



# PUHINUI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

20 June 2019

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

Welcome to our Term 2, Week 8 newsletter. This week we are pleased to announce the Deputy Leaders for our school houses:

Blue - Mele Boaza-Tangi  
Red - Cash Johnson

Green - Jupnoor Singh  
Gold - Rachael Manukonga

Congratulations to these well deserving leaders of our Year 5 and Year 6 Team.

**SAFETY AROUND ROADS:** This week our community constable has been in to the Junior classes to talk with them about being safe around the roads. The children enjoy seeing Constable Marina and learning about road safety. Children have learnt a simple and safe way to approach roads in our community to keep them safe. **Stop, Look and Listen**, before you cross the street. Use your eyes, your ears, before you use your feet.

**WALKING SAFELY HOME:** Last week a neighbouring school reported a stranger acting suspiciously around their school. Parents please talk to your children and remind them to make sure they walk straight home. If approached by a stranger, do not engage in a conversation, or go to them. If your child is in doubt they should go to the nearest house or shop where they know they will be safe and there will be other people that can help them.

**NEW STAFF MEMBER:** Welcome to Miss Rachel McKay who will be teaching in Rm 23 until the end of the year. We wish her all the best as she develops her teaching abilities with Puhinui School.

**ZONE SPORTS:** On Tuesday our rugby, soccer and netball teams participated in the Papatoetoe Primary Winter Zone Day. This year the respective codes were extremely competitive with the results spread evenly across a number of schools. Well done to all students who participated in the zone day sports. Our sportsmanship was excellent and although a few results didn't fall our way teams on the whole played to win. Our successful teams this year were:

Netball A, first equal  
Netball F, second equal

Rugby under 50s, second place  
Soccer Boys B, second place

**POEMS RM18** Here are some sensory poems about the seasons written by Rm18 students.

<p><b>Winter</b> Winter is icy white It tastes like hot chocolate with marshmallows It sounds like wind blowing from the cloudy skies It tastes like fresh warm yummy cookies It feels like soft crunchy snow with little white pieces of ice It looks like snow falling</p> <p>by Megan</p>	<p><b>Summer</b> Summer is bright yellow It smells like a barbeque cooking It feels like the warm sun shining on me It tastes like strawberry ice cream It sounds like people excitedly playing at the beach It looks like me diving into a gigantic pool filled with people</p> <p>by Alejandro</p>	<p><b>Winter</b> Winter is snowy white like ice It feels like a bright big fireplace warming up my little hands It smells like a toasty yummy bread straight from the toaster It looks like tiny camouflaged snowflakes falling from the sky It sounds like a fireplace with crackling logs It tastes like hot chocolate with whipped cream and giant marshmallows.</p> <p>by Shanaya</p>
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**BOT ELECTION INFORMATION:** Today Thursday 20th June the election votes will be counted. Tomorrow we will be able to confirm the Puhinui parent elect for our Board. Next week we will contact and carry out an induction for our new Board members prior to our first BOT meeting on Monday 1st July.

**REPORTS:** A reminder that mid year reports will be sent home next Friday 28th June. A reminder parent conferences will be on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July. Confirmation times will be sent home on Friday with your child's school report.

**FAREWELL:** Sadly, at the end of this term we will be farewelling Miss Mei Tung currently teaching in Room 18. We would like to thank Miss Tung for the contributions she has made to Puhinui School and the students that she has taught. We wish her all the best for the future and good luck in her next adventure. While we farewell Miss Tung, we welcome back Mrs Vicki Appleton. Mrs Appleton will begin on Monday, the first day of Term 3 in Room 18.

**PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE:** The intermediate have sent out enrolment information for 2020. Please note if your child is attending Papatoetoe Intermediate next year, In zone enrolments are due on 23 August. Out of zone applicants will be open from July 22 and will close 4 September. Information packs will arrive to local primary schools for students early in Term 3.

**SKIDS:** A reminder SKiDS provide before and after school care for students at Puhinui School during term time. They also provide care for children during the holidays. You would have received a flyer in relation to this last week. Alternatively you can collect a holiday 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](mailto: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]. Last session in Term 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

**PASIFIKA CONSULTATION:** Last week we met with parents from our Pasifika ethnicity groups. Thank you to the parents that came along and contributed to the work we are doing on our mission, vision and graduate profile. We enjoyed the ideas the parents shared with us and the discussion we had together. It is interesting that in all our consultations parents have been very positive and supportive of the school. We appreciate the support and we hope to continue serving our community well. Other consistent themes that have come through are around the importance of values, respect for cultures, the importance of diversity for our students and the community. Following on from our consultation please see a small survey questionnaire. We would appreciate you completing it and sending it back to school. Please remember to say what language or culture your icons and phrases are from. When complete please return his part of the newsletter to your child's classroom teacher or to the office.

***Please respond to these questions:***

1. What are some of the iconic images that represent your culture?  
(please write or send pictures back to use with an explanation)...

2. What are some simple well known language phrases from your culture?

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Sahej Saini from Room 14 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 \_\_\_\_\_