



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

GOLD AT THE CHOIR FESTIVAL: Last week our choir participated in The Kids Sing, which is an event organised by the NZ Choral Federation. It is held each year at the Auckland Town Hall. Mr Read, our choir director, worked intensively with our students. They were well prepared and ready to sing. In the evening a Gala Concert was held for parents and whanau when the choir sang again. Congratulations to our amazing Choir and to Mr Read. A special thank you to Mrs Bird for supporting our choir once again, as our pianist. Finally thank you to all the parents who were able to take the time and enjoy a wonderful evening of choral singing. Please see a report from Rachel and Matelita below.

Kids Sing 2018

The Puhinui Choir recently took part in the New Zealand Choral Federation Kids Sing which was held in the Auckland town hall . Choirs from all over Auckland came to compete and there were some very talented choirs and singers there. During the day we sang 3 pieces, Orestias, Le masina e and the test piece that every choir had to sing was Three Fine Ships. The Adjudicator marked the choirs but we had to wait until the concert at night to find out how we did.

At the concert every choir sang two songs. It was very exciting being up on stage in front of a big audience and we were a little bit nervous! All the audience seemed to enjoy our singing, especially Le Masina e. We were all so proud when our results were read out, Gold and the Adjudicator's Award! It was a really exhausting day but we were all very proud of our achievements!

By Rachel and Matelita

MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY RECITAL: Yesterday the Middle School held their poetry recital finals. Each class had their own class competition, where all students had to recite a poem of their choice. The top performers represented their classes in the team finals. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and a special well done to those who received awards.

Highlight Awards went to: Jaden Rm22, Winnie Rm17, Krish Rm16, Riaan Rm15.

Year 3 Awards: 1st Japneet Rm15

2nd Sachit Rm18

3rd Sophie Rm16

Year 4 Awards: 1st Jehrancis Rm8

2nd Sita Rm15

3rd Hiva Rm8

TEACHERS INDUSTRIAL ACTION: Thank you to our parent community for supporting our teaching staff during the industrial action last week. We hope NZEI and the Government are able to reach an agreeable settlement in the following weeks. Although this collective agreement includes a push for wage increases, the underlying issue is about valuing education and the importance of ensuring recruitment and retention of teachers. Further action may be taken by the union, but lets hope not.

PUHINUI WEBSITE: If you haven't visited our website lately, please have a look. Mr Dion Tia, one of our digital learning developers has given it a fresh makeover. In the next few months we will be adding more and more information about learning and life at Puhinui School. We hope you enjoy the new website. Thank you to Mr Tia for all of your hard work and the time taken in developing this. Miss Sidhwa and Mr Read collaborate with teachers and Mr Tia in adding content and topical learning. We look forward to sharing this with you.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: A reminder to parents 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, creams for skin, eye, ear infections, urinary tract infection, barrier or 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.

CHANGE OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROVIDER: A letter was sent out earlier this week advising of a change in before and after school care at Puhinui School. Bizzy Bodz will finish providing their service at the end of Term 3. The new provider will begin from the start of Term 4. Information will be sent out from SKiDS in the next few weeks. We anticipate a similar service being offered to our families. The times of service, and the place in the school will remain the same. Cost will be similar and more than likely the same. SKiDS would like to also explore the possibility of a holiday programme.

PASIFIKA CONSULTATION AND PASIFIKA DAY: Next week we will be having a Pasifika Consultation meeting at school. This will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 29 August. Our students will be performing at this meeting and we will share with you some of the things we do, regarding the celebration of Pasifika learning progress at our school. A letter has been sent home with more information to our Pasifika families. Next Friday 31 August, we will have a Pasifika intensive day, where our students will be involved in a range of Pasifika activities throughout the day.

JUNIOR FARM VISIT: This week all the Junior classes have been to Ambury Farm learning all about farm animals and what farmers do to care for them. Students got to feed and see pigs, dogs, cows, horses, goats, ducks, chickens and turkeys. Our students were so excited, and it was an excellent way for students to match the learning in class with the real life authentic farming experience. Despite the inclement weather the students' enthusiasm shone through. One of the positive spin offs from trips is the motivation it provides students for story writing. The junior classes have and are writing some great farm stories. Here are 2 examples from Room 10:

On Tuesday we went on a large blue bus to Ambury Farm. When we got there, the farm was quite muddy and rainy. The Rooms that went were 9, 10, 11, and 12. It was an amazing thing to ride on a bus. Then we got out the bus. We walked to the milking shed, Room 10 needed to be quiet. Then the farmer brought the big brown cow in. Then the farmer squirted the milk on us. It was so funny. The cow will eat the muesli. Then we went to the shearing shed and the other farmer sheared the sheep. We smelled and rubbed the sheep wool the the sheep went down the sheep shoot. Then we all went down the shoot as well. After that, we had our morning tea and we went for a little tour. Then we had lunch and we did some colouring. What a good day at the farm. My favourite part was when the farmer squirted us with the milk! Then we came back to our class. By Hetavi Room 10

On Tuesday we went to Ambury Farm with Room 10, 9, 11, and 12. We all went on the bus to Ambury Farm. When we were at Ambury Farm we had morning tea. The farmer showed us how to milk a cow. After that, the farmer showed us how to shear a sheep's wool. Then we had lunch time. After lunch, we had a long walk to see the animals. My best part was feeding the lambs milk. I had a fantastic day and it was raining and muddy as well. By Helina Room 10

PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE TASTER: On Wednesday, Year 6 students attended Papatoetoe Intermediate to learn about and experience some of the interesting things an intermediate can offer students. This included having an opportunity to see and participate in the specialist arts and technical subjects. The students' behaviour was excellent as was their enthusiasm. It has helped them see what learning can be about next year and helps them develop an excitement for the next step in their learning journey.

SPCA OFFER: The SPCA are offering **FREE** spaying, neutering and microchipping for cats in twelve Auckland suburbs from **3rd – 14th September 2018**, and Puhinui School is situated within (or close to) one of our target suburbs. Anyone who would like to take up this offer must call us to book their cat/s in. **The number to call is 09 256 7310. Bookings for this campaign are now open.**

The SPCA have a very limited number of reusable cardboard carry cages available. If there is a family from Puhinui School that is in need of a carry cage for this campaign, please contact the phone 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. [No fees – donation only]. Saturdays in Term 3: 25th August, 8th Sept, 15th Sept, 22nd Sept. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381 646 or 279 8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Loreeta Sadd from Room 5 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 _____