



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CHOIR CONGRATULATIONS: At the beginning of last week our school choir participated in the New Zealand Choral Federation Kids Sing where they were presented with a silver award. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our wonderful choir. The students did an amazing job and they sang like absolute professionals. Well done to the students and to Mr Read for their wonderful preparation which paid off on the night. During the evening a number of people commented on the quality of the choir, one principal mentioned to me how impressed he was with the Puhinui Choir (he didn't know that I was from Puhinui). Mrs Bird (our pianist) also sent an email congratulating Mr Read and the choir which mentions... "I see teachers from all over Auckland, and they are in awe of the Puhinui Choir and the amazing sound Brent (Mr Read) gets from them." The choir will now focus on the upcoming Papatoetoe School Choir Festival held at the Vodafone Events Centre at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 6th of September. Tickets are now available to purchase at the school office at \$10 per ticket (adults and children alike).

CHESS: Last Friday our Chess Team went to the Papatoetoe School PACT Chess Tournament held at the PACT Centre. This year our team had the best preparation they have ever had and were feeling quietly confident that they would perform well. As it turned out, the team did extremely well and not only won for the first time, but they won with a comfortable margin against Holy Cross and Papatoetoe Central. It was exciting to see our team finally win against these traditionally strong chess champion schools.

Congratulations to all the Chess Team, and well done to our chess coaches Mr Pedersen and Mr Glenn!

Chess Results: 1st Puhinui, 2nd Holy Cross, 3rd Papatoetoe Central.

Special mention:

Darshil Singh and Kassandra Yaakoob who won all their games.

Aiden Rupapera-Goldie, Tina Truong, A.J. Tanielu, and Ryan Doan who won 5 out of six games.

RIPPA RUGBY: On Tuesday, the Rippa Rugby teams went to the Papatoetoe Zones Tournament held at Aorere Park. This year we had three mixed teams of boys and girls representing the school. One of the things that impressed Mr Mose and Mr Feau was how the students improved at reading and understanding the game throughout the day. They also mentioned students played really well together, they were supportive of each other and worked really well as a team. Well done Rippa Rugby teams.

Teams that attained a placing in the top three in their grades:

<p>B Grade: 1st: Puhinui 2nd: South 3rd: North</p>	<p>C Grade 1st: Holy Cross C 2nd: Puhinui 3rd: Holy Cross E</p>
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CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: Each day the cross country team is training in preparation for cross country zones day on the 19th of September. It is great to see the effort the students are showing at our trainings. They understand the key to zones success, is in their preparation, and effort during training. Each day when we meet we talk about performing to the best of our ability. For each day we do this, we know that we will be a step closer to our personal and team goals. This frame of mind can translate into all learning areas and so students are not just learning about the effort for cross country, they are also learning about the effort needed to be successful at Puhinui School and in their personal lives.

SCIENCE WEEK: We are getting closer to our annual science week scheduled for Monday the 4th to Friday the 8th of September. We have a lot of exciting science activities that students will be involved in. From Tuesday the 5th of September, parents will be able to view our school wide science fair boards in the auditorium (open from 8.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday). On Thursday afternoon classes will be open for Parent and Whanau Science shows which begin at 1.40 p.m. Your child/children will be ready to show you some of the amazing science experiences they have learnt this term. The afternoon will be filled with hands-on activities and your children are going to love helping you! be scientists, just like them! See you on the 7th of September!!!

Keeping with our science theme, here is a small snippet about the water cycle written by Dhanvi of Room 6.

Today I would like to share with you some interesting things about the water cycle. Firstly, the water cycle is a part of nature and the process of the water cycle never ends. The water cycle goes around and around and processes include evaporation, condensation, precipitation, transpiration, runoff, accumulation and collection. Did you know the water cycle is actually part of our weather system?

FREE ESOL CLASSES MIT: Classes at MIT Otago - North Campus starting in Term 4. MIT are now interviewing for students for their FREE part-time ESOL classes for Term 4. They have classes for beginners and low level speakers of English. They have FEES FREE places for 16-19 year olds, in Level 2 and Level 3 New Zealand Certificate of English Language programmes. They have FEES FREE places for refugees in Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 New Certificate of English Language programmes. Please contact Silvia from MIT on 968 8748 if you are interested.

TALOFA LAVA FROM THE HEALTH NURSE: My name is Leata Mafuao and I am the Public Health Nurse for Puhinui School. As a Counties Manukau DHB Public Health Nurse I am at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.) to help make sure our children get the best care we can offer. I have been busy following up on hearing and vision concerns, vaccinating our New Entrants and helping children maintain good skin health with eczema, boils and impetigo (school sores) being the main skin conditions I have come across. To prevent skin infections, simply clean wounds daily with warm salty water (shower daily), keep wounds dry and covered with plasters and keep finger nails short and clean. If your child has a sore throat, skin infections, hearing or vision concerns, or if you would like to discuss any health concerns, I am available to assess your child with your permission. Feel free to phone the school to discuss your child's needs with me or Lorraine Borrie on 278 8703, or freephone 0800 167 919. There is a free text service which will send me a message to call you back. To access this service text to 798, with my mobile phone number as the message, 021 241 6711, or alternatively call or text me on my mobile 021 241 6711.

PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS: All parents with children in Year 6 will have received a notice from Papatoetoe Intermediate informing them of the enrolment process for 2017. The two important dates are:

In zone enrolments Returned to Papatoetoe Intermediate by 25th August (**tomorrow**)

Out of zone enrolments Returned to Papatoetoe Intermediate by 18th October at the latest
Enrolment forms can be returned to Puhinui School office with a copy of the child's birth certificate attached. If your child is not New Zealand born, please attach a copy of their passport showing the necessary current and relevant documents.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: For children aged 5 – 11 years. The following Saturday's during August and September: 19th August and 26th August, 9th September and the 16th of September. 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Papatoetoe East School, 138 Tui Road. Gold coin donation. Contact the PACT Office 279-8340 for more information.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Krisha Sharma from Room 26 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 _____