



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**PAID UNION MEETING:** Reminder! Reminder! Due to the NZEI paid union meeting for teachers school will close at 12.40 p.m. this coming Monday, the 18th of June. Please plan accordingly as there will be no teachers at school from 12.40 p.m. Bizzy Bodz will be available to care for your child if no one can collect them from school from 12.40pm until 3pm for a cost of \$15. If your child already attends Bizzy Bodz, their normal after school care will carry on from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Please see Sharifa in the Tech Room if you want to find out more. Alternatively please contact Bizzy Bodz on: 530 9020, mobile: 021 837 238, or email: [admin@bizzybodz.co.nz](mailto:admin@bizzybodz.co.nz)

**Why the Teacher Paid Union Meeting?** This is an important meeting for our teachers because it relates to their current settlement negotiations. This is also important for our community because we want to ensure we have the best of people educating our children for their future. This is not only about wage increases. It is also about learning support and resourcing students who need alternatives to the everyday learning a teacher can provide. Educators worry about the teacher shortage and retaining valuable people. If these issues are not carefully considered, what will future learning look like? Please support our teachers through your best wishes and understanding during this time of settlement.

**ATTENDANCE:** Throughout the year teachers and staff continually monitor attendance and lateness. Usually we have attendance rates of 92%. In Winter we have greater rates of absenteeism. This week our absenteeism rate is 13% (that's 46 students away this week!). We appreciate that at this time of year, students are more likely to be sick and need time at home recovering. However, it is interesting to see that students are most likely to be away from school on a Monday or a Friday. Is this because of the Monday and Friday flu? Or is this because of habits and family lifestyle choices? Please consider the point we are making here. Educational research tells us, students who are truant for unjustified reasons are more likely to also miss learning opportunities that have a direct correlation to their opportunities in life and ultimately their life choices as adults.

Similarly, parents please ensure your children are on time for school. Arriving at 8.50 a.m. is late to school. Students should arrive in time to prepare for the day. A good time to arrive for students to arrive is at 8.20 a.m. and up to 8.40 a.m. We look forward to seeing your child in time for school tomorrow, thank you parents. '*Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tātou mahi*'. Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

**Attendance Texting:** Next week we will begin texting parents about students who are recorded as absent for the morning session. Parents can expect to receive a text during the morning advising of a student being absent without an explanation from home. Please respond to the text by calling the school on 092788703, or freephone 0800 167919 or alternatively replying to the text, which sends an email to the school. It is imperative to notify the school if your child is going to be absent and the reason for their absence.

**ZONE SPORTS:** Next Tuesday, the 19th of June the winter sports teams will attend the Annual Winter Sports Zones Day. This involves the netball, soccer and rugby teams. Rugby will be at Bruce Pulman Park, Walters Road in Takanini. Netball will be at the Browns Road Netball Courts

in Manurewa. Soccer will be at the Papatoetoe Recreation Ground, Sutton Crescent, Papatoetoe. For students participating in the various sports, permission slips with details have been sent home. Please check with your child if you have not seen the notice and you know they are in a sports team. Please sign permission slips as soon as possible and return it to school with \$3. Thank you to all parents who have already done this. Hopefully we will see you next week at the respective grounds. Please note, there are saving days on Thursday 21st and Tuesday the 26th of June in case of inclement weather.

**SPORTS EXCHANGE:** Last week was our best over all performance on the sports field with most teams playing very well and winning their games. This Thursday we play Holy Cross School for our last sports exchange before the sports zones scheduled for Tuesday the 19th of June.

**Results from Papatoetoe South Sports Exchange (last week):**

Netball A	won 7-1	Netball B	won 7-0	Netball C	won 5-4
Netball D	won 3-1	Netball E	no game	Netball F	no game
Rugby U50kg	won 12-4	Rugby U40	won 12-2		
Soccer A	won 3-0	Soccer B	won 7-0	Girls soccer	lost 3-2

**DENTAL CLINIC:** Parents please remember the Dental Clinic car park is for dental patients and the dental staff only. Please respect the service they provide to our community and the children they care for.

**WET DAY COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM LIBRARY:** If it is raining at 3 p.m. and you are late collecting 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.

**MĀORI LEARNING HUI:** To our Māori community please note that on Thursday 28th June at 2 p.m. we will be having a Māori parents hui. This will involve a performance from the Kapa Haka group and sharing our students learning. Following this we will have an informal meet and greet. We would love to see you there, please make the time to come and talk with us and watch your child perform.

**CHESS:** Yesterday our chess teams represented Puhinui School at the South Auckland Primary Schools Chess Tournament at Everglade School. The winner would represent South Auckland at the Primary Chess Nationals later in the year. It was a hard fought battle between Puhinui A, Papatoetoe Central A, and Papatoetoe East A. Central went through to win and Puhinui came 2nd, only 2 points behind. Congratulations to Puhinui A Team on their Silver medal performance. The B team were placed 6th and the C Team were 9th. Well done to all the Puhinui Chess Teams and thank you to Mr Glenn and Mr Pedersen for his hard work in coaching the teams.

**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: 16th June and 23rd June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Rishabh Kumar 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 \_\_\_\_\_