



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

6 September 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**PASIFIKA FONO:** Last week our Pasifika team held a consultation meeting with Pasifika parents. This was a chance for our parents to see the students perform a range of Pasifika cultural dances at various year levels of the school. As part of the meeting we shared briefly some of the things we do in terms of Pasifika in our curriculum. It was nice to hear from some of our parents who asked some good questions that we are able to take away and discuss further as a school. Afterwards we had light refreshments and an opportunity for relaxed conversations. We are keen to build upon the work we are doing around culture and sharing and celebrating all our cultures. Thank you to all parents who could make our fono.

**PASIFIKA WEEK CELEBRATIONS:** Last week as part of our spotlight on Pasifika cultures all year syndicates organised a range of fun and interesting activities. Students worked across their syndicates learning about various Pasifika cultures, dances, arts, crafts, food, greetings and customs. We ended the week with a celebration assembly where students shared some of the activities they did throughout the week and enjoyed the Pasifika dances performed by Pasifika groups from the Junior, Middle and Senior school. This week students are taking part in Tongan Language week activities. Thank you to our Pasifika team for the extra work they put in and to all teachers for ensuring the Pasifika activities were of a high quality.

**FATHERS DAY:** Happy Fathers Day from the staff and children at Puhinui School to all fathers and Grandfathers! We hope you all had a restful fun day on Sunday!

**MAORI LANGUAGE:** Next week there are two main events that will shape the coming week. Firstly, it is Maori Language week and students will be involved in Te Reo activities. Our Kapa Haka Group are also preparing for the Papatoetoe Kapa Haka Festival and over the last few weeks are putting the polish on their performance set. Have a great Maori Language week everyone, and good luck to our Kapa Haka Group, Te Roopu Ahurea as they complete preparations for the festival. The festival date is, Friday 21st September at Papatoetoe North School.

**BOOK WEEK:** Our second event next week, is Puhinui Book Week. Teachers have prepared a week of reading tasks to help celebrate and encourage the love of reading. We have a book fair for any family members who wish to purchase books. This will be held in the Library, mornings before school 8.20 a.m. - 8.50 a.m. and at the end of the day 2.30 .p.m - 3.15 p.m. (eftpos will be available). On Thursday students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character for a book parade. During lunch time there will be read alouds by teachers in the Library. On Wednesday, Mrs Haylock will be sharing her experiences as a famous children's author.

**CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY:** From time to time, parents may have a concern or something they wish to raise with the school. In the first instance, we encourage parents to talk with their child's teacher, as soon as possible and while it is still a small concern. Our teachers are always ready to listen and help clarify any misunderstandings. Parents, please note that our concerns and complaints policy has recently been placed on the school website for any parents who wish to view it. Please go to the website if you wish to check the process for concerns and complaints. [www.puhinui.school.nz](http://www.puhinui.school.nz)

**ROAD SAFETY:** A reminder to all parents and student that you should be using the pedestrian crossing when crossing Puhinui Road. It is a busy road, especially before and after school. Parents please be a role model of safe road practices and use the crossing.



**SKIDS:** Parents please read the information on our new SKids before and after school providers.

SKids (Safe Kids In Daily Supervision) will be opening soon in Puhinui School. The Before and After School Care and Holiday Programmes will be lots of fun and have exciting activities. Contact SKids, **ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text at 022 473 0281 or email them at [puhinui@skids.co.nz](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz). Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz> . Term 4 costs will be the same as they currently are.**

**The Programme:** Teach kids to prepare and cook healthy food recipes from the Heart Foundation when they do FoodStorm. Science experiments are exciting ways to feed the inquisitive minds of the kids. On some days apart from Sports Active, they teach Karate moves and discipline. Arts and Crafts are regular activities, and they do some dancing and exercises to keep the body moving. They supervise homework, have structured activities and serve afternoon tea.

**Holiday Programme:** Lined up for the October Holiday Programme are trip days to TriStar Gymnastics, Chelsea Sugar Factory for ages 8-13, Chipmunks for ages 5-7, Disco and Enchanted Mini-Golf. You can RELAX, have "ME TIME", DON'T RUSH, and REFRESH YOURSELF while sKids look after your kids. They reinforce family values, make sure they are safe, they learn and have fun during their time with them. They look forward to having your kids for the October Holiday Programme and Term 4.

**Becca de la Vega - Owner and Operator:** Becca has a background in marketing and communications. A mother of two teenagers, she is passionate about making a difference in the lives of not only the children, but the SKIDS families too. Her nurturing and empowering nature brings out the best amongst the children. Becca is a community leader in East Auckland. She was previously the choir manager of a leading Auckland choir, composed of 40-50 schoolgirls aged 9-16. Becca jumped at the opportunity to be inspired daily by working with children and the dynamic SKIDS team at Puhinui Primary School.

WINZ subsidies are available and they can help you through the process, they will even organise taking it to the WINZ office themselves.

If you are working (full time, part time and/or studying) you may qualify for some WINZ subsidy. SKids offer before and after school care for your children. For as little as \$2 a day or in some cases FREE, you can enrol your children with them (with WINZ subsidy, conditions apply).

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**ASB HOME LOAN:** If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school \$500.00. To claim this offer, mention this to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan. Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019. Visit [www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school](http://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school) for more information and eligibility criteria.

**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: 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381 646 or 279 8340 (PACT Office).

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Tumatangi Atapo from Room 26 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 \_\_\_\_\_