



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

4 November 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 Ielei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana, Greetings.

HAPPY DIWALI: Throughout last week our students were involved in a range of Diwali inspired learning experiences. On Friday they looked amazing in the Diwali theme inspired clothing. We had a Diwali assembly that helped showcase and celebrate Diwali. Part of the assembly involved lighting of candles to represent light overcoming the dark. Here is a lovely quote about Diwali:

Diyas are God's way of telling you that there will always be a light to drive away darkness...May the light of diyas spread joy to your life. Happy Diwali.

Diwali is filled with symbolism around positivity and the eternal theme of overcoming adversity (the dark) through goodness (the light). Being positive in our nature helps us bring out the best in ourselves and leads to future success.

This theme reminds me a little of one of my favourite Maori sayings:

Ke te huri to aroaro ki te ra, tukuna ki muri ia koe
Turn and face the sun and let your shadow fall behind.

DATES FOR END OF YEAR EVENTS: A reminder to please keep in mind some special end of year events.

Week 8	Thursday	8th December	Junior, Middle and Senior School prize-givings.
	Friday	9th	Mufti Day
Week 9	Monday	12th	End of year reports go home Meet the 2023 teacher morning Senior School water battles Year 6 pool party Classroom shared lunches Monitors service lunch Year 6 Disco (5 - 7 p.m.) Year 6 Graduation (7.15 p.m.)
	Tuesday	13th	Last day of school, finish time 12.40 p.m.
	Wednesday	14th	Office open for new enrolments
2023	Thursday	26th January	Office open for new enrolments
	Friday	27th	Auckland Anniversary (public holiday)
	Monday	30th	Teacher Only Day
	Tuesday	31st	First day of school for students 2023
	Wednesday	1st February	Waitangi Day (public holiday)
	Monday	6th	

SCHOOL VALUE: We have 5 school values that we try to live each day at Puhinui School. Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community. **Community** is our school value for the next 2 weeks. Community is a shared sense of belonging. You are a person who feels valued by a group who share things in common with you and who care for you. Community is also about caring for others in the community, and working to support and help each other. When we participate in a community our sense of belonging is strong. When we help others we feel good and they in turn are more willing to help us when we need help. Community is also about celebration. Last week for example, we celebrated the unique gifts of our Indian communities with Diwali. This week we showed community at our athletics day. We all came together as a school. We celebrated and cheered for others, and many students gained success through the experience.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE: As you are aware, we included 2 lockdown practices into Term 3 activities. We completed our first lockdown in Week 2. It was a very successful practice with the students being quick to respond. Next week, Week 4 we have our last lockdown practice for the year. This will be an outside play lockdown practice and will be a full procedures practice. As you know a lockdown is an intense course of action and it is important to make sure the tamariki are familiar with the procedures for a lockdown event.

HEALTH NURSE: The Mana Kidz Health Nurse is working in our school. We have a new Health Nurse who will work every Wednesday morning 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.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: 0226187813 OR 0800 MK TEAM: 0800 658 326

SCHOOL ATHLETICS: On Tuesday of this week we had a fantastic school athletics day. It was a perfect day with the sun shining and the students were excellent in their behaviour, their encouragement of each other and in the way they participated to the best of their abilities. Congratulations to the following students who received placings in the various track and field events. In Week 6 (2022)

November) our school team will go to the Papatoetoe Primary School Zones Athletics Day. Good luck to all the students who will be competing at the zones.

5 year old girls 50 metres 1st Riyah 2nd Naomi 3rd Zarah	5 year old boys 50 metres 1st George 2nd Giyon 3rd Keni	5½ year old girls 50 metres 1st Ryleigh 2nd Aria 3rd Paige	5½ year old boys 50 metres 1st Anatvir 2nd Ahmed 3rd Male
6 year old girls 50 metres 1st Shevonne 2nd Elisha 3rd Mele	6 year old boys 50 metres 1st Ayvan 2nd Joel 3rd David	6½ year old girls 50 metres 1st Maranyaē 2nd Angel 3rd Selena	6½ year old boys 50 metres 1st Aaryan 2nd Kaea 3rd Zander
Girls open 600 metres 1st Crisanalei 2nd Jessica 3rd Katie	Boys open 600 metres 1st Isaac 2nd Lincoln 3rd Jerymiah	7 year old girls 50 metres 1st Sialei 2nd Audrey 3rd Muskan	7 year old boys 50 metres 1st Shalom 2nd Cole 3rd Charles
8 year old girls 50 metres 1st Sundae 2nd Trinity 3rd Ava	8 year old boys 50 metres 1st Mikaia 2nd Lisiate 3rd William	9 year old girls 50 metres 1st Gabby 2nd Rayna 3rd Ayzeleena	9 year old boys 50 metres 1st Tevita 2nd Jerymiah 3rd Harjap
10 year old girls 75 metres 1st Crisanalei 2nd Jessica 3rd Alice	10 year old boys 75 metres 1st Isaac 2nd Luca 3rd Kaeden	11 year old girls 75 metres 1st Grace 2nd Trisha 3rd Paula	11 year old boys 75 metres 1st William 2nd Touanga 3rd Ithai
8 year old girls 75 metres 1st Sundae 2nd Ava 3rd Trinity	8 year old boys 75 metres 1st Mikaia 2nd Lisiate 3rd William	9 year old girls 75 metres 1st Gabby 2nd Rayna 3rd Klaudia	9 year old boys 75 metres 1st Tevita 2nd Jerymiah 3rd Likhil
10 year old girls 100 metres 1st Crisanalei 2nd Jessica 3rd Alice	10 year old boys 100 metres 1st Isaac 2nd Luca 3rd Kaeden	11 year old girls 100 metres 1st Grace 2nd Trisha 3rd Katie	11 year old boys 100 metres 1st Ithai 2nd William 3rd Touanga
9 year old girls long jump 1st Nasrin 2nd Arisha 3rd Puti	9 year old boys long jump 1st Tevita 2nd Jerymiah 3rd Likhil	10 year old girls long jump 1st Crisanalei 2nd Paixon 3rd Melaya	10 year old boys long jump 1st Kaeden 2nd Isaac 3rd Lincoln
11 year old girls long jump 1st Trisha 2nd Cherish 3rd Kiyah	11 year old boys long jump 1st Ithai 2nd William 3rd Maeson	9 year old girls high jump 1st Naomi 2nd Ava 3rd Nasrin	9 year old boys high jump 1st Benji 2nd Tevita 3rd Jeremiah
10 year old girls high jump 1st Crisanalei 2nd Melaya 3rd Jessica	10 year old boys high jump 1st Lincoln 2nd Adam 3rd Kaeden	11 year old girls high jump 1st Paula 2nd Kiyah 3rd Trisha	11 year old boys high jump 1st Ithai & Touanga 2nd Roman 3rd Maeson
9 year old girls shot put 1st Sifat 2nd Tanisha 3rd Puti	9 year old boys shot put 1st Lei 2nd Tevita 3rd Carter	10 year old girls shot put 1st Ella 2nd Faith 3rd Crisanalei	10 year old boys shot put 1st Orlando 2nd Luca 3rd Isaac
11 year old girls shot put 1st Elizabeth 2nd Cherish 3rd Keisha	11 year old boys shot put 1st Maeson 2nd Nihal 3rd Roman		

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Arianna Mackie 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 a draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's Signature _____ Child's Name _____ Room _____