



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

We hope your families have had a good week this week. A reminder to please consider your morning routines to ensure students are on time for the start of school. A bell rings at 8.20 a.m. for students to store their bags and get organised for the day. The bell rings again at 8.50 a.m. to signal the start of class. In Winter months we tend to get more students arriving late to school due to the cold weather. Please keep this in mind and prepare accordingly. All students arriving after the 8.50 a.m. bell must collect a late pass from the office.

CONTACT DETAIL UPDATES: It is important to keep the school updated on any changes of address and contact details. Shortly the office staff will be sending out forms in relation to your current address and personal details. Please complete these and return them to the office if there are any changes. If there are no changes there is no need to return the form. Thank you.

GRADUATE PROFILE: Last year work began on the development of a Puhinui Graduate Profile. Essentially a graduate profile is made up of important attributes and characteristics that support good learning and personal success. We hope to develop these characteristics and attributes so that by the time students leave in Year 6 they are well equipped and ready to move successfully into their intermediate years of education. Our graduate profile includes 5 key domains. They are Academic, School Values, Life Habits, Communication and Service. Teachers are currently exploring how we integrate and develop an awareness of these key domains in our daily learning. The graduate profile is one part of the Puhinui Curriculum we are currently developing. In this years parent consultations we are sharing information about the graduate profile with parents who attend.

MATHS TOOLS AND REPRESENTATIONS: Over the last two years teachers have been involved in professional development in the curriculum area of maths at Puhinui School. This has included major changes to the structure of our maths programme and the teaching style. One aspect we are focusing on in 2019 relates to the area we call tools and representations. Essentially this means we are providing maths equipment, materials and counting tools that students can manipulate and use when working out maths problems. We are also teaching students how to illustrate, or represent their mathematical thinking through drawing objects, shapes, arrays and number representations like number lines. The basic premise for this approach is to help students build schema (visual mind maps) as part of the way they respond to, answer and articulate their mathematical thinking. It is part of a wider appreciation around this mathematical approach backed by contemporary research into how students learn mathematical concepts. This research is headed by a Stanford professor Jo Boaler, who was recently in New Zealand. The website link: <https://www.youcubed.org/> has a lot of informative information that may help parents appreciate how we are approaching maths at Puhinui School.

SWIS AND PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NOTICES: Parents please see attached with this newsletter two notices, one in relation to parents who have children going to Papatoetoe Intermediate School next year. This is advising parents of the BOT election nominations for Papatoetoe Intermediate School. The second letter relates to our family support worker Anna Alder, who is offering parent support programmes and your expressions of interest. Please read carefully and respond accordingly if you are interested.

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. There are two consultations left for the year. The dates for these meetings are detailed below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	Term 1	3rd April (Completed)
<input type="checkbox"/> General	Term 2	15th May (Completed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasifika	Term 2	12th June (Coming up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Maori	Term 3	31st July (Early Term 3)

On Wednesday evening we met with parents from our smaller ethnicity groups. Thank you to those parents who attended this consultation. At the consultation we shared the progress on the graduate profile and asked our parents their perspective on our mission and vision statements. The information we received from our consultations is helping us build clarity in our mission and vision at Puhinui School. We appreciate our parents point of view. The consultations help us consider your perspectives as we continue to shape our Puhinui Curriculum design.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: With the winter months coming it is time to think about ensuring your child has the correct school uniform. Please consider purchasing the polar fleece jacket to keep your child warm. If your child walks to and from home you may wish to consider getting a shower proof jacket as well. Another option for winter is the long sleeve polo shirt. We want to ensure we maintain our sense of pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform is a part of what we do. We also have some second hand uniforms available at school, please call in to the office, if you would like to purchase any. Non-uniform clothing items such as long sleeved shirts that are not school uniform should not be worn under the school uniform. Girls tights are to be forest green or black. Beanies can be purchased through our uniform suppliers, Angel's Fashion 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 school beanies to and from school and during breaks. They will not be worn inside the classroom and must be worn appropriately at all times. The cost of the school beanie is \$18 and are available from Angel's Fashion now. Uniforms can be purchased from our supplier, Angels Fashions, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe.

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 were mailed to all eligible candidates. For students enrolled after the 8th of May, their nomination papers will be mailed by Friday the 22 May. 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 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. If you have not received a nomination form and wish to nominate someone, please call into the school office. Thank you.

SKiDS: A reminder SKiDS provide before and after school care for students at Puhinui School. Please collect a programme from the office or see a SKiDS staff member before, or after school in the Tech room. Alternatively you can contact **Becca on 0800 754377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.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]. 6 sessions in Term 2: 18th May, 25th May, 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Lucien Manukonga from Room 22 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 _____

**REGISTRATION OF INTEREST
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS TO
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

Registrations of Interest are invited for up to four appointments to the Board of Trustees governing Papatoetoe Intermediate School. The School is a decile 2, urban, state intermediate school situated in Motatau Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland, providing education for students in Years 7 and 8.

The school has an alternative constitution which allows for four people to be appointed by the Director of Education for Auckland to the board of trustees.

The board of trustees is a Crown Entity. In its governance role, the board is the employer of all school staff, sets the school's overall direction and is future focused. The overriding focus and primary duty of effective trusteeship is the quality of education that each of the school's students receives. Trustees need a balance of skills and experiences. They need to work well in a team, be able to put strategies in place for the school's future, ask challenging questions, have good communication skills and represent the diversity of the school's students. It also helps to have an understanding of financial matters, the education sector and experience in managing people.

The term of appointment is for up to three years. Applicants should preferably have knowledge and experience of school governance. Knowledge of developing and maintaining relationships with Māori parents, whānau and community is highly desirable.

For more information and an application package please contact Pulotu Selio Solomon on ph 09 632 9405 or email selio.solomon@education.govt.nz.

Applications, with a copy of a current CV and completed eligibility attestation form, must be received by 5pm on Friday, 17 May 2019.

PUHINUI SCHOOL BUILDING AWESOME WHANAU: We know that in our busy lives basic things like spending quality time with your child and maintaining routines can slip by the wayside without us even noticing.

Our school social worker (SWiS) will be facilitating a parenting programme called Building Awesome Whanau (Families) for parents who are interested in learning helpful strategies and positive ways to develop their parenting skills to build positive family relationships. A range of topics and strategies will be discussed such as, behaviour management strategies, developing good routines and structures within the home, building trust and establishing communication.

The programme will be held at school in the Hornby Suite and there will be no cost to participate.

We will be having an information meeting at school on Thursday 30th May at 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. to introduce the programme and to explain the content for those who may be interested. There is no obligation at this point. All parents / caregivers are welcome to attend and learn a bit more about the programme.

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office if you are interested in attending the information meeting.

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I will be attending the information meeting for the parenting programme, Building Awesome Whanau on Thursday 30th May at 4.00 p.m.

Name _____

Child's name _____

Room _____