



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SPORTS: On Tuesday, our winter sports teams participated in the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Winter Sports Zone Day. Zones day is for many of our sporting children the highlight of the term. Across Papatoetoe nine schools participated and over 900 students were involved. Our teams performed extremely well and were excited about the close competitive nature of the other teams and for the high level of sportsmanship. Well done to all our students, who were great role models of our Puhinui Values and represented the school so well. A special thank you to all the parents and whanau who were able to come out and enjoy the day, and to all the staff members, and coaches who spent the extra time training and preparing the students in their respective sports. This year was an outstanding day of sports.

Results:

Netball A: 4th place
Netball C: 1st place
Netball E: 2nd place
Boys Soccer A: 1st place
Girls Soccer: 4th place

Netball B: 2nd place
Netball: 5th place
Netball F: 3rd place
Boys Soccer B: 1st place
Rugby Under 40: 1st place

Match Reports:

Representing Puhinui in Rugby U40s and we were full with pride but trapped with fear. We were ready for the moment to come. Our game against mighty Holy Cross was going to be intense.

We were all hungry for the ball and filled with determination to win this life changing game against Holy Cross in the final. It was the final minute and it was our time to shine, we got a penalty with 30 seconds left, time was ticking, it was back's ball and with a stunning run from our great captain his legs with like a motor he sped through the back line with a furious face. 15 seconds left and we had just scored a magnificent try celebrating our terrific win and on the road to the Auckland Champs.

Jayden Room 5, Levi Room 6

We versed Papatoetoe North in the final and we felt nervous because it was last game of the day if we lost the game we wouldn't get to go to AC. Our hands were shaking before the game and we were afraid we might lose. We scored the first goals and took an early lead 2 -0. At half time Mr Khan told us to take it slow and use up the time as much as we can. On the final whistle we were so excited because we won the tournament and we knew we'd get to go to Auckland Champs to represent Puhinui School!

By: Enrique Room 5

Today we have our open rugby team and our girls rugby team playing in a zones tournament here at Puhinui School. We wish them all the best and hope they do well.

CHESS CHAMPS: Our chess team represented Puhinui School at the local cluster championships held at Everglade School yesterday. Congratulations to our students who excelled. We had 4 teams of 4 students competing against 18 other teams. This was one of our best chess performances winning silver and bronze awards. The A Team came 2nd overall and the B team were placed 3rd. Hasim Ahmed was one of four players, of the 72 students attending who won all 6 of his games. Well done Hasim, and well done chess teams! Thank you to our chess coaches, Mr Pedersen and Mr Glen Tabor.

We were so excited to participate in the Chess Tournament this year! We thought about it on our ride to Everglade Primary School. Once we arrived we had to make our way to our first game. Our hearts were beating like drums but at the same time we were really excited and a little bit anxious. We never thought that it would be this hard to win all the games. We both won 4 out of 6 games. After all our games it was time for the prize giving. Here are the results

1st: Papatoetoe Central 1; 2nd: Puhinui 1; and 3rd: Puhinui 2. It was such an amazing day, We drove back to Puhinui with pride. We have never felt more proud of ourselves.

By: Cassandra Room 5 and Tina

Room 3

YES!!!! We did it! We got in the top three, I just couldn't believe it. My heart was full of joy and my smile was so big it almost covered my whole face. Me and my teammates came third in the South Auckland Chess Championship I was so proud of them. It was a tough tournament but the only thing that matters is that we had so much fun and can not wait to play chess again some day.

By: Makea Room 4

CHOIR FESTIVAL: Following on from our sports zones day we have another awesome event that a group of students are currently practising and preparing for. Late in Term 3, we have our bi-annual Papatoetoe Choir Festival. During Term 3 and 4 we have a number of full choir practices that are taking place at our school. Mr Read, our talented music maestro is the Papatoetoe Choir Master. Yesterday the full choir met for their third cluster wide practice. Just as our sports teams have put in several months of training and preparation, our school choir is at this moment also putting in the preparation and practise in order to make sure that the Papatoetoe Choir Festival is a great success. Keep up the good work Mr Read and all our tamariki who will be in this wonderful event. The choir festival will be on the 12th and 13th of June at the Vodafone Event Centre. A notice will be sent home when tickets go on sale.

SUPPORT STAFF DAY: Earlier this week we had a shared morning tea to celebrate support staff day. Our support staff, as you know do an amazing job and work alongside our teachers in a close partnership. Collectively our staff work to ensure our Puhinui students get the best of learning and care possible. Thank you to all staff for your dedication, but especially to our support staff this week as we recognise your valuable contribution to education. 'Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi' (Let the uniqueness of child guide our work).

CHILDREN WAITING AFTER SCHOOL: Parents, please keep in mind that once the bell rings at 3 p.m., teachers are either straight into meetings, or busy planning and preparing for the next sequence of lessons. Please be on time to collect your children. If you are late for an unforeseen reason, please call the office and we will ensure your child is informed that you will be late. However, please note our office and teaching staff are continuing with their work and shouldn't be expected to look after children after 3 p.m. Bizzy Bodz, our resident before and after school provider is available if you require before or after school care, their phone number is 530 9020 or email, admin@bizzybodz.co.nz Parents are able to apply for the government subsidy. This includes parents who are both working. Please discuss this with Bizzy Bodz if you are interested. Please see the link for more information about this subsidy below. (After school and before school care subsidy information) <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/oscar-subsidy.html#null>

SAFETY AFTER SCHOOL AND WALKING HOME PROMPTLY: Parents please remember, from time to time it is a good idea to discuss with your children regarding their safety when walking home. Firstly, remind them that when the bell goes they leave school and walk straight home. This should be the most direct way possible and the way that they have discussed with you. Please remind your children that it is a good idea to walk with other children, although they should not then walk their friends home, or play after school at a friend's home if you do not know about it. Some children use the walkways and alleyways around the the streets. Please remind your children to stay on the paths and not to climb over fences, or pick up things that could be sharp or dirty. Teachers will also remind children of safety after school.

ASSEMBLY: This week Room 22 is leading our assembly. Assemblies begin at 2.10 p.m. We are always happy to see you there, if you have time to attend.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE: A big thank you to our parents for an improved effort in keeping the front of the school clear during our busy pick-up and drop-off times. Please keep up the good work as we think of our school motto, 'Others before Self'. If we live this value we will continue to be good role models for our children.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: For children aged 5 – 11 years. Saturdays in Term 2: 17th June, 24th June, and 1st July. 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Papatoetoe East School, 138 Tui Rd. Gold coin donation. Contact Mr Glenn at PACT Office 279-8340 or 0274 381646.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Lacey Atavenitia 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 _____