



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

15 November 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ATHLETICS ZONES: Next week our school athletics team will travel to Omana Reserve on Tuesday for the zones athletics day. Good luck to all those representing the school. Parents would have received a letter with details including the permission slip and \$2 which needs to be returned to school.

CHOIR CONCERT: Congratulations to the amazing choir who performed for parents on the 1st of November. It was a highly enjoyable evening. Mr Read and the choir performed an impressive range of songs with something for everyone. The students are great entertainers and this year, the choir have been outstanding. Their musical abilities have come from a mixture of talent, skillful tuition and hard work. Once again this is a fine example of our Puhinui culture and values at work. We aspire to provide quality experiences for students in all our cultural, sports and learning groups. Well done choir, and all those involved in so many quality Puhinui extracurricular activities this year. A special thank you to all the Puhinui staff who worked behind the scenes to support the students.

PRIZE-GIVINGS: The Junior, Middle and Senior school prize-givings will be held on Thursday the 6th of December. Please see the times listed below:

Junior School	9:15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Middle School	11:10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Senior School	1:15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.

We hope to see you there.

BAND APPLICATIONS 2019: A reminder to Year 4 parents: Your child would have brought home a notice regarding expressions of interest for the Year 5 2019 school band. Any students interested are required to complete the application form and return it to Mr Read by Friday the 23rd of November. An initial group of students will be identified from which 15 students will be selected for this band. Any student wanting to join the band, must show a commitment to practice. This will require full support of their parents. There is no cost involved for families, all tuition and band instruments are supplied by the Tironui Trust.

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. Student safety is the priority.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW: Room 7 are hosting the full school assembly tomorrow (Friday). Assembly begins at 1.50 p.m.

NZEI UNION UPDATE: Thank you for your continued support in relation to the teachers and principal's industrial action. As you know school was closed on Monday and our staff were involved in union picketing and cluster meetings. Key issues raised at the local Papatoetoe meeting included; comparable pay equity with other professions, planning and preparation time, lower class sizes, learning support and the limited ability to access learning support by schools and teachers. The union members want education to be valued and recognised by our Government in order for our society to develop the best opportunities for your children, our students. An early indication appears to be continued industrial action that will more than likely follow in 2019.

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

YEAR 6 GRADUATION: Reminder to our Y6 parents. This year we have decided to make the Year 6 graduation ceremony an evening event. The evening will include a shared dinner and disco for the Year 6 students. We will then have a graduation ceremony and acknowledge each student in a special way. The Year 6 graduation evening will be on Wednesday the 12th of December. The disco and dinner will start at 5 p.m. The Year 6 Graduation will begin at 7.15 p.m. More information will follow closer to the time.

YOUNG APPRENTICE GARDEN STATION: Last week the House Leaders attended the Young Builder's Apprentice of the Year competition with Miss Campbell. They were supporting one of the apprentices who was involved in the construction of a gardening station for our school. The House Leaders thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and had a lot of fun cheering on their building apprentice Thomas Ashley. He was very thankful for their support and he spoke to the students after the competition finished. The gardening station is temporarily beside the Hornby Suite at the front of the school if you would like to view Thomas' fine building skills. If we have any keen gardener's who would happily work with some students please contact the office on 2788703.

INDIAN CONSULTATION: Last week as part of our Diwali week celebration we had an Indian parent consultation. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. As part of the consultation students from the kapa haka group, the choir and the Indian dance group performed. We asked parents a number of questions to help us learn more about our Indian community. With this newsletter we have attached these same questions. We invite all our community groups who are interested in responding to these questions to do so on the accompanying page. Please be sure to add in what ethnic, or culture group you identify with. Please reply by Friday, the 30th of November.

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).

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Help is a non profit organisation **supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau. They 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. The closest schools are Puhinui Primary, South Auckland SDA School and Holy Cross School. They have a strong junior section of the club and provide coaching for juniors, aged 5 - 18 years old on a Thursday afternoon/evening and Saturday morning. They also provide competitive opportunities for juniors aged 5 - 18 years old who can choose to play in interclub competitions and tournaments.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Marush Nath from Room 23 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 _____

