



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

17 November 2023

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Dear Parents/Caregivers & 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, Kia orana, and Greetings.

**PRIZE-GIVING TIMES:** Parents please note the dates and times for school prize-givings in week 9. All whānau are welcome.

Wednesday 6th December 9 a.m.

New Entrant/Year 0 Rooms 27, 28

Thursday 7th December

Year 1 & 2	Rooms 9,10,11,12,13,14, 23,24,25,26	9 a.m. start
Year 3 & 4	Rooms 15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22	11.10 a.m. start
Year 5 & 6	Rooms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	1 p.m. start

**TEACHER ONLY DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION:** Next Friday the school will be closed for instruction. The Ministry of Education has provided schools with a professional development day in which to work on the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh. The local school cluster has designated Friday 24th November (week 7) for this Teacher Only Day. This means our school will be closed for instruction on this day. Please keep this day in mind and make necessary arrangements for your child. Please contact SKiDs if you would like to book them to care for your child on the Teacher Only Day. Thank you for your support in helping our educators have the time to continue with this work.

**PUHINUI SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2024:** We are encouraging all parents who are enrolling a new child into Puhinui School for 2024 to enrol as early as possible. This includes any tamariki who are enrolling halfway or later in 2024. The earlier we know about enrolments the more prepared we can be in how we allocate and allow for staffing in each year level. This is especially important for Year 1 and New Entrant enrolments. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like more information.

**SCHOOL VALUE COMMUNITY:** Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. Community is our value for the next 2 weeks. A community like Puhinui School provides a sense of belonging. It helps us recognise and appreciate diverse cultures. We want all tamariki to feel cared for and connected. Through collaboration and understanding, communities build resilience, inspire positive change, and create relationships that enhance individuals' lives. We all have an inner need for feeling valued. When we come together as a community we are fostering connection, support, and we grow through shared experiences. We hope to grow tamariki who can contribute to the greater good and their community.

**ATTENDANCE:** Our attendance by percentage for the whole year to date remains at 87% attendance. Our goal continues to be 90% in 2023 or better, our 2023 saying is:

***“Learning is turning up each day and improving, one day at a time.”***

This weeks attendance rates:

- 406 students (53%) are showing between 90% to 100% attendance. Excellent work!
- 191 students (25%) who are sitting between 80-90% of attendance. Goal: get to 90%
- 84 students (11%) who are sitting between 70-80% of attendance. “Turn up on the hard days”
- 70 students (10%) lower than 70% attendance, who are of huge concern with attendance.

We continue to encourage all families to build consistent positive routines and habits that ensure their tamariki are at school every day.

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS:** Congratulations to our zones athletics team who participated in the Papatoetoe Primary Zones Athletics on Tuesday. Our team placed second overall. There were some stand out performances from many talented athletes across all schools. A big thank you to our coaches for preparing the teams and a special thank you to the teachers who helped run the athletics zones, a great team effort. The Papatoetoe Athletics Club opened their club rooms for us and we appreciated their willingness in letting

us use their facilities and their equipment. The Papatoetoe Athletics Club is still taking members so for any tamariki who would like to give athletics a go please head down to Omana Park on club nights.

Girls event	name	Placing	Boys event	name	Placing
600m	Crisanalei	first	50m 7yrs	Aaryan	first
				Canaan	third
100m 10yrs	Gabby	second	100m 10yrs	Tevita	second
100m 11yrs	Crisanalei	first	100m 11yrs	Kaeden	third
9yr shot put	Patosina	second	9yr shot put	Carlos	first
10yr long jump	Kaycee	third	10yr long jump	Jeremiah	first
11yr long jump	Crisanalei	first	8yr relay	Puhinui	first
9yr relay	Puhinui	third	9yr relay	Puhinui	third
11yr relay	Puhinui	second	10yr relay	Puhinui	third
Overall placings		first	second	third	
		Holy Cross	Puhinui	SDA	

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

Week 7	Friday	24th November	Teacher only day (school closed for instruction)
Week 9	Wednesday	6th November	Room 27 and 28 Prizegiving
	Thursday	7th November	Team Prizegiving
	Friday	8th December	Mufti Day
Week 10	Monday	11th December	Meet the teacher
	Tuesday	12th December	Year 6, disco, dinner, graduation
	Wednesday	13th December	Reports go home
	Friday	15th December	Last day of school 3 p.m. finish

**LOST PROPERTY:** We seem to be accumulating a lot of lost property, particularly hats, jerseys and swimming items on a daily basis. Parents, could you please check the lost property regularly. Please name items of clothing, and swimming attire so these can be returned to your child if their items appear in the lost property. Thank you.

**SKiDS:** SKiDS is available for before and after school care if required. They are also available for holiday programmes. If you would like to know more about this term's programme please contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 021 050 7893 or email them at [puhinui@skids.co.nz](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz). The OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) Subsidy is for children aged five to 13 years. It helps towards the costs of before school and after school care. You may be able to get this subsidy if you're working, (depending on the salary threshold of the household), studying, or a shift worker who works nights. For more information contact: Becca de la Vega 0800-754 377

**LUCKY LUNCH:** Well done to Avana Uilao from Room 20 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 \_\_\_\_\_