



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

FINAL WEEKS OF SCHOOL: The last 2 weeks of school are very important for the students. Some people may think it is just about wrapping up learning and filling in time until the last day. This is not the case at all. Yes, our programmes particularly mathematics, reading and writing are winding down, however, things like prize giving, and performances are important times for all our children and our families. They are times to celebrate and come together as a community. In class students are able to enjoy some fun art and craft activities that help us to promote our visual arts curriculum. It is important for our students to enjoy the company of their fellow classmates, to socialise and to feel a sense of belonging. This is also the time of year to let students have a little bit of fun together to recognise all their hard work throughout the year. The Year 6 pool party, the Senior water wars, the Middle School fun water day are all examples of this. Every day at school counts, we look forward to your child being at school tomorrow and Friday to help them cap off a great year. School closes at 3 p.m. Friday the 14th of December.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY: A reminder to our Year 6 parents, tonight we have the Year 6 dance and graduation ceremony. 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 disco and dinner will start at 5 p.m. Please drop your child off from 4.30 p.m. onwards. Please return for the Year 6 Graduation ceremony which will begin at 7.15 p.m. This is a special occasion for your child so please make the effort for them, we look forward to seeing you tonight.

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS: On Friday, at our last assembly we sadly say farewell to our graduating Year 6 students for the final time. We wish them all the best in 2019. We are excited to think they are ready to move on and grow closer to becoming the person they were meant to be. Good luck and farewell from us all at Puhinui School.

YEAR 6 UNIFORM DONATION: Traditionally we have had some Year 6 students donate their uniforms to the school on the last day of the year. These can be left at the office after school on Friday. The Year 6's can get changed into mufti clothing after school if they are donating their uniform.

FAREWELL TO ALL LEAVING FAMILIES: At this time of year we say goodbye to some of our families who move on with their children. Thank you to all those families, especially those who have had a long, supportive relationship with us. Best of luck, have a safe enjoyable summer. Thank you for the contributions you have made to Puhinui School.

ASSEMBLY: Room 9 are hosting our final assembly this year. At this assembly we will also farewell our Year 6 students for the final time. Assembly will begin at 1.50 p.m. Parents we ask that you wait until 3 p.m. and not request that your child leaves earlier than this.

END OF YEAR REPORTS: Reports were sent home with your child today. Please check your child's bag if they have not already received their report. Reports will be mailed out on the last day of term if your child/children is absent in the last week of term. If you do not receive your child's report please contact the school office on 2788703.

MEET THE TEACHER: On Monday your child had the opportunity to meet the 2019 teacher in the morning block. We hope they came home and shared a little bit about being with their new classmates and their new teacher before they start next year. Students go straight to their new class next year. A reminder, the start time for students is 8.50 a.m. so please don't

be late on the first day of school.

PRIZE-GIVINGS: Last week we held our prize-givings. Thank you to all the parents and whanau who were able to attend. At our prize-givings we acknowledge all those students who have stood out in some way throughout the year. We also showcase a range of cultural groups, syndicate items, dance and drama. There was something for everyone. The students were really excited and loved performing for you, our community. An enjoyable aspect for me was seeing how we celebrated our diversity and the inclusive nature we have. I also enjoyed seeing the progression of talent. It starts early in the juniors, it progresses in the middle school and becomes polished in the seniors. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped make our prize-givings such a special occasion.

2019 HOUSE LEADERS: At last weeks ceremonies we announced the 2019 House Leaders. Congratulations to:

Khale Dave,	Gold House	Loreeta Sadd,	Red House
Israel Tanielu,	Blue House	Alaina Lauitiiti,	Green House

We look forward to helping you grow your leadership skills in 2019.

NEW ENROLMENTS 2019: Office hours for new enrolments will be Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of January 2019. Office hours on these days will be 8.30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please note Wednesday the office is closed due to the staff First Aid Certification course.

TUESDAY 29 JANUARY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Please note Tuesday, 29th January is the first day of school for 2019. Please ensure your child is at school early enough to settle back to school and have an opportunity to talk to their peers. All students should be at school from around 8.20 a.m. - 8.40 a.m. School times remain the same, 8.50 a.m. the bell rings to start the day. We finish the day at 3 p.m. Please be on time for the first day of school. All students new to the school, please assemble in the auditorium at 9.30 a.m.

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		

SUMMER BREAK: On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all our parents and whanau for the supportive encouragement and faith you put in us as a school. Your children are outstanding and we love the work we do as educators and carers of your children. Have a safe and restful summer break to you all. Merry Christmas, see you next year.

ZONE ATHLETICS: Congratulations to the Puhinui Athletics team who were second overall at the athletics zone day. This was a very close athletics day with several schools performing very well. The final points for these schools were:

1st: Holy Cross 71 points 2nd: Puhinui 65 points 3rd: North 61 points
4th: Kingsford 49 points.

We look forward to more great sporting competitions in 2019.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Smi Ram from Room 3 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.

