



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

JUST MARRIED: Congratulations to Mrs Jade Wells (nee Miss Bloem) who is our Y2 Team Leader in Room 10. She married Mr Tim Wells a few weeks ago. We wish Mrs Wells all the best of luck in this exciting year and in the future years to come.

NEW ARRIVALS: Congratulations to Mrs Harland and Mrs Stowers who welcomed new arrivals to their families. Mrs Stowers has had a baby girl called Arlo, Mrs Harland has had a baby daughter called Emily. Mrs Appleton Tattersall is due at the end of March. We wish her and our new mothers all the best and look forward to seeing a few photos.

MRS GAIL WATERHOUSE: The school received some sad news last week. Mrs Gail Waterhouse passed away peacefully on Thursday the 8th of February. Mrs Waterhouse retired in 2015 after 27 years of service at Puhinui School. She was a highly respected educator and staff member. She was Assistant Principal for many years and her children Vicky and Craig were past students of Puhinui School. Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time, rest peacefully Gail from the Puhinui Community.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT SCHOOL: We often get requests for students to have cakes and presents at school for their birthday. Although we appreciate the special occasion, teachers core work and focus is on educating our students. Our staff work hard to prepare quality learning experiences for the students and this is our first priority. In the first instance we would ask that you keep cakes and sweets at home. If treats come to school, teachers will hold these until the end of the day.

PLAYBALL AND CRICKET: Our summer sports zones are in week 7, Tuesday the 13th of March this term. We have had a good start with both our boys and girls playball and cricket teams, who are already well into their trainings. We are looking forward to seeing how our teams progress towards the zones. From what we have seen so far, we are looking at a year of development for our teams, with many young players who will be experiencing these summer sports for the first time. We are excited to see how well the students rise to the challenge in the weeks leading up to zones day.

YEAR 5 AND 6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK: The Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in our traditional outdoor education week activities. This will be in week 8, the 19th to the 23rd of March. A letter will be sent home shortly to advise parents of costs and organisation for the week. There will be an opportunity for parents to be involved, so please keep an eye out for the letter.

CHOIR AND BAND: This year with choir, Mr Read has already had auditions and begun his choir practices. At our Mihi Whakatau our AUT visitors mentioned how well we sing at Puhinui School. We know it is something we do well and are very good at. With Mr Read in charge of choir we also know that the students will continue to develop their technical ability in singing and will hopefully develop a lifelong interest for it. The band conductor has changed to allow Mr Mose to concentrate on his extra educational leadership responsibilities in the Senior School and as the lead teacher in assessment. This means Mr Read will help coordinate band activities and tasks. Our new band conductor will be Mr Tim Sutton. Mr Sutton is from the Tironui Trust, our chief sponsors of musical instruments and tutors to the students in the band. All tutors are beginning lessons with their respective students over the next few weeks. We would like to thank the Tironui Trust for their continued support of our band and students.

SWIMMING SPORTS: A reminder our Middle and Senior School have their swimming sports tomorrow, Friday the 16th of February. This was postponed from Wednesday due to the unpredictable weather. We

would love to see you tomorrow if you are able to come and support your child.

Middle School: 9:15 a.m. - 11.40 a.m.

Senior School: 12:00 noon - 2:40 p.m.

ASSEMBLY: The first assembly for 2018 will be for Junior School and Middle School only. Due to swimming sports, the Senior School (Years 5 and 6) will not be in attendance. Room 12 will be performing an item for the school. Assemblies usually start at 2.10 p.m. They are every odd week with the last assembly of each term being on the last day of term. Parents are welcome to attend.

'SPLISH SPLOSH SPLASH': Last week, unfortunately the Junior students were unable to have their 'Splish, Splosh Splash' day on Friday. Luckily, our Junior teachers are very organised and already had a full practise on the Wednesday. It meant that all students were able to experience and enjoy the fun water activities. There are some positive outcomes from having 'Splish, Splosh Splash' Day, firstly its lots of fun and secondly, it helps students become increasingly more confident in and around water. This is especially important for our students. By providing them with a quality water programme we are helping them feel confident and safe in the water. Thank you to the Junior team and Miss Grace from Room 12 for organising the fun day.

KAPA HAKA: Mrs Waimotu and Mr Cherrington are working with Te Roopu Ahurea, our kapa haka group. They have begun practices at lunch times each week. They are excited to continue the good work they began last year and developing it further in 2018. In Term 3, they will perform at the annual Papatoetoe Primary Schools Festival. Each term the group help lead the school in the mihi whakatau, which is our special way of welcoming new students and their whanau.

CLASS PHOTOS: Class photos will be in the auditorium next Monday, the 19th of February. Classes will be allocated a time during the day, please ensure your child's uniform is well presented. Students may bring a comb or brush in their bags. Please make sure they are wearing correct uniform, including hair-ties. Please remember no jewellery should be worn at school.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30am - 11am on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 years. Gold coin donation. **Started 10th February**, then 17th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

INDIAN CONSULTATION: Parents please be advised the Indian consultation meeting scheduled for Thursday the 5th of April, has been moved to later in the year to ensure our students have time to prepare their items and to coincide more closely with Diwali Festivals.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday the 28th of February (week 5). School will finish on the 28th at 1.30 p.m. for teachers to begin meeting parents at 1.40 p.m. We ask that you please keep this in mind as it will mean your children will need to be collected from school at 1.30 p.m. More details will follow next week.

SCHOOL HATS: A reminder to parents that all students a school hat is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. These can be purchased from Angels Fashion, 92 St. George Street, Papatoetoe. Non-school hats are not part of our uniform.

USING FOOTPATHS: Parents please walk on the footpaths when walking children in and out of the school. Please do not walk across the car park, we want to keep all children safe, and as parents, role model correct road safety.

PARENTING HELPLINE: Parenting Helpline is a non profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whanau. They offer a free Helpline for parents and caregivers, and provide advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern. Call 0800 568 856, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday to Sunday. They also have a website: www.parenthelp.org.nz

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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 _____

