



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**WELCOME BACK:** Our students and teachers have made a good start to Term 2. It has been a very busy beginning with teachers involved in not only the daily teaching and learning, but also administration staff and team meetings. We had an ANZAC remembrance assembly and our mihi whakatau to welcome new students is scheduled to be held tomorrow morning (Friday). Our new teachers and all the teachers assistants participated in professional development on Tuesday. Our winter sports teams have started their sports exchanges (this afternoon) and have been training throughout the week. Cultural groups continue as do our music programmes. At Puhinui School there are so many opportunities for the students and thanks to our dedicated staff members we are able to provide students with a holistic, well rounded education. As you can see, we don't have a warm up week to start each term, we are into our tasks right from day one. We hope you have a good Term 2 with us here at Puhinui School.

**WELCOME NEW STAFF:** This term we welcome three new staff members to our school. Miss Donna Whittle who will be in teaching Year 1 students in Room 24, Mrs Rebecca Fa'aesea who will be teaching Year 2 students in Room 12, and Mr Chay Valeli our newly appointed property officer. We also welcome back Mrs Jasmin Virk from maternity leave who teaches a Year 1 class in Room 13. We hope they have had a great first week. We look forward to working and supporting them as they get to know our tamariki, our staff and the community.

**ANZAC REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Yesterday morning our House Captains hosted our school ANZAC remembrance assembly with support from Mrs Valeli, Mr Mose and Mr Cherrington. The programme followed an appropriate ANZAC service programme so we were able to provide our students with an authentic ANZAC remembrance service. The House Captains shared the Flanders Field poem beautifully, followed by the Ode and the Last Post, which was played by Mr Graeme Brown. Right from the time the students began assembling for the ceremony they were able to show a calm and thoughtful manner. It was impressive to see our tamariki being so respectful and reverent during this special occasion. At the end of the ceremony junior students each placed a poppy upon the field of remembrance and other students placed wreaths. This was a symbolic gesture from our youngest students. Marking how as a community, we will continue to honour our servicemen and women, especially those who paid the ultimate price for our right to live in peace and safety. "Lest We Forget."

### **The Ode of Remembrance**

They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
We will remember them.  
We will remember them.

**JUST MARRIED:** Congratulations to Mrs Eva Rehu (nee Boss) who has recently married in the holidays. Mrs Rehu teaches a Year 3 and 4 class in Room 22. We wish her all the best during this exciting time in her life. Best wishes for a year of marriage bliss and for the future years ahead with your husband.

**THIS TERM TOPIC STUDIES:** Each term our syndicate teams plan and prepare topic studies that relate to the NZ curriculum, they often have a major focus area and relate to a particular theme such as people in our neighborhood. For this term the topic themes are as follows:

Year 5 and Year 6 Team: 'Our place, Our space', this has a major science focus, exploring the natural and physical world of the science curriculum.

Year 3 and Year 4 Team: 'Haurora' holistic well being. The 4 pillars of Te Whare Tapa Wha; Mental and Emotional, Social, Spiritual and Physical wellbeing and health.

Year 0 - Year 2: 'People in our Community': Keeping ourselves safe, people in the community that help keep us safe, our body,

**MIHI WHAKATAU:** In the first week of each term we have a mihi whakatau to welcome new students, staff and whanau. If you are a new family to Puhinui School, you should have received an invitation to the mihi whakatau. This will begin at 9.10 a.m. in the auditorium tomorrow (Friday). All whanau meet in the staffroom and students go to class to start the day and for marking the roll.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** With the winter months coming it is time to think about ensuring your child has the correct school uniform. Please consider purchasing the polar fleece jacket to keep your child warm. If your child walks to and from home you may wish to consider getting a shower proof jacket as well. Another option for winter is the long sleeve polo shirt. We want to ensure we maintain our sense of pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform is a part of what we do. Uniforms can be purchased from our supplier, Angels Fashions, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe. We also have some second hand uniforms available at school, please call in at the office, if you would like to purchase any. Non-uniform clothing items such as long sleeved shirts that are not school uniform should not be worn under the school uniform. Girls tights are forest green or black.

**WHAT NOW SHOW:** During 2018 What Now is broadcasting from a different community around Auckland every Sunday from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. on TVNZ 2. On **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May** they will broadcast live from the **Papatoetoe** area and would love you to be there as part of the audience. Children (5-12yrs), families (including Mum and Dad), school classes, sports teams or groups ...you're all invited to be part of the awesome live audience... and it's FREE!! Here is your chance to try something new, maybe play games, get FOAMED or even GUNGED!!

**There are two easy ways to register to be part of the audience...**

1. Families need to register online at [www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)
2. Or for group bookings please email your interest to [audience@whitebaitmedia.com](mailto:audience@whitebaitmedia.com)

Seating space is limited, don't miss out! Any interested families can register to be in the audience at [www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience) From there they will be emailed the ground location details on the Monday before the show.

**KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME:** 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Road. For children aged 5 – 11 years. Gold coin donation. Saturdays in Term 2: Starts 12th May, then 19th May, 26th May, 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

**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 \_\_\_\_\_