



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

31 May 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

QUEENS BIRTHDAY: Please remember there is no school on Monday the 4th of June due to it being Queen's Birthday which is a public holiday. See you all on Tuesday, school will begin at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

PAID UNION MEETING: The school will be closing early on Monday 18th of June, due to an NZEI paid union meeting for teachers. School will close at 1 p.m. on the 18th of June. Please plan accordingly as there will be no teachers at school from 1 p.m. Bizzy Bodz will be available to care for your child if no one can collect them from school at 1 p.m., however, their numbers may be limited to keep within the appropriate adult to student ratio. Bizzy Bodz contact details: 09 530 9020, mobile 021 837 238, or email: admin@bizzybodz.co.nz

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT SCHOOL: We often get requests for students to have cakes and presents at school for their birthday. Although we appreciate the special occasion, teachers core work and focus is on educating students. Our staff work hard to prepare quality learning experiences for the students and this is our first priority. In the first instance we would ask that you keep cakes and sweets at home. If treats come to school, teachers will hold these until the end of the day.

WHAT NOW SHOW: Last Sunday we hosted the What Now TV Show at Puhinui School. Despite the weather it was a great morning of fun, with gunge and foam flying every which way. The games were exciting and the hosts, Ronnie, Erin and Chris did a fantastic job involving the children and being real entertainers. It was an exciting, fun experience for the children. It was great to see the smiles and excitement on the faces of the children who participated in games and for those who were spectators alike. Well done to all those who came down and for those who watched on TV. We hope you had as much fun as those who were at school. A special mention to Mr Cherrington, who showed his artistic and musical talents, as well as being a good sport about being gunged by his class. Special thank you to Mrs Valeli for coordinating the day with the What Now crew.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Last Tuesday our Under 45 rugby league team participated in the Papatoetoe Rugby League zones. They played in two games. The first game was against Papatoetoe North. In a close game Puhinui lost 3 tries to 2. In our second game the team played Holy Cross. The team had a great first half and were up 3 tries to nil. Unfortunately, the team went to sleep in the second half and they ended up drawing 3 all. Overall the boys played very well on attack. They had very good structure and came close to scoring on many occasions. Sadly, our defence was inconsistent and at times easy tries were scored against us. From a positive point of view, the boys learnt a valuable lesson in that if they want to be a winning team they have to stay focussed and make sure they make their tackles on defence. Although they were disappointed, they will gain from the experience and hopefully take this to their rugby games in the coming weeks.

GRADUATING STAFF MEMBERS: A few weeks ago we had three teaching staff members participating in their graduation ceremonies. We would like to congratulate, Miss Aleisha Dreadon, Miss Alexandra Garvie, and Mrs Bridget Wright. We hope you had a fantastic day at this very

significant celebration. It is a day that encapsulates the hours, days and years of learning and hard work towards your degrees. Well done!

MAURĀKAU: Last week the Senior School and some Middle School students learnt how to train using rākau sticks like old Māori warriors! A group called Ahorangi Maurākau came in and taught the students movement patterns for taiaha. Keanu, one of our students explains:

“The taiaha is a long stick used by Māori warriors. At the tip of the taiaha there is a spear like face. The tongue is the tip and then down a bit is the lips, eyes and face. This is on both sides. There are also feathers by the face. They are there to confuse and distract your opponent. Down the other end is the blade. This is the part you use when in battle. I enjoyed the actions and the different positions for holding the taiaha. We had number calls for different holds and positions. There were 7 different positions. When we got the idea we were put in rows. The front row would go to the back and everyone would move forward. At the same time we were doing each move as it was called out. It looked cool when we did it altogether.”

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC: Reminder to parents to please not park in the dental clinic car park unless you have an appointment. Any parents parking in these parking spaces will be approached by a Dental Hub employee and asked to move their vehicle.

SPORTS EXCHANGE: This week we play Seventh Day Adventist School. Last week we played Papatoetoe Central School with good results. During the winter sports exchanges we continue to show mixed results. As mentioned in our last newsletter, coaches are particularly focussed on getting the basics right and fundamental skills development.

Results from Papatoetoe Central School (Last week):

Netball A Lost 14-6	Netball B Lost 4-3	Netball C Won 6-3
Netball D Lost 4-0	Netball E no game	Netball F no game
Rugby U50kg no game	Rugby U40 Won 10-0	
Soccer A Draw 0-0	Soccer B Lost 3-1	Girls soccer Won 4-0

Results from Papatoetoe North School (2 weeks ago):

Netball A lost 14-0	Netball B lost 13-1	Netball C lost 30-0
Netball D lost 13-3	Netball E lost 11-1	Netball F lost 5-0
Rugby U50kg lost 13-4	Rugby U40 won 10-5	
Soccer A won 4-1	Soccer B won 1-0	Girls soccer lost 5-1

SPCA: SPCA are offering **FREE** spaying, neutering and microchipping for cats in twelve Auckland suburbs from **11th – 22nd June 2018**, and Puhinui School is situated within (or close to) one of the target suburbs. Each year they receive thousands of unwanted cats and kittens at SPCA Auckland, and they would like to work together with the community to help stop the cat population growing. Anyone who would like to take up the offer must call the SPCA to book their cat/s in. **The number to call is 09 256 7310. Bookings for this campaign are now open.** We understand that sometimes families find it challenging to get their hands on a carry cage to take their cat to the vet, and this usually means that they miss out on using this free service. To help with this, we have a very limited number of reusable cardboard carry cages available. If you require a cage please phone the number above.

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: 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Tanisha Singh from Room 22 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 _____