



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

5 July 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

END OF TERM: Congratulations to all students and teachers on their work and efforts in Term 2. It has been a successful term with students progressing in their learning and development. We hope families are able to take some time out these holidays to enjoy family time together. A reminder Term 3 commences on Monday 23rd July, at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS: Parents please be aware that from the beginning of Term 3 the pedestrian crossing will be coned off in the morning at 8.20 a.m. and at 2.50 p.m. Access will only be available to school staff and clients of the dental clinic. If you are parked in this area you will not be able to leave the car park until the duty teacher has come off duty at 3.15 p.m. This will apply for the morning and the end of the day road patrol duty.

This decision has been made by the Puhinui Board of Trustees to support the ongoing concerns of the safety of students crossing the school pedestrian crossings. The times where this will apply is below:

Puhinui car parking area closed from Term 3:

Morning: 8.20 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.

Afternoons: 2.50 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

If you are in the car park area when it is closed, you will not be able to leave until the duty teacher comes off duty. A reminder this will take effect from the beginning of Term 3.

SAFETY CROSSING ROADS: Children need to be very careful crossing the roads. Please encourage them to look both ways and to continue looking both ways as they are crossing. If they are on a busy road use the pedestrian crossing. Before stepping on to the pedestrian crossing students should still make sure it is safe to cross. This may mean waiting until cars have come to a complete stop both ways.

END OF TERM FAREWELLS: Sadly we say farewell to Miss Jessica Carter and Mrs Megan Bayley at the end of this term. Miss Carter has been teaching in Room 20 this year with Year 3 and 4 students. Mrs Bayley has been teaching in Room 21 this year with Year 2 students. We wish them all the best for the future and at their new schools in Term 3. Thank you for your contributions to Puhinui School and the commitment shown in educating the students at our school.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF TERM 3: Although there is the sadness around someone leaving, there is also the excitement of new people arriving. In Term 3 we welcome Miss Stacey Zoutenbier who will be the teacher in Room 21 and Miss Cherise Barry who will teach in Room 17. We look forward to getting to know Stacey and Cherise and to working with them in Term 3.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we had our mid year parent conferences. As always, we had a very high parent attendance rate. Teachers always enjoy parent conferences and sharing information with parents about the learning the students have done so far, the strengths of your child, and where to next in supporting areas for future learning. We hope you were able to take a lot out of the conferences and the reporting we have done over the last two weeks.

MUFTI DAY: Last week our students looked wonderful in their mufti clothes. Well done to our students who through the gold coin donation were able to raise \$716.60 for the Westpac Chopper Appeal.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION, AUGUST 15TH: The teachers union (NZEI) have rejected the Education Minister's initial pay offer and new working conditions. This has led to the NZEI giving notice to School Boards of industrial action on the 15th of August. Industrial action may be for a full day, or for half a day. This is still yet to be decided. Although this may be an inconvenience to parents and families, we hope you are supportive of the reasons behind this industrial action by teachers. For our future, it is important to address the recruitment of quality people and encourage them into the educational profession. There has been a 40% reduction in the number of people wanting to attend teachers training institutions. It has been stated that in the next 10 years one third of teachers will be of retirement age. We can't wait to see what the future brings, teachers need to be active now for the future.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS: Attendance Texting: Parents please note we are now texting parents when students do not attend school without an explanation for their absence. 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 2788703, or freephone 0800 167 919, or replying to the text.

ZONE SPORTS: In Week 8, the 19th of June the Winter Sport exchanges were scheduled. We were able to go ahead with the Netball and Rugby zones, but unfortunately the Soccer was postponed and then was rained out on the saving day. Congratulations to all those who participated in winter sports this term. Although the soccer teams missed out on the zone day, it was still pleasing to know that they had the opportunity to play every week in the sports exchanges throughout the term. In Term 3 the sports are Cross Country, Gymnastics and Ripa Rugby.

MĀORI LEARNING HUI: Last Thursday, a whanāu hui was held with our Māori community. During the hui, Te Roopu Ahurea (the school kapa haka group) performed. A range of students shared their learning in a Māori context and the lead teachers shared what the respective teams have been achieving in their syndicates. Some of the sharing included demonstrating tikanga, mihi whakatau, story sharing and parent interaction with students. Thank you to the brave, confident students who spoke. Cayla and Emma from the Year 5 and 6 team shared emotions in te reo and played a game with the parents. Cash and Oli were our speakers, Leilani shared about her experiences in the kapa haka over 4 years and Micah shared a beautiful haiku poem about Matariki.

Thank you to the Māori Team led by Mrs Waimotu and assisted by Mr Cherrington for their work in implementing te ao māori throughout the curriculum and the school. Special mention to Miss Franklin who shared her pepeha and Irish connections with confidence. The hui ended with a delicious afternoon tea and more korero.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL: All visitors and parents need to report to the office, this includes parents dropping off lunches. Last week we had an intruder in the school who staff were alerted to and responded to in an appropriately handled manner. This is a good reminder for us, and please make sure that as a parent or family member of our community the correct procedures are followed. This helps us remain vigilant to any strangers that may come into the school. A reminder that parents may begin coming in for the end of day pick up from 2.30 p.m. Please make sure you stay close to your child's classroom and please refrain from walking around the school. If you come in prior to this time please report to the office.

Front Entrance: In the recent heavy rains we have experienced some flooding at the front gate. Our property officer Mr Valeli is aware of this and has been doing his best to sweep the water away. We are hoping to fix this problem more permanently in the next few weeks when the drain layers are able to address this work. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Kahtilayah Whittle Walker from Room 23 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 _____