fond memories of Puhinui School and recalled many stories of their time here as students.

THE PAPATOETOE ADOLESCENT COMMUNITY TRUST (PACT): The Papatoetoe Adolescent Community Trust (PACT) is an organisation providing support for children and their families in most, if not all, of the schools in the Papatoetoe area. The support that is provided can be in many forms, including counselling, financial advice, parenting advice, advising on agencies providing assistance to families and hands on help in the schools, working with children and teachers. PACT was established in Papatoetoe in 1994 and is very highly regarded in the local area for, not only it's work supporting schools, but also for work it provides for adolescents, through a number of programmes. Young people are assisted through their involvement in sporting, socialising and mentoring contexts to develop positive attitudes and pathways in their lives. This year the trust will be lead by Neda Espie, who has recently been appointed Director. We wish Neda every success in her new role and look forward to continuing our association with PACT.

DROP OFF ZONE: Our parents are indeed fortunate to have a facility for dropping off their children at school in the mornings, when time is usually an issue for all parents, particularly for those with working commitments. Parents can drop their children off in the school grounds knowing that they can safely go to their classrooms independently. In the mornings the driveway off Grayson Avenue is restricted to only dropping off, as opposed to parking and leaving your car. If a parent wishes to accompany their child to the classroom, they need to park outside of the school grounds, either on Puhinui Road, Fitzroy Street or on the roads running off Puhinui Road. Generally the drop off zone works very well, but in order for this to happen parents need to:

Know how the zone operates and follow the expectations of how it operates.

Many thanks to all of our parents, for their assistance to make the facility work effectively. We have staff on duty at the drop off zone, to assist with the smooth flow of the traffic. There may be times when staff have to speak to the driver of a car to remind them of how the zone operates. They do so in an official capacity and are simply just doing their job. If parents feel that they are being treated differently to that of everyone else and thus unfairly, please call in at the office to discuss their concern, rather than take it out on staff trying to assist in the successful operation of the drop off facility. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

SUMMER SPORTS: Papatoetoe summer zone sports are scheduled for next Tuesday. Our boys and girls softball and cricket teams have been training hard in preparation for their respective games, when they will play teams from all of the other Papatoetoe primary schools. We wish all of our teams the very best for the day and hope they thoroughly enjoy the experience.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT PUHINUI SCHOOL: Our Charter Mission Statement includes the phrase, **educating the whole child**, which in essence means that we focus on meeting all of each child's learning needs and not solely, in an academic context. In order to achieve this, we provide a number of pursuits and activities for our students including:

enhancement programmes in a number of academic and non academic areas, speech competitions, science champions, Pasifika and Maori mentor groups, big buddy little buddy readers, kaiarahi group, school monitors, class monitors, library monitors, house leaders, chess club, choir, band, guitar, recorder, mathex, numeracy mentors, road patrols, kapa haka, Indian dance group, and the numerous sporting activities (swimming, cricket, softball, indoor, touch, rugby, soccer, netball, rippa rugby, cross country, gymnastics and athletics).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Sneha Singh from Room 13 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 the draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's signature _____ Child's name _____ Room _____