



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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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.

REPORTS AND PARENT CONFERENCES: Next week on Monday reports will come home with your tamariki. On Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July we have our parent conferences. These will be on site, please wear a mask in the classroom. Parents should receive their conference slips today that have the day and time on them. We look forward to seeing you at conferences next week.

ZONE WINTER SPORTS: This week we have had several days of Winter Sports Zones. On Tuesday the Netball A-F, Soccer Boys A and B and Soccer Girls as well as the Under 40kg and Under 50kg Boys Rugby zones were held at Bruce Pulman Park. We had 12 sports teams representing our school at the zones and in total there was close to 100 students participating. Yesterday (Thursday), the Open boys and Girls Rugby Field day was held here at Puhinui School. Across all Papatōetoe schools there would have been approximately 800 students participating in the various winter sports. Well done to all the students who were involved, especially those who played a sport for the first time. A special mention to our Girls A Netball team, who went undefeated through their tournament and beat Holy Cross along the way. Holy Cross are always the team to beat and since 1975 (47 years) we have never gone through undefeated in the A team netball draw (well done Mrs Valeli). A special mention to the boys under 40 rugby team who was also undefeated with only 9 players (due to illness of several players).

Sports Zones Results:

Netball A: First	Netball B: Third	Netball C: Second	Netball D: Third
Netball E: Third	Netball F: Third	Rugby under 40kg: First	Rugby Boys Open: Fifth
Rugby Girls: Fifth	Soccer Girls: Fourth	Soccer Boys A: Seventh	Soccer Boys B: Second

SCHOOL VALUE COMMUNITY: We have 5 school values that we try to live each day at Puhinui School. We may not be successful in living our values in every moment, but we hopefully learn over time how to use and show our values as a way to live our lives in a good way. Over the next 2 weeks we are thinking about **Community**, what that means and how we can show it in our actions. Community is seen in our special events like ANZAC, assemblies and Matariki. Community also happens in classes on a daily basis. When tamariki think about their actions and how they can help others they are showing community. Being together for the common good is community. Enjoying being with your friends and classmates is community.

END OF TERM FAREWELLS: At the end of this term we will farewell Mrs Marie Daji. Mrs Daji will be heading to teachers training college next term. It is exciting to see her begin her journey towards becoming a qualified teacher and we wish her all the best. We farewell Mr Ratilal Anop who has been relieving full time across the school in Term 2. Thank you Mr Anop and we look forward to seeing you again in Term 3. Sadly, we also farewell Mr Pedersen who will be retiring after a lifetime of educational service, including the last 19 years as a teacher at Puhinui School. We will miss Mr Pedersen's helpful, supportive and positive enthusiasm, both towards and for the staff and tamariki. Thank you Mr Pedersen, we will look forward to you working with us still, but on a more time to time basis.

TEACHING STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: As parents may be aware we have a major focus on Reading and Literacy this year. It is our key strategic area for development. Our programmes are very good as they are, and our aim is to take them even further in terms of high consistency and effectiveness across our whole school from New Entrant through to Year 6. On Tuesday our professional development

was with the Reading Recovery Centre team. We began with a checkpoint on our team goals and then moved into what an effective introduction of a text looks like. One of the secrets in the introduction is for a teacher not to over-talk, while also providing key information for our reading tamariki. To help us we were introduced to the following elements of a book introduction. The hook, connection to the child, the unfolding plot of the text, new vocabulary and language structures. These elements help guide a teacher and provide students with a very good brief as they go to the reading of the text with the teacher.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING: Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our second parent consultation meeting last week (week 8) on the Puhinui in class 'Reading Programmes'. It was enjoyable sharing with parents how our reading programmes are designed. We shared the key elements of Teacher reads, shared books, guided reading and independent reading. We discussed the importance of reading mileage, repeated reads and bringing the reader to fluency. We also covered what a tumble task board is and how it is used. Parents asked some good questions and we have shared some of the things we clarified with them below:

- 1. *How do I know the reading level of my child?***
Please discuss this at the parent conferences with your child's teacher. They should be able to help you understand what the reading levels are and where your child is in their reading level.
- 2. *Do children read aloud to others in the classroom?***
Yes, they buddy read, they read during shared book time and they read during guided reading too.
- 3. *What are some reading tips for busy parents?***
Have a range of books in lots of places. Always get your children to carry a book around. In the car, while waiting at training, before playing on devices make it a rule they have to read 2 books, reading easy things is great for reading mileage and fluency, read lists at the supermarket. Have a time each week where you go to the Library. Schedule the same time everyday for reading with, or hearing your child read. Be creative and keep it fun, don't worry if they make mistakes, encourage them and help them if they need it.
- 4. *Should we monitor the reading mileage of our tamariki?***
No not really, it is a good idea to know if they are reading consistently. Anything that helps make reading a habit for your child is great.
- 5. *How long should my child be reading for?***
15 to 20 minutes is a good starting point. What is important is that they are reading every day. Make reading a habit. If children are enjoying reading, encourage them to read as much as they like.
- 6. *What are the advantages of reading the same book and bringing the same book home?***
The important thing here is that the children are building their fluency and reading confidence. They are also building their reading mileage. Teachers want children to have multiple opportunities to read familiar texts. They are more likely to learn words and gain understanding when they are doing repeated reads of texts. As children progress the books get longer and they will read a greater variety of texts with less repetition. We talk about, first learning to read, and then flipping so that we are reading to learn.

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.

HEALTH NURSE: The Mana Kidz Health Nurse is working in our school every Thursday morning 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Health checks include:

Hearing checks	Vision checks	Sore throats	Skin conditions - sores, eczema
Asthma concerns	Toileting issues	Consistent runny nose (especially during winter)	

MANA HEALTH NURSE CONTACT DETAILS: 027 278 1441 OR 0800 MK TEAM: 0800 658 326

SKIDS: Our before and after school care providers have resumed their services. To contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only]. Last session in Term 2 is 2nd July. Contact: Sean 021 1732 457 or 279 8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Shavya Lal 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 _____