



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

15 March 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**THE BIG HOOT SCULPTURE TRAIL:** Last year, staff and students at Puhinui School worked together to create a beautiful owl sculpture as part of “The Big Hoot” sculpture trail. “The Big Hoot” is all about raising awareness for the Child Cancer Foundation and showing our support for those affected by cancer in our community. Our school sculpture, lovingly called “Ruru’s Korowai”, is on display in the Papatoetoe War Memorial Library from Saturday 3rd March until Sunday 6th May. After the exhibition, Ruru will be returned to our school to find a permanent nesting place. There are 100 owls designed by artists and schools in different public locations across Auckland, so pick up a free trail map from your local library or download one online, and get spotting! Details of the complete sculpture trail can be found at [www.thebighoot.co.nz](http://www.thebighoot.co.nz).

**NEW AUTOMATED GATE:** Maybe you have noticed we have automated our Puhinui Road gate. Please be aware that the gate will be closed during the day. Parents may still drop off children early in the morning for Bizzy Bodz, but please be aware once the gates are closed we ask you to use the Grayson Avenue entrance if coming into the school.

**PARKING DROP OFF AND PICK UP:** Thank you to our parents who continually do the right thing and are patiently dropping off and picking up their children. To those parents who are unsure, please be advised, in the morning the Grayson Avenue entrance bay is for dropping off only. It is not for parking and walking your child to class. In the afternoon, a parent should park and wait in your car, your child will come to you and then you leave the parking bay. When parents disregard these processes it affects all families and puts the safety of children at risk. Please follow our school motto, be an example to our children, ‘Others before Self’.

**PAPATOETOE RUGBY REGISTRATION:** Any child who is interested in playing rugby for the Papatoetoe Rugby Club, Sutton Crescent, Papatoetoe registrations can be completed online or by visiting the club. The club is open and online registrations will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursdays 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Junior season starts Saturday 5th May. Fees are \$65 for each player, \$100 for 2 children, \$150 for 3 children. Please contact Kath Krone on 0211730468, or email: [kathkrone@outlook.com](mailto:kathkrone@outlook.com)

**SWIMMING ZONES:** Last week our swimming team went to the Papatoetoe Primary Swimming Carnival. Well done to Holy Cross who were the overall winners. Puhinui School team placed second overall. We had a full team and competed in each age group and event. Our Year 3 and 4 swimmers will continue training every Tuesday during our afternoon block with their coach Mrs Twiname. Our focus will be on swimming technique and swimming mileage.

**PLAYBALL AND CRICKET ZONES:** Congratulations to all students who participated this week in the playball and the cricket zones. All teams represented the school with respect for their opposition and with good sportsmanship shown throughout the day. The level of skill varied at times with fundamental skills being developed and improving as children participated through the day. At times the skill level was outstanding. Coaches are always very pleased to see when the hard work and effort going into training is seen on game day. Well done coaches and students. Congratulations to the boys and girls playball teams who won their zone events and are now the

zone champions. Well done to our girls cricket team who were a development team, they did exceptionally well to place third overall, just missing out in the semi-finals to Papatoetoe North and then beating Papatoetoe Central for third placing. Our boys cricket team faced some very tough competition, placing 6th overall.

**YEAR 5 AND 6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK:** Next week is the Year 5 and 6 Outdoor Education week. Students are very excited and are looking forward to a busy adventure filled week. Outdoor education helps challenge students physically and emotionally as they overcome obstacles towards attaining a goal oriented outcome. It helps them build confidence and a sense of belief in overcoming adversity. These challenges transfer into our values of resilience, taking opportunities and help develop a supportive community within the team. Events are scheduled throughout the week and include, cooking, rock climbing, orienteering, tenting, water confidence activities at Papatoetoe Pools, outdoor challenges at Eastern Beach and the traditional Year 6 overnight stay. We are sure all students will enjoy their adventure filled week.

**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. Gold coin donation. 17<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

**ATAWHAI GUIDES:** Miss Cave from our junior school is not only a talented hard working teacher and team leader. She is also a dedicated member of the Papatoetoe community. She coordinates the Atawhai Guides in Papatoetoe. If you would like your daughter to be involved in Guides please see the description below. Thanks Miss Cave for the contribution you make to our Papatoetoe community and our tamariki.

Wednesday's, 6.30-8.30 p.m., Guide Place, Papatoetoe. A fun social group for girls aged 9 ½ years - 12 ½ years. Guides gives the opportunity for girls to enjoy a wide range of activities and challenges in a safe and supportive environment, developing skills, problem solving, confidence and leadership. Everyone is welcome to visit up to three times before joining. Fees \$85 per term. Contact Angela Cave for further information - angela@puhinui.school.nz

**LATENESS:** In the last few weeks it has been disappointing to see the number of students who have arrived late to school. Parents please work on your morning routines to ensure all students are here on time. Being organised and ready for school is also the forming of a life-time habit, that will follow a child into their future learning and working life. Our school day begins at 8.50 a.m. and we advise all students arrive by 8.40 a.m.

**CLASS PHOTOS:** Recently, professional photographs were taken of your child's class. An envelope has been sent home in case you wish to purchase a class photo, please send \$15, or \$17 for an upsized photo in the envelope to your child's classroom teacher. The photo orders close on Monday the 26th of March at 9 a.m.

**DATES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY:** Easter holidays this year are in Term 1. School closes on the 29th of March at 3 p.m. The Tuesday following Easter is also a school holiday, so the school will be closed. School resumes on Wednesday the 4th of April, at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Tuipelehake Satala from Room 21 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 \_\_\_\_\_