



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

20 September 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 3. 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. Term 4 commences on Monday 15 October, at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

**BOOK WEEK:** Last week our students and teachers had a busy and enjoyable Book Week. They were involved in a range of reading based tasks throughout the week in class. On Thursday we had a variety of book characters for the book parade. Each team walked around the school and were encouraged and clapped by their fellow students and their teachers. On Friday our Book Week judges went around to judge the best book door displays. Congratulations to our winning classes, Room 6, Room 18 and Room 26. During the week we also had a number of staff read in the library at lunch time, the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to listen to classic stories by their teachers. Thank you to all staff members, especially to Mrs Krishna for organising the Library Book Fair and library competitions, to Mrs Waimotu and Mrs Wells for the Book Week organisation and their behind the scenes work.

**2019 PREPARATIONS:** Next year may seem like it is still a long time away and although we are very focused on our daily work at school, we have begun setting dates for 2019. Many things require us to be future forward looking. We are also aware that families also have to be aware of the dates that we set here at school. Please see below the term dates for 2019:

**2019 TERM DATES:**

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| <b>Term 1</b> | Tuesday 29 January to Friday 12 April     | 11 weeks |
| <b>Term 2</b> | Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July          | 10 weeks |
| <b>Term 3</b> | Monday 22 July to 27 September            | 10 weeks |
| <b>Term 4</b> | Monday 14 October to Thursday 12 December | 9 weeks  |

**ASSEMBLY WEEK 10:** A reminder our last assembly for this term is Friday, Week 10, the 28th of September. Please note we have adjusted the assembly times which will be from 1.50 - 2.20 p.m. This gives classes a 30 minute period at the end of the day to wrap up each week.

**GYMNASTICS:** Our Gymnastics zones is next Tuesday, the 25th of September. Times are staggered during the day, so parents who have children representing the school please check the notice that went home to the gym team members with times for each year level. Good luck to our gym team. We hope you do well at the zones.

**ART EXHIBITION:** Next week is the biannual Papatoetoe Primary Schools Art Exhibition at Papatoetoe North School. We have a selection of students art on display. Parents with students exhibiting their art will receive a letter from Mrs Krishna advising of times for viewing. All parents are welcome to go through the exhibition on Tuesday the 25th of September from 9 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. if you wish to.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** This morning (Thursday) the cross country team participated in the Cross Country Zones at Puhinui Reserve, Prices Road. The team has been training since the beginning of the term and we hope they participate to the best of their ability. Well done to all the students in the team, for their first place result!

**MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK:** Last week teachers and students skillfully navigated their way through not only book week, but also Maori Language Week (Te Wiki o te Reo Maori). A range of learning experiences were based around students developing te reo and incorporating it in the weekly programme, “tino pai” to all students and teachers.

**KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL:** Tomorrow, Friday, our school kapa haka group Te Roopu Ahurea, will travel to Papatoetoe North for the Papatoetoe Primary School Kapa Haka Festival. This will be a full day of performances beginning at 9.10 a.m and finishing around 2.45 p.m. Mrs Waimotu and Mr Cherrington have been working hard with our students, and are looking very sharp and ready to perform. Good luck to them and we look forward to seeing them perform tomorrow.

**FAREWELL MRS REHU:** Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Rehu, Room 22 teacher at the end of this term. Mrs Rehu has won a position as a foundation teacher at a new school being built in East Auckland. We wish her all the best at her new school.

**BEFORE SCHOOL ARRIVALS:** We have a number of students arriving at school at 7.30 a.m. Teachers are not available to monitor your children at that time. Please contact our before school provider. Teachers are available from 8.20 a.m.

**3PM END OF SCHOOL:** A reminder to parents and students that the school bell rings at 3 p.m. and students are expected to go to their waiting areas or walk home straight away. Parents please make sure you are prompt with picking up your children. All students should be on their way home between 3.05 p.m and 3.15 p.m. If you are going to be late please contact the office. If you are going to be regularly late to collect your child/children then please arrange for them to go to Bizzy Bodz. In Term 4, SKiDS will be the after school care provider. Please enquire at the office if you need information about after school care. If your child walks home, parents please can you remind them that they go straight home, go a different way, or get rides with people they do not know. These practical steps will ensure all students are safe.

**SKiDS MEETING NEXT WEEK:** If you are interested in before and after school care and would like to know more, the SKiDS team will be available to talk to you on Tuesday, 25th of September after school from 5.15 p.m. in the staff room. Flyers and information are available from the office.

SKiDS will be running a holiday programme for any families interested. SKiDS will also help any families who may meet the criteria for a WINZ subsidy for after school care. You may be surprised to know who qualifies, so please contact Becca for more details (see below).

To contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 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.

**SKiDS 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 children. 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 children for the October Holiday Programme and Term 4.

**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]. Last Saturday in Term 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381 646 or 279 8340 (PACT Office).

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Jessica Wharton-Benedict 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 \_\_\_\_\_