



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SPORTS: Last week we played our arch rivals Holy Cross in netball, soccer and rugby. As always the games were very competitive and also played with an excellent spirit of sportsmanship. We can always judge how we are tracking towards the zones day by our results against Holy Cross. This time they were able to come out on top in netball, while we did well in the soccer and the rugby.

Well done to all teams, a good day of sport from both schools.

Results:

Netball A 22-10 (loss)

Netball B 12-9 (loss)

Netball C 11-19 (loss)

Netball D 8-9 (loss)

Netball E 5-9 (loss)

Netball F 5-8 (loss)

Boys Soccer A 1-0 (win)

Boys Soccer B 1-0 (win)

Girls Soccer 3-2 (loss)

Under 40 Rugby 12-3 (win)

Match report Donna Netball A

I was really nervous, clutching my hands together as we walked to Holy Cross. I knew we were playing the hardest school and it would be a tough game. As we played I realised how hard their defence was. Everywhere I went they went! I was scared to shoot my goals at first but felt so amazing when I got a point and then kept getting another more points for my team. I know we will do our best to beat them at zones in Week 7. *Donna, Room 5*

RUGBY LEAGUE ZONES: Last week our under 45 Rugby League team also represented the school at the Papatoetoe zones. They played 4 games of which they lost 2, won 1 and drew 1. Overall they came second on points for and against. The games were very close and the boys did very well considering they have not played a lot of league before. The team have qualified to go through to the South Auckland Zone Tournament. We are hoping to keep improving and learning as the boys play more games. Thank you to Mr Feau for the extra coaching and support, and to the parent helpers who came along on the day.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION WRITING: Currently students are writing character descriptions as part of our writing assessments for this term. In this newsletter we have writing samples from the middle and junior school.

My sister has dark brown eyes like chocolate and blackish brownish short hair. She is as chubby as the easter bunny and as beautiful as Cinderella. My sister is naughty because when I tidy the clothes and put it down, she crawls all over

it and messes them up. I have to tidy them again. She always climbs the stairs when she is not allowed, she might get hurt. When she is crying we take her on a long ride and she falls asleep. I love my sister and I know she loves me. *(This sample has been shortened)*

Anayah Rm17

Bang, bang, bang! Do you hear that noise? It's a pirate. The pirate wobbles like he has broken his leg and he is scary. *Payton, Room 10,*

Year 1

Brave and fierce, the Gruffalo is creeping out of the woods! He has purple spikes and sharp teeth and claws. He also has orange eyes and a poisonous wart on his nose. He is very scary. I do not like the Gruffalo.

Amaya, Room 21, Year 2

Smartypants is a funny man. He is swinging in the forest. He kept swinging and then oops!

Tanisha, Room 14, Year 2

Creep goes Scarface Claw. He is not afraid of anyone. He likes to hiss at the dogs and he is scary and big.

Sehal, Room 10, Year 1

Princess Smartypants looks funny and wild. Her hair is yellow like the sun.

Armin, Room 11, Year 2

SCHOOL BANKING - NEW HEADSTART ACCOUNTS: Well done to all the children who have recently opened bank accounts at school with the ASB. Each week Puhinui School students deposit their savings into the box provided in the office. It is good to see these students learning about financial literacy and forming good savings habits at a young age. If you would like your child to open a bank account, application forms are available from the school office. It would be wonderful to see more children opening an ASB New Headstart Account.

MORNING DROP OFF: Parents please remember in the morning, the drop off zone is only for dropping children off and then moving on. It is not designed for parking and walking your child to their class. This is not fair for all the parents and their children who follow the rules. Please remember our school motto, "Others before Self." If we all do the right thing we are a good example to our students.

FAREWELL TO STAFF: At the end of this week we say a sad farewell to Mrs Jessica Pearse. Jessica has been at Puhinui for seven years. In this time she has made significant contributions to the learning potential of the children she has taught. Her fellow colleagues will miss her greatly and they wish her all the best as she makes the move to the country life in Katikati with her family. We will miss her, but we also wish her and her family all the best in their new exciting journey, 'poroporoaki hoa.'

We also say a farewell (for a short while) to Mrs Jasmin Virk, the teacher in Room 13, who is due to go on maternity leave at the end of next week. Mrs Virk will be back in 2018. We wish her all the best at this exciting and life changing time.

Our final farewell is to Mr Chris Millsteed, our social worker in schools. Mr Millsteed has helped support our school and our families in numerous ways. He has organised support for families and has had a significant impact on ensuring students are cared for, and attending school so they can learn. We wish Mr Millsteed all the best, he is looking forward to spending time with his son in Australia and we hope he has a well earned rest as he travels along through this year. Thank you Mr Millsteed from Puhinui School.

WELCOME: As the tide turns, we say good bye, but also haere mai to new staff. Miss Delshad Sidwha and Miss Kathryn Franklin join us in Term 3. Miss Sidwha will replace Mrs Pearse, in Room 1. In the interim Mr Mose will teach in Room 1. Miss Franklin will open a new entrant class in Room 26. We look forward to working with our new teachers in Term 3.

This week we also welcome our new SWIS worker Miss Chrissy Doyle. She is working alongside Mr Millsteed as she transitions into the school. Welcome to Puhinui School Miss Doyle.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: We have recently welcomed a new Health Nurse to Puhinui School, Miss Leata Mafuao. She works 8 hours a week within the school. Miss Mafuao works from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the 'ManaKidz Clinic' which is based in the auditorium. Parents are more than welcome to call in and see her for advice and referral. We work closely with Miss Mafuao and she is supported by our SENCO, Mrs Lorraine Borrie. In partnership they help keep our students healthy and ready to learn at Puhinui.

ALIM MATHS EVENING: On Tuesday evening, our ALiM maths intervention team met with parents of students who are on our Accelerated Learning in Maths programme. This was a time for teachers to share with families the focused learning they are doing and to share the progress being made by their children. Our school is a very busy place and we have so many dedicated hard working teachers and staff members. The ALiM teachers work with students at identified times throughout the week. Teams identify in their programmes where they are able to take intensive lessons. The teachers are supported by their fellow team members. So as a whole we all make contributions that make a difference to the learning of our students. Thank you ALiM team and all our hard working staff.

MONDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Monday the 5th of June is the day New Zealand celebrates the Queen's birthday and as such, a public holiday throughout New Zealand. This, of course, means that all schools will be closed on Monday the 5th of June. School will resume the following day, Tuesday the 6th of June at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

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 Holly Beguely from Room 16 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 _____