



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**KOS (KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE):** A reminder that there is a parents meeting tonight to talk about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme (KOS) at 6 p.m. in the library. This programme is a safety programme designed in conjunction with the NZ Police. Students work with their teachers in a series of lessons that range across 5 key areas of focus:

*I am unique*

*My body is my own*

*Dealing with unwanted behaviour*

*Adults who help us*

*Nikau and Mokomoko* (question and answer game about KOS issues).

Each syndicate team plan and prepare the lessons that are at the appropriate level for their students. If you would like to know more about KOS, please come along to the meeting tonight. We will have a number of teachers talking about the programme. Teachers are also happy to talk to you about your child and the KOS programme. The NZ Police also have a parent friendly website that explains what the programme is about and other ways you can help keep your child safe around the community and at home (<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>).

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:** As you will be aware our Public Health Nurse (PHN) Leata is at Puhinui School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She runs a Manakidz Clinic that offers free sore throat and skin health assessment and treatment. If you have hearing and/or vision concerns for your child the PHN can assess them and refer for wax removal, a hearing test or specialist input if required. She also follows up new entrants with overdue immunisations. Being a Community Nurse Prescriber, she can provide free assessment and treatment for pain, fever, itchy skin, antibiotics and creams for skin, eye, ear infections, urinary tract infection, barrier and moisturising creams for eczema and laxatives for constipation. If your child has head lice she can provide free shampoos for your child and family. Leata can also provide Nicotine Replacement Therapy for any adults wanting to quit smoking. This is a free service, so please do utilise the Public Health Nurse at school. She can be contacted at the school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or on her mobile number 021 241 6711.

**SPORTS EXCHANGE:** This term the Senior Syndicate participates in the traditional sports exchanges with primary schools in the Papatoetoe area. To date we have had mixed results with the soccer teams leading the way. The rugby and netball teams have a number of players who are new to these sports. To borrow a phrase from the sporting world, we are in a 'rebuilding phase'. Our coaches are focusing on developing fundamental skills during training and encouraging players to focus and stay in the game when playing. If results don't go our way, that is fine, as long as we are continuing to improve and competing to the best of our ability.

**Results from Papatoetoe East (Last week):**

Netball A lost 15-6

Netball B lost 15-3

Netball C lost 23-0

Netball D lost 11-1

Netball E lost 6-0

Netball F lost 3-1

Rugby U50kg Drew 8-8

Rugby U40 (did not play)

Soccer A won 1-0

Soccer B won 4-0

Girls soccer won 7-0

**LOST PROPERTY:** Mrs Waimotu has monitors who check the lost property regularly. They will return any named items back to classes. The key word being named items. Please ensure all items of clothing are named. Last week two brand new jumpers were in the lost property. One we were able to return to the student because they had their name on it. The other is waiting for its owner because it wasn't named.

**PAT ASSESSMENTS NEXT WEEK:** Next week students are due to sit PAT assessments in maths and reading. These assessments give us an overall understanding of how students are progressing in relation to their peers across the country. Good luck to all our Year 4 - Year 6 students. Later this term we also have or reporting to parents. Throughout this term students will be given a number of formal and informal assessment tasks. These will help us track their learning and also with reporting to you, our parents.

**NORTHERN STARS:** The 2018 ANZ Netball Premiership season is going to be hotly contested and the Northern Stars invite you to be on the side-line cheering them on. With a new Coach, team, and home venue, the Northern Stars will take on the Waikato Bay Of Plenty Magic on Sunday 27 May at Pulman Arena, Takanini @ 4.10 p.m. Adults \$25 and Children only \$15.00. See Netball at its best. For other game dates and details and fantastic membership offers visit: [www.northernstars.co.nz](http://www.northernstars.co.nz) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

**WET DAY COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM LIBRARY:** A reminder with the winter months coming, if it is raining at the end of the school day and you are picking up your child, please collect them from the library. If you are unsure, please check the regular pick up areas which are at the front of the school and on the grass bank by Room 22. If your child is not there then they will be in the library.

**SUPPORT STAFF DAY:** On Wednesday morning, we had a special morning tea to thank the Support Staff. This was to acknowledge the work, effort and dedication they show in contributing to the students of our community. The morning tea coincides with the work the NZEI union are doing regarding pay equity. We hope the pay negotiations go well and have a positive result in terms of wages and recognition of the quality work they do. Thank you Support Staff on behalf of our teachers and the Puhinui community.

**FAREWELL:** Sadly this week we say goodbye to Miss Caitlin Kemp, one of our Teacher Assistants. Caitlin and her whanau have a long association with Puhinui School. She attended Puhinui School as a student and has been a staff member for the last two years. We say farewell and wish her all the best as she moves on to new opportunities.

**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 **Puhinui School** and would love you to be there as part of the audience. Children (5-12yrs), families (including Mum and Dad), are 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)

**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: 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 Orlando Siale 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 \_\_\_\_\_