



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

TERM 3 BEGINS: Welcome back to all our Puhinui families and whanau. We hope you were able to enjoy time with your children during our term break. Term 3 is one of the best terms for students as they accelerate the learning from Term 1 and Term 2. Please take the time to encourage your child/children to make the most of this term. Students who are focussed and productive will do very well in Term 3. A reminder to please have good morning and night routines so children are on time to school and have the energy they require to maximise their learning.

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS: We welcome Mrs Harland and Mrs Hechter who will teach in Room 25 while Miss Chapman is away during Term 3. A special welcome back to Mrs Appleton who will join the Year 3 and 4 team in Room18. All 3 teachers have had a long term connection to the school and we are really pleased to have 3 great teachers back with us. Mrs Harland and Mrs Hechter are continuing as long term relieving teachers. Mrs Appleton has joined our team as a permanent staff member.

MIHI WHAKATAU: In the first week of each term we have a mihi whakatau to welcome new students, staff and whanau. If you are a new family to Puhinui School, you will receive an invitation to the mihi whakatau which will be held on Friday, 26 July. Beginning time is 9.10 a.m. in the auditorium. All whanau meet in the staffroom, new students go to their classes and then they will join parents prior to the mihi whakatau.

ROOFING UPGRADES: During the next month we have roofing crews working across the school. New roofing is replacing old across Rooms 9 - 14, Rooms 3 - 8 and Rooms 15 - 18, the Te Ara Centre is also having a roofing up-grade. You will see numerous scaffolds across the school and alternative entrance ways to classes will be required depending upon where scaffolds have been erected. Please be aware that there will be alternative organisation requirements and routines for classes over this time period. Please take guidance from your child's classroom teacher. This week our junior students from Rooms 9 - 14 will need to be released from the quad area. Please make your way to the quad if you are collecting your child at the end of the day. Please note that we have carried out all health and safety requirements. We anticipate minimal disruption to student learning and programmes will continue as normal. Unfortunately we have limited drinking tap accessibility whilst this project is occurring. It may be beneficial for your child to bring their own water over the next few weeks.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL: All visitors and parents, a reminder during the day please report to the office. It is important that our school remains a safe place for students and staff. If you have not got a visitors pass you will be asked to report to the office. Please make sure that as a parent or family member the correct procedures are followed. If you are coming in for the end of day pick up without reporting to the office from 2.30 p.m. please make sure you stay close to your child's classroom and please refrain from walking around the school. A reminder during roofing upgrades students may require different pick up points. Teachers can help advise you on where these may be.

CROSS COUNTRY: Term 3 is our traditional cross country term and our syndicate fitness

programmes focus on continual activity for 10-15 minutes. Please support our school cross country which will be held on Thursday 1st of August, with a start time of approximately 1 p.m. More information will follow, and we hope you are able to attend this event. From this school cross country day, we select our top runners who begin training for the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Cross Country Zones. This will be held later in the term. All our students are expected to participate to the best of their ability. Distances have been designed for the age and level of ability for students. The cross country is an important part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum. The aim of our curriculum is to continually promote healthy active lifestyles as well as provide the appropriate level of challenge for students. Good luck to all our students next week.

TERM OVERVIEW: A reminder you can view our Term 3 school calendar on our website (<http://www.puhinui.school.nz/>). Please note the important school events that are applicable to you. Some important and of note events include:

Thursday 1st August	School Cross Country.
Tuesday 13th August	Kids Sing competition for our school choir.
Thursday 15th August	Mathex Competition.
Tuesday 20th August	Rippa Rugby.
Starting 2nd September	Pasifika week
5th September	Papatoetoe Choir Festival, Vodafone events Centre.
Tuesday 10th September	Zone Cross Country.
Starting 16th September	Science week.
Tuesday 24th September	Gymnastics Zones.

LUNCHES: Due to increasing costs, a sausage roll now costs \$2.00. Below is a list of pies with prices available for purchase.

Small mince pie	\$1.50	Regular mince and cheese pie	\$2.00
Potato top pie	\$2.00	Chicken and gravy pie	\$2.00
Bacon and egg pie	\$2.00	Apple pie	\$2.00
Sausage roll	\$2.00	Juice drink	\$2.00

A reminder, lunches are available on Mondays and Fridays only. Orders are taken in the auditorium before school and delivered to the child's room at lunchtime.

GENERAL INFORMATION POLICE 105 LINE: NZ Police have recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. They have done this to make it easier to access police services in the event of non-urgent situations or for events 'which have already happened', and that don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call the police on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft from a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add information to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are **happening now**.

SKiDS: A reminder SKiDS provide before and after school care for students at Puhinui School during term time. You can 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.**

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Mahalia Walker from Room 11 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 _____