



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

11 April 2019

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

END OF TERM: Week 11 is our last week for Term 1, with school closing on Friday the 12th of April at 3 p.m. It has been a very productive term with quality learning across the school. Across the school the staff and students have worked very hard this term. All students, teachers and staff members are now ready to have some breathing space in the holiday break to reflect, relax, re-charge, plan and prepare for Term 2. We wish all our families a restful Easter and ANZAC day. Term 2 commences on Monday 29th of April at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

TERM 2 EVENTS: A few events to be mindful of the first week in Term 2, include our ANZAC Ceremony. This is held on Tuesday the 30th of April at 9.30 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. On Friday of the first week of every term we welcome new students, families (and any staff members) to our school by scheduling a Mihi Whakatau. In Term 2 we also begin our winter sports exchanges. These helps us prepare for the Papatoetoe Primary Schools winter sports zone competition held in week 8. In week 9 we have a focus on Tikanga Māori through Matariki week. At the end of the term, Mid Year school reports are sent home. For teachers, in Term 2 we continue to focus on our maths curriculum and professional development. We begin building up to our Term 3 science focus with increased science experiences in class. Our writing team continue to develop their expertise in writing with Murray Gadd, a literacy consultant. This is in preparation for our school-wide writing focus in 2020.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: A reminder the Term 2 calendar is available on the Puhinui School website to view events scheduled for next term.

INDIAN CONSULTATION: Last Wednesday, the 3rd of April, we had 29 Indian parents and whanau attend our first 2019 parent consultation meeting. This was a good opportunity to share the work we have completed on our graduate profile and to get a perspective on our reshaped vision document. Thank you to all those parents who attended and provided us with information that will assist us to shape our school purpose and the Puhinui curriculum. Common important themes from parents were related to celebrating diversity, respect for others and quality education in a safe caring school.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS: Throughout the year we have scheduled parent consultation meetings with our main ethnic groups. Our consultation meetings will have a planned purpose as well as give parents an opportunity to talk with us about any topical learning issues. The dates for these meetings are detailed below:

Indian	Term 1	3rd April
General	Term 2	15th May
Pasifika	Term 2	12th June
Maori	Term 3	31st July

ANZAC: Due to ANZAC day being in the school holidays we will hold our ANZAC Remembrance Ceremony in week 1 of Term 2, on the 30th April 2019. Our school house captains will host the ANZAC event. We assemble as a school in front of the Field of Remembrance by the flag. If the weather is not favourable we will assemble in the auditorium.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE WEEK: Last week our students were involved in a number of enjoyable cultural learning experiences as part of celebrating our cultural diversity. Each syndicate team planned and prepared rotational activities. This meant students had an opportunity to experience a wide range of cultural activities. On Friday a mufti day was held to raise money for the 'HeartKids'. We raised \$633.20 in total for this worthwhile cause. Students looked amazing in their traditional cultural dress, and their mufti. It is really nice to see how excited and interested our students are in seeing what other cultural costumes look like and in the pride students have in their own culture as well.

BOT ELECTION 2019: Every state and state integrated school in NZ is currently undergoing a trustee election process. Nomination forms and an election candidate information sheet will be mailed to all eligible candidates by Friday 10 May 2019. Nominations will close and must be received by the Returning Officer by posting to the school or delivering to the school office by 12.00 noon on Friday 24 May 2019.

Should any person interested in putting their name forward as a BOT member and require further information, they can contact the school office to make an appointment with the current Board Chairperson or Principal. Should there be more than 5 nominations, an election will take place with voting papers being sent out by Wednesday 29 May 2019. Voting closes on the election day at noon on 7 June 2019 with successful candidates taking office on Friday 14 June 2019.

Could you please ensure the office has an up to date address on file for you to receive the nomination forms. Thank you.

BULLYING POLICY: Accompanying this newsletter is the school policy on bullying. The BOT have recently revised this policy. If you would like to submit any comments or recommendations regarding this policy, please put them in writing to the Principal. Responses will be collated and presented to the BOT for their consideration. Amendments will be made if required at the next BOT meeting. Please note the bullying policy can be viewed on our school website.

ASSEMBLY: Assembly this Friday will be at the usual time of 1.50 p.m. to 2.20 p.m. Our house captains will be hosting our last assembly for the term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: The BOT have agreed to include a winter beanie as part of the school uniform. Beanies can be purchased through our uniform suppliers, Angel's Fashions in Papatoetoe. Please note that beanies will only be worn in Terms 2 and 3. The beanies are not compulsory but those who choose to wear them must wear regulation uniform beanies (students will be asked to remove non-uniform beanies). Students may wear them to and from school and during breaks. They will not be worn inside. Beanies must be worn appropriately at all times. The cost of the beanies is \$18 and are in stock.

SKIDS: A reminder SKiDS have a great Term 1 holiday programme organised for the students. Please collect a programme from the office or see a SKiDS staff member before, or after school. Alternatively you can contact **Becca on 0800 754377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz**. You can also access the holiday pamphlet on our school website.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Sione Slade from Room 10 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 next term so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's Signature _____ Child's Name _____ Room _____