



# PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

29 November 2018

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**THE PENULTIMATE NEWSLETTER:** This is our second to last newsletter for the year and we can almost see the end of the finish line for students learning in 2018 (not just yet though). Our teams are completing reports and these will be sent home on Wednesday 12 December. Our focus has now switched to end of year tasks such as a final leaning push, prize-giving items and some fun tasks for the year. Although students are arguably getting a little tired, this is still a great time of the year for them and they are excited about the end of year. We look forward to seeing our parents at the prize-givings next Thursday.

**PRIZE-GIVINGS:** The Junior, Middle and Senior school prize-givings will be held on Thursday the 6th of December. We hope to see you there. 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.   |

**FAREWELL:** Unfortunately the end of year means we say goodbye to Mr Cherrington, Room 19 teacher, Miss Tyler McCurdy (long term reliever) Room 22, Mrs Delsa, Teacher Assistant and Mrs Clatworthy, a long serving Teacher Assistant. We wish them all the best as they move into another chapter of their lives. Thank you for the faithful service to the students and families of Puhinui School.

**WELCOME:** In 2019 we welcome 4 new teachers to Puhinui School. Miss Samantha Graham Room 19, Miss Nicole McCoskrie Room 20, Mrs Natasha Lameko Room 22 and Miss Alayne Miller Room 5. We look forward to these new teachers joining our school team.

**MEET THE TEACHER:** On Monday 10th December, the students will have the first block of the day in their 2019 classes. During this time they will have an opportunity to meet their class new members. The teachers will prepare a few 'get to know me' tasks and will take the opportunity to learn a little about the students for 2019. This is always an exciting time for the students, some may be a little nervous, but will settle quickly once they realise there are many familiar faces in their class. Your child will be given a slip on the day to take home which will let you know what class your child is in and who the classroom teacher for 2019 will be.

**ASSEMBLY:** Room 17 are hosting the full school assembly tomorrow (Friday). Assembly begins at 1.50 p.m.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION:** Reminder to our Year 6 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. when parents are invited to the graduation ceremony. More information will follow closer to the time.

**2019 PREPARATIONS:** The 2019 school year commences on Tuesday 29th January at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is at school around 8.40 at the latest. This will give them at least 10 minutes before the bell rings. Please ensure they are in their correct school uniform and that they have their Summer hats with them. Class swimming will begin almost straight away. Classroom teachers will be able to advise families of their class swimming times. A reminder students will meet their new teachers on Monday 10th December. This will mean on the first day of school they will be able to go straight to their new 2019 class. The 2019 term dates are listed below for your information:

**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  |

**HAVE A GO DAY:** On Wednesday and Thursday of this week Counties Manukau Sports team visited the school and ran 'Have A Go' fun sports days. The aim was to introduce a range of sports to the students and to give them an opportunity to see some of the fundamental skills required for sporting finesse in a fun way. The students had a lot of fun and it is exciting to see them active and 'having a go'. Thank you to Counties Manukau Sports and the sports development officers from Golf, NRL, Basketball, Lawn bowls, Tag20, Cricket, and Life Ed Trust.

**ATHLETICS ZONES:** After 2 postponement days we were finally able to hold the Papatoetoe Athletics Zones on Tuesday, 27th of November at Omana Park. Our school hosts the zones athletics each year and this year we had Miss Kylie Chapman as our Master of Ceremonies and overall athletics coordinator. With the support of Mr Mose and the athletics coaches they were able to hold a successful and competitive athletics programme. Our students performed to the best of their abilities many performing personal bests. A number of students received first, second and third placings. All our relay teams competed in the finals with several receiving placings.

**Results and placings:**

| Event                  | Age      | Name                    | Placing |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| 600M Girls             | Open age | Rachel Scott            | 3rd     |
| 50m Sprints girls      | 7yrs     | Zoe Suaesi              | 1st     |
| 75m Sprints girls      | 8yrs     | Ane Fihaki              | 2nd     |
| 100m Sprints boys      | 11yrs    | Kazual Tasi Sofele      | 2nd     |
|                        | 11yrs    | Mark Sikuvea            | 3rd     |
| 50m Relays Girls       | 7yrs     | Puhinui School          | 1st     |
| 50m Relays Boys        | 7yrs     | Puhinui School          | 2nd     |
| 50m Relays Girls       | 8yrs     | Puhinui School          | 2nd     |
| 50m Relays Boys        | 8yrs     | Puhinui School          | 1st     |
| 400m team Relays girls | 9yrs     | Puhinui School          | 3rd     |
|                        | 10yrs    | Puhinui School          | 2nd     |
| 400m team Relays boys  | 9yrs     | Puhinui School          | 3rd     |
|                        | 10yrs    | Puhinui School          | 1st     |
|                        | 11yrs    | Puhinui School          | 1st     |
| Long Jump Girls        | 11yrs    | Wenita Wesley Tokataake | 1st     |
| Long Jump Boys         | 11yrs    | Mark Sikuvea            | 1st     |
| High Jump Girls        | 10yrs    | Destiney Savaiinaea     | 2nd     |
| Shot Put Girls         | 9yrs     | Alaina Lauitiiti        | 1st     |
|                        | 9yrs     | Rose Leaaetoa           | 2nd     |

**LIBRARY PROGRAMME THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY:** Fill your children’s summer holidays with exciting challenges and take part in the free activities offered at your local library. Children can join the programme from home, at the library, online, or away on holiday. **Kia Māia te Whai- Dare to Explore 10 December 2018 - 21 January 2019:** Looking for fun, free ways to keep your Children/ tamariki learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for Kia Māia te Whai- Dare to Explore, Auckland Libraries’ summer reading programme for children aged 5-12 years. **Don’t miss out!** You can register online from 26 November at [www.daretoexplore.nz](http://www.daretoexplore.nz)

**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 session for Term 4: 1<sup>st</sup> December. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Mikayla Lu 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 \_\_\_\_\_