



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

24 March 2022

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Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Nau mai, Haere mai! hello, As-salām 'alaykum, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo, Chào bạn, Musta, Noa'ia, Hola, Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Tālofa, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana, Greetings.

PLEASE REMEMBER, SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS: We are open for all students who are well. We do want to maintain safety and continue to provide the best learning opportunities possible for your child.

COVID 19 SCHOOL UPDATES: The last 2 weeks we have seen a steady number of covid cases across the school. Currently we have 3 staff members isolating at home. Over the last 2 weeks we have had a total of 50 students isolating at home. Our current attendance is around 70%. We would like to see this grow and encourage all parents to have your children back at school now. A reminder to please continue calling and advising us if your child tests positive, or is a household contact. Please also be aware that we are monitoring and rapid testing staff members as the need arises to continue working on being as proactive as possible.

7 DAY ISOLATION: Self isolation procedures remain the same. A person who is positive for Covid-19, will self isolate for 7 days. Household contacts isolate for 7 days, and test on day 3 and 7. If they have a negative day 7 test and have no symptoms, they can return to school on day 8.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS IN 2022: In our last newsletter we shared our 3 annual strategic areas for development:

- Curriculum mapping
- Reading Programmes
- Personal life habits (which is an aspect of our Puhinui Student profile)

Please diary the parent consultation dates below. The meetings will be a time to share with you more information and to gain feedback and ideas from you as whānau, in the interests of helping us develop the best learning experiences possible for the tamariki of Puhinui School.

Parent consultation dates for 2022:

- Term 2 Wednesday 18th May 3.30 p.m.
- Term 2 Wednesday 22nd June 4.30 p.m.
- Term 3 Wednesday 17th August 5 p.m.

RECENT SCHOOL EVENTS: Despite the current challenges that we face with Covid 19, we are really pleased and determined to carry on providing a regular programme and extra curriculum events. Over the last 2 weeks we have been able to hold our Years 5 and 6 Outdoor Ed week, a revised swimming sports day for our top swimmers, hold four Nano Girl science shows, train our sports teams, continue with choir, and the band. This week we have also been able to hold parent conferences and on Friday we will hold a revised Mihi Whakatau for our new students. Many of the events mentioned are reasons why being at school is so important for students and reminds us that schools provide a range of life experiences which help make them well rounded, young individuals.

SWIMMING SPORTS: Although it was a very stripped back from our normal senior swimming sports we were able to go ahead with Year 5 and Year 6 competitive swimmers, (a few selected Year 4's joined in as well). Thank you to Mr Mose and Miss McCoskrie for making this happen. Results for this year are as follows:

Freestyle	Year 4 girls	Year 5 girls	Year 5 boys	Year 6 girls	Year 6 boys
1st	Katie	Crisanalei	Tevita	Emree	Maeson
2nd	Kalani	Klaudia	Lincoln	Jessica W	Orlando
3rd	Alena	Sulia	Kaeden	Elisabeth	Armaan
Backstroke					
1st	Kalani	Crisanalei	Lincoln	Emree	Maeson
2nd	Katie	Klaudia	Kaeden	Jessica W	Orlando
3rd	Alena	Sulia	Riley	Cherish	Armaan
Breaststroke					
1st		Crisanalei	Lincoln	Emree	Maeson
2nd		Klaudia	Luca	Jessica W	Davy
3rd		Sulia	Riley	Payton	Armaan
Medley					
1st		Chrisanalei	Tevita Lincoln	Kiyah Emree	Maeson
2nd		Klaudia	Riley Luca	Thea Jessica W	Davy
3rd		Sulia	Lei Kaeden	Cherish Payton	Armaan

SENIOR SCHOOL OUTDOOR ED WEEK: Last week our Year 5 and Year 6 team successfully ran a full outdoor education programme, including trips to Wero for whitewater rafting, Mangere Mountain for the history trail walk and Mangere Airport for Rocket Ropes climbing. On Thursday our Year 6 students stayed overnight at school in the tents that they put up themselves. They were involved in a range of team based activities earlier in the evening and then enjoyed dinner, the talent quest, camp songs and a slide show of all the fun events they had taken part in throughout the week. The Year 5 and Year 6 classroom teachers organised a well coordinated and exciting programme. A special mention to Miss Garvie and Miss Posthumus for the overall lead responsibilities. Thank you also to the many Puhinui staff members who supported the team and were happy to spend their own time helping ensure the students had a great outdoor education experience.

PLAYING HOCKEY: Southern Districts Hockey Club are based in Papatoetoe and are looking for new club members. They welcome all new and current club members who wish to participate in the upcoming hockey season. The "Have-A-Go" is on Saturday 26th March 9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.. Southern Districts Hockey Club is an inclusive and welcoming club! No experience necessary. They are looking forward to seeing you. To register your interest, please email Lucy at youth@sdhc.co.nz

PAPATOETOE JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER: For any boy or girl from ages 5 to 13, the Papatoetoe Rugby Club are holding their Junior rugby rippa and tackle musters in late March. For further information please call on 021 0302503 or email to: paprugbygm@gmail.com

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Gurman Singh from Room 25 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 _____