



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

Welcome to Week 7 and 8 at Puhinui School. Next week we have cricket and playball zones. Good luck to our students who are involved in these sporting events.

**PUHINUI BANDS WITH THE TIRONUI TRUST:** The Tironui Trust works with us to provide Y5 & Y6 band members with free musical instruments and tuition for the year. We value their continued support and passion for music in our school. After school today the trusts' tutors will meet with Y5 band members and their families to talk about the expectations and things each student requires in order to develop and become successful first year band music players. If you have any queries regarding our Y5 and Y6 band, please contact Mr. Read.

**SCHOOL VALUES:** As many of our families know our school values are Community, Integrity, Opportunity, Resilience and Respect. During each day teachers find ways to promote our values and to support students in understanding them. Teachers help students find ways to live our values at school on a daily basis. We hope that through the promoting our values we are supporting students to develop the right character traits in becoming successful members of our school and as future citizens of NZ. Each assembly the house captains announce what the value of the next 2 weeks will be. This week and next our focus value is community. If you have time it would be interesting to see if your child can talk to you about how we show community at school and in their lives.

**SWIMMING ZONES:** Last week our swimming team participated in the Papatōetoe Primary Swim Zones Day. We had a full team with an entry for each race throughout the day. Overall our team were well prepared by their coaches, Miss Dobbs, Miss Chapman and Mrs Twiname. We were particularly good at our starts, our focus and in the determination we showed. On the day Holy Cross were well deserved winners. Their stroke ratio and technique were areas of strength for them. Congratulations to Holy Cross School, Puhinui were second overall all. Well done to the team and coaches.

**Our Mission and Our Vision:** Last year our Puhinui BOT, staff members and in particular a representative group from across the school worked on developing and revising our Mission, Vision, values and graduate profile. Throughout this year we will begin working with a groups of parents to seek feedback and your thoughts around these overarching umbrella concepts. The culture team will also be working with students to gain their thoughts as well. We look forward to the conversations throughout the year.

**PAID UNION MEETING FRIDAY 22ND MARCH:** Throughout next week the teachers union NZEI are holding paid union meetings during school time. There are several meetings across the South Auckland area and union members are entitled to attend one meeting to discuss the latest Ministry collective offers. Schools have been asked to decide upon how they will manage the organisation for their school's and teachers. For our school, we have decided to have our team leaders attend a meeting on Friday morning and for all other teaching staff to attend a meeting on Friday afternoon. For our parents this will mean no interruption to the school day (8.50am start and 3pm finish times). There will be no changes to the regular hours of the day, we will have to adjust how we manage the students. It will mean regular programmes will need to be adjusted in the afternoon.

**SENIOR SCHOOL OUTDOOR ED WEEK:** Our outdoor education week is 1 week away. If you are the parent of a Y5 or Y6 parent, please make sure you have paid the outdoor education fees. For Y5 students this is \$40 and for Y6 students this is \$45 costs. The week is subsidised by the school to help keep the costs as low as possible for families. The outdoor education programme is a well established tradition at Puhinui School. It is often one of the most memorable weeks in the students lives. Outdoor education is full of adventures and excitement for students. They often get challenged beyond their comfort zone. On the flip side it gives them an opportunity to learn resilience, to build their self-esteem and overcome obstacles in life. Through outdoor ed activities we hopefully help equip students with important life long character traits, while having fun at the same time. In these terms we appreciate that outdoor ed week is an important aspect of each child's education at Puhinui.

**PARKING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:** A reminder that parking on the yellow lines on Puhinui Road outside our school is illegal. Auckland council parking wardens have already issued a number of parking ticket. Our community constable is also patrolling the area to help make it safer for our students. Please utilise the Grayson Avenue drop off/pick up zone or alternatively, you will have to park in the surrounding streets.

**PAPATOETOE UFC REGISTRATIONS:** For students who are interested in playing soccer this season please see the information below regarding registration for the Papatoetoe United Football Club; registrations are open for the 2019 season - please see dates and times below. The office is located at Kolmar Sports Centre, Sutton Cres, Papatoetoe - downstairs.  
Saturdays (9am to 1pm) - Mar - 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
Wednesdays (6pm to 8pm) - Mar - 13th, 20th, 27th  
Online registrations are open - check our website for the link.  
Online payments are now working.  
Please bring ID for the player.

**2019 Season Start Dates:**

Junior/Youth Games will commence 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**VISITING SCHOOL:** A reminder if you are visiting the school, or dropping items off for your child, please make sure you come to the office. All visitors must sign in, this ensures we know who is on our site at all times. For parents collecting students early for appointments the office require you to sign them out. The office can coordinate all visitors and your enquiries.

**SKiDS:** Our before and after school care providers do a great job caring for and providing families with a service before and after school. To contact SKiDS, **ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at [puhinui@skids.co.nz](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz).** Please see our website for more information, or call into the office for a pamphlet. You can also visit them in the Tech Room after school if you wish.

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:** Our Public Health Nurse (PHN) Leata is at Puhinui School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She runs a Manakidz Clinic that offers free sore throat and skin health assessment and treatment. This is a free service, so please do utilise the Public Health Nurse at school. She can be contacted at the school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or on her mobile number 021 241 6711.

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Sanvi Chand, Room 21 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 \_\_\_\_\_