



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CHOIR CONCERT: A reminder our gold medalist choir are performing tonight in the School Auditorium at 6.30 p.m. It will be a night to showcase the talented choir led by Mr Read and accompanied on the piano by Mrs Ngaire Bird. There will be a gold coin donation entry and at intermission, baked goods will be for sale. All proceeds going to 'NZ Heart Kids' charity foundation. We hope to see you tonight.

BAND CONCERT: Last week the school Year 6 band performed at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. The concert brought together all of the Papatoetoe schools who are part of the Tironui Trust School Bands. They included Papatoetoe Intermediate, Papatoetoe East, Papatoetoe West, Papatoetoe North, Papatoetoe South, Papatoetoe Central and Puhinui School. It was an outstanding evening with all bands demonstrating wonderful musical skill. It is interesting to stop and think that in order for the students to perform so well on the night it required hours of practise. Practise with their tutors, band conductors and individual practise at home. It is impressive to think how young musicians have accomplished so much over two years of tuition. Well done to all students involved, especially the Puhinui Band members.

DIWALI WEEK AT PUHINUI: Next week our teachers are using Diwali as a learning theme in their classes. We wish all families who celebrate Diwali a happy day and time during this festival. On Friday students are invited to come to school in traditional Diwali clothing, or in bright colours to celebrate with our Indian community.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL ROADS: Parents please be careful and considerate of others when parking around the school roads. Some parents have been parking on the corner of Puhinui Road and Grayson Avenue. This is dangerous and unsafe. It could easily cause an accident. We appreciate that parking is challenging at times, but for the sake of an extra 5-10 minute walk, the back streets are a good option.

ATHLETICS FRIDAY: Unfortunately we haven't had favourable weather this week and our athletics has had to be postponed twice. Tomorrow, Friday, athletics will go ahead. We believe the weather is meant to be looking a lot better tomorrow so plan A is to run our full programme. If the weather is poor we will run a revised programme for the day. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We hope for good weather tomorrow. We hope you can join us tomorrow.

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW: Due to the rescheduling of athletics there will be no school assembly tomorrow. Next assembly will be in week 5, Friday 16th November at 1.50 p.m.

NZEI UNION UPDATE: Our Board of Trustees have met to discuss the up-coming teachers and principal's strike on the Monday 12 November. As a result of the Board meeting the school will be closed on the 12 November. Parents are asked to make arrangements for this strike action. There will be no staff at Puhinui School on this day. You may wish to contact SKiDS if you require your child to be looked after on the 12th. To contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. School will be closed on Monday the 12 November. School will re-open on Tuesday 13 November at the usual time of 8.50 a.m. Thank you parents for your continued support of our teaching staff.

DAY CARE MARKET DAY: This Saturday 3 November the Fautugatiti day care are having a market day. They would love to see anyone interested in supporting them. They are fundraising for extra resources. The

market will be open from 10am-1pm. They are at 82 Wylie Road, Papatoetoe. Cash on stalls, all are welcome.

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

2019 TERM DATES:

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

PARENT CONSULTATION QUESTIONS: Thank you to all parents who have returned the parent questionnaire on our graduate profile. We have a team of teachers that have begun identifying key ideas from the feedback. On Monday, our Board of Trustees worked together to also contribute towards the graduate profile. Next year we will continue developing the Puhinui graduate profile. It will combine the efforts and ideas from the parents, BOT, teachers and students.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION: This year we have decided to make the Year 6 graduation ceremony an evening event. We have a team of teachers who are working on this at the moment. Our main aim is to provide our Year 6 students with a memorable occasion they will be able to take with them as they move on to intermediate school. The evening will include a shared dinner and dance. We will then have the ceremony and acknowledge each student in a special way. Year 6 parents will be invited to the ceremony part of the evening. Please note the Year 6 graduation evening will be on Wednesday 12 December. More information will follow closer to the time.

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: 3rd November, 10th November, 17th November, 24th November & 1st December. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

SPCA: The SPCA is offering FREE spaying, neutering and microchipping for cats in twelve Auckland areas from 5th – 16th November 2018, and your school is situated within (or close to) one of our target suburbs. Anyone who would like to take up the offer must call the SPCA to book their cat/s in. The number to call is 09 256 7310.

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Help is a non profit organisation **supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We run a free confidential **parenting Helpline** for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge. Free Parenting Helpline, 0800 568 856, all issues, all ages. www.parenthelp.org.nz

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.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to William Som 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 _____