



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

18 October 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**WELCOME BACK:** To all our families and students, welcome back to school for the last term of the year. We hope you were able to spend some time with your children and family members during the school break. We have had a very good start to Term 4, with students returning and straight into learning. This is a 9 week action packed term. It is always an exciting term mixed in with a little bit of sadness as we farewell our Year 6 students at the end of the term. We hope they have an amazing last term here at Puhinui School.

**BAND CONCERT:** In week 2, October 24th at 6 p.m. the school Year 6 band will be performing at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. This will be a combined performance with the Papatoetoe Schools who are part of the Tironui Trust School Bands. The students in the school band work hard learning throughout Year 5 and Year 6. They receive free tuition from the Tironui Trust tutors. This is an exciting opportunity for them to perform for parents and whanau. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 from the school office. All family members are welcome to attend. Year 5 band members and their families are also welcome. We would love to see you at the concert, a full house would be an amazing experience for the students.

**CHOIR CONCERT:** In week 3, Thursday 1st November, our gold medal winning choir will be performing for parents and whanau in the School Auditorium. This will start at 6.30 p.m. We hope you are able to attend. There will be a gold coin donation entry and at intermission, a cake stall where baked goods will be for sale. All proceeds going to 'NZ Heart Kids' charity foundation.

**LABOUR DAY, MONDAY 22nd, NO SCHOOL:** A friendly reminder, next Monday, 22nd October is Labour Day. This is a public holiday and school will be closed for the day. School will be reopen on Tuesday 23rd at the normal time of 8.50 .a.m.

**HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 4:** Please ensure your child is wearing their school hat this term. Hats can be purchased from the school uniform provider, Angels Fashions, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe. Please note that Angel's fashion have had a delay in ordering the large size hats. These should be in stock by the end of this week. Our apologies for this delay, and we hope to have all students in hats by late next week.

**MIHI WHAKATAU:** In the first week of each term we have a mihi whakatau to welcome new students, staff and whanau. If you are a new family to Puhinui School, you should have received an invitation to the mihi whakatau. This will begin at 9.10 a.m. in the auditorium tomorrow (Friday). All whanau meet in the staffroom and students go to class to start the day and for marking of the attendance register.

**ATHLETICS DAY WEEK 3:** On Tuesday 30th October we have our school athletics day starting at 9.30 a.m. This is always one of our most exciting school wide events. We hope for good weather and a good turn out from parents. So if you are available the students would love to see you. Our savings day is the Thursday 1st October.

**TERM EVENTS:** Please see the Puhinui Website ([www.puhinui.school.nz](http://www.puhinui.school.nz)) for information regarding the events for Term 4. Accompanying this newsletter is the Term 4 overview.

**ASSEMBLIES:** Reminder to parents our assembly start times are at 1.50 p.m. In the first week there is no assembly, instead we have a mihi whakatau, or welcoming for new students and parents. Assemblies this term are in weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9.

**NZEI UPDATE:** Parents please be advised that it is likely that teachers who are NZEI union members will take rolling industrial action across the country. In Auckland this is scheduled for Monday, 12th November. This will mean schools in the Auckland area will be closed by their Board of Trustees, if they feel they are unable to open due to insufficient staff members.

**2019 PREPARATIONS:** For families wishing to plan ahead, please see the term dates for 2019 below.

**2019 TERM DATES:**

<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

**PARENT CONSULTATION QUESTIONS:** Attached is a questionnaire relating to our 'Graduate Profile'. It involves the types of qualities and skills we would like students to have when they leave Puhinui School as a Year 6 student. If you are interested in responding please complete the questionnaire and return it to the office via your child. The information will help us develop the content and overall design of the graduate profile. Thank you.

**SWIMMING TERM 4:** Swimming is an important part of our physical education programme. All students are expected to participate in class swimming this term. Please ensure your child has their togs, a towel and a bag to place their swimming items in. Please name all items. Our goal is to be able to have every child swim at least one length of the pool by the time they leave school as a Year 6 student. If your child is unwell, and unable to swim please provide a note. For continual non swimming a doctors certificate will be requested by the teacher.

**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]. Sessions in Term 4: **Starts 27<sup>th</sup> October**, then 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

**SKIDS:** Our new before and after school care providers have started well this term. The feedback from parents has been positive and the children have enjoyed the variety of activities being offered in the daily programme. 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.

**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. Children should be arriving at school after 8 a.m. Please contact our before school provider SKiDS. Teachers are in their classrooms 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 SKiDS.

**SUNNYSIDE TENNIS CLUB:** Sunnyside Tennis Club is located in the beautiful Sunnyside Domain, on York Road in Papatoetoe. Our closest schools are Puhinui Primary, South Auckland SDA school and Holy Cross School. We have a strong junior section of the club and provide coaching for juniors on a Thursday afternoon/evening and Saturday morning. We also provide competitive opportunities for our juniors who can chose to play in interclub competitions and tournaments.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Puhinui School Graduate Profile**

A graduate profile has a number of qualities or skills we hope to develop in students throughout their schooling at Puhinui. When students leave we hope to have provided them with opportunities to develop these skills and qualities so they can successfully continue their next learning and life's journey.

*Please fill in the questionnaire below and return.*

### **1. Academic Success**

- a. Consider, Reading, Writing, Maths, Science, Social Science, Health, P.E and The Arts.
- b. Consider what is success, it's different for some.

#### **• The Question:**

- o What academic success do you want for your child?

### **2. Values**

- a. Our values are integrity, respect, resilience, opportunity, community.

#### **• The Question:**

- a. What do you want us to do to ensure students are developing our values?

### **3. Personal Life Habits**

- a. Life habit skills include things like developing routines: How I get organised, my focus, study skills, goal setting, what am I good at?

#### **• The Question:**

- a. What personal life habits would you like your child to develop?

### **4. Communicating**

Involves

- a. Relating to others
- b. Clear thinking and communicating your ideas well
- c. Expressing an opinion
- d. Group skills to help communicate your ideas
- e. Listening actively to others

#### **• The Question:**

- a) How can we help our students develop their ability to communicate their thoughts and ideas with others?

### **5. Service**

- a. Our School Motto is "Others before Self."

#### **• The Question:**

1. What does service mean to you for Puhinui students?