



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

29 March 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

DRUMMING SHOW: On Monday we had 'Rhythm Interactive' perform for our students. This has become a regular event here at Puhinui School. It is very popular with the students and an excellent one off that compliments our music programmes and the work that Mr Read continues to do with our students. The show involved drumming and percussion instruments, it is highly interactive and very loud! Our students enjoyed being entertained, participating and learning about beat, rhythm, tempo and musicality.

ROAD SAFETY WITH CONSTABLE DIMITRIOS: This week, Constable Dimitrios has been talking to our students about road safety. This is an important opportunity for us to help prepare students and keep them safe around our streets. Particularly, while they walk to and from school and around in their daily lives. Constable Dimitrios talked about the four key prompts about when to cross a road. Stop, Look, Listen and Think. He also encouraged students to cross roads in an open visible area, keep looking both ways while crossing and importantly, children under 10 years old should cross with an adult whenever possible. Thank you to Miss Ashley for organising this important educational learning experience. A big thank you to our police education officer, Constable Dimitrios.

NEW AUTOMATED GATE: Reminder, we have automated the Puhinui Road gate. Please be aware that the gate will be closed during the day. The pedestrian gate will remain open all day. We ask you use the Grayson Avenue entrance if coming into the school. The Grayson Avenue entrance is open throughout the whole day.

YEAR 5 AND 6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK: Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students for surviving outdoor education week! It was an excellent week and the students took every opportunity to challenge, overcome, learn and enjoy the outdoor educational experiences. Thank you teachers for organising such a successful week of activities for the students.

UPDATING INFORMATION FORMS: Shortly we will be sending out 'updating information forms' to all families. Please keep an eye out for this form. Please be sure to update all contact numbers, as these are vital for ensuring we can contact parents and whanau at any time, especially in case of an emergency. Phone numbers are our key way of communicating with families. Please ensure emergency contact phone numbers are also updated. Complete and return forms as soon as possible. If none of the information has changed, there is no need to return the form. Thank you families.

HEALTH NURSE: Leata Mafuao is our Public Health Nurse and is at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Leata runs the ManaKidz clinic where she assesses children for strep throat, skin infections and any other health enquiries. She is able to offer free treatment if required. Leata is also a 'Community Nurse Prescriber' so she is able to prescribe certain medication for basic health conditions. If you would like your child to be assessed by the Nurse, please contact Leata directly on her mobile 021 241 6711 (text or call). There is also a free text service which will send her a message to call you back. To access this service, text to 798, with her mobile phone number as the message, 021 241 6711, or email Leata at OtaraPHN@middlemore.co.nz attention the "Puhinui Nurse."

CHESS RESULTS: Yesterday, on Wednesday 28 March, Puhinui School hosted the Papatoetoe Manukau Otara Chess Cluster Tournament in our auditorium. It involved over 50 students including 20 from Puhinui.

Our school was announced overall winner and individual placings were:

1st - Hasim Ahmed, 3rd - Ryan Doan, 5th - Ryan Prakash,
7th and Best tournament girl - Harshita Saini, 8th - Daleana Hann.

10 Puhinui students were placed in the top 20. Our chess coach, Glenn Tabor, has been doing some outstanding work with the students from the Chess Club, many of whom have only begun playing this year. Students gained valuable tournament experience and are looking forward to the next tournament in June, next term. Well done to all who were placed, and all who took part.

MUFTI-DAY, SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CAKE STALL: Next Thursday, the 5th of April we are having a mufti day for all the students. This will be a gold coin donation in support of Isaiah Young, one of our Year 5 students who is fundraising for an overseas medical procedure. We will also have a sausage sizzle and cake stall for sale on the day. Please note cakes and sausages are an extra, so please ensure your child has enough lunch on the day. Sausages and cakes will be sold at lunchtime. 100% of proceeds will go to Isaiah.

ATAWHAI GUIDES: Miss Cave coordinates the Atawhai Guides in Papatoetoe. If you would like your daughter to be involved in Guides please see the description below..

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, 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

DATES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY: Easter holidays this year are during Term 1. School closes on Thursday the 29th of March at 3 p.m. The Tuesday following Easter, the 3rd of April, 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.** Reminder parents there is a week and a half until the school holidays, so please lets make sure the students are back at school on Wednesday and ready to continue learning (No extra days off please). School closes for two weeks for the school holidays on Friday the 13th of April at 3 p.m.

RECYCLING CAR SEATS: Did you know you can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat? Around 90% of seat materials are recyclable which is great news for the environment, and keeping expired car seats out of circulation is good for child safety. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit www.SeatSmart.co.nz. You can also like SeatSmart on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS: Animates will be running free sessions during the holidays to learn about everyone's favourite fluffy friends on **Thursday 19th and 26th April at 11 a.m.** The sessions will be filled with fun activities including face painting and a colouring-in competition to keep the kids entertained.

Animals in stores: Animates stores will have a selection of animals in store from rabbits and guinea pigs to rats and mice, for the children to interact with. Children who complete the workshop will take home a free activity book and certificate to proudly display on their wall or fridge. It's advisable to arrive early as the events are usually well attended.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Isaiah Kwong from Room 12 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 _____