



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

12 September 2019

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

**MEASLES INFORMATION:** We have been fortunate not to have had any reports of measles at Puhinui, or across the Papatoetoe Area. At any moment we are ready to advise our parent community if an outbreak was to affect students at our school. A reminder if your children are not immunised there will be a stand down quarantine period. Fortunately we have very few students who are not immunised. For any parents wishing to take advantage of the free measles vaccine for 1 to 50 year olds, these are available at Manukau Superclinic Conference room. Nurses will be vaccinating all week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are also free Measles vaccines available at Kidz First Clendon Clinic for the next 3 weeks.

**SCIENCE WEEK NEXT WEEK:** Thank you to all parents and whanau who have indicated that they will be coming to our Science afternoon this coming Wednesday the 18th of September. Our start time is 1.40 p.m. The children have been practising their experiments and they are really excited to be involving you in their science activities. There is no set timetable so please come in and classes will begin the show soon after the bell for the afternoon. If you have more than one child please feel free to move from one class to the next throughout the afternoon. Once you have been amazed in class please go through to the auditorium where there are science fair boards on display. Each classroom has contributed science boards for our fair. There are a lot of really interesting science experiences that the students have been involved in. It has been a highly engaging term of science for the students. It is exciting to think that many of our students could one day become a scientist and explore the world around us.

**SCIENCE EXPLANATIONS:** At last weeks assembly 2 students from Room 16 read out science explanations they have done in class:

*On Monday Room 16 did a balloon rocket experiment. We enjoyed watching the balloon smash into the chair. I will tell you the science behind it. When you blow the balloon up you are actually blowing carbon dioxide and when you let go the carbon dioxide comes out of the balloon and it has much more force that it pushes the balloon in the opposite direction just like a rocket. When the balloon smashed into the chair it stopped it from going anywhere else. This is because the chair has more force than the balloon. It was fun doing the balloon rocket experiment, I hope we can do it again soon.*  
By Jaden

*The Rainbow Experiment*

*The first thing we did was get a clear glass and filled it up with water to halfway. Then we got 1 can of shaving foam and put it on top of the water. The shaving foam was a cloud. The clouds fill up with water before it rains so we filled our shaving foam with tiny droplets of food colouring. The food colouring was like the water in the clouds. In the cloud the tiny water droplets bump each other and join together becoming bigger and heavier. In our shaving foam we had to wait to see if the water droplets would bump together and fall down. Soon it came down and went into the water, it rained the colours. That is how you do the rainbow rain experiment.*  
By Airah

**TIRONUI TRUST BAND PERFORMANCE:** The Tironui Trust have arranged for Papatoetoe primary school bands to perform at the Otara Markets on Saturday 21st September from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. All band members are encouraged to come and play on the day. If you are at the markets be sure to come along and support the members. The Trust are hoping for a good turn out and to help promote in the community the talented students we have.

**CHOIR:** Last Thursday evening our school choir participated in the Papatoetoe Primary and Intermediate Choir Festival at the Vodafone Events Centre. Mr Read was the choir master and Mrs Bird the pianist. The students did outstandingly well with many memorable items during the evening. There was a wide range of whole choir and individual school songs. A number of talented students were also involved in solo spots and speaking parts. For those who were able to attend we hope you enjoyed the evening. The venue is a special place for the students and it makes for a memorable occasion that the students will remember for a long time to come.

**NZ MĀORI CONSULTATION:** A couple of weeks ago we had a Māori parents and whanau hui in the Library. Thank you to all members of our Māori community who were able to join us for this occasion. A special thank you to our Māori team for running an enjoyable afternoon filled with interesting information and kapa haka performances from our students Te Roopu Ahurea. Mrs Waimotu and the team are doing some exciting things for students in Ta O Māori at our school. A special mention to Boston and Hemana, who did a great job in explaining how they solved maths problems using mathematical strategies.

**PASIFIKA WEEK:** Each term we identify a week relating to the celebration of our various student cultures. Last week we celebrated the cultural diversity of our Pasifika students. As always we take a positive and inclusive approach to celebrating the diversity of our families and their cultures. We are very fortunate to live in such a diversity rich community. Throughout the week students were involved in a wide variety of Pasifika themed events. On Friday students came to school dressed in Pasifika themed clothing. Thank you to all students, teachers and family members who helped make Pasifika week memorable for the students. In week 10 we will finish this term with a special assembly that will include a range of cultural dances. This assembly will begin at 1.50 p.m.

**DAFFODIL DAY:** Thank you to the families that provided a gold coin donation on Daffodil Day. We were able to raise \$593.60 for the Cancer Society. For more information about Daffodil day and the cancer society please visit <https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/>.

**OKE GARDEN PROJECT:** Last Thursday the OKE charity and volunteers built an awesome garden for us in just one day! The garden includes raised beds, vines, a fruit orchard, a seedling green house poly tunnel, garden shed, vines and native saplings. A special thank you to Paul Dickson CGG - Chief Go-Getter (Founder) OKE Charity, the whole team and the students from Manurewa High School for building the raised beds and the student seats. Our task is to now develop a programme for growing and sustaining well kept gardens. If you are interested in helping please see our office staff. They will take your details and forward it to one of the lead garden teachers Miss Zoutenbier, Miss Miller or Miss Franklin.

**ASSEMBLY:** Please note we have made an adjustment to the seating arrangements at assembly. When parents and whanau come to assembly they will be seated on the entrance side of the auditorium. This will give us the extra space on the bleachers for the extra students we have at Puhinui. Currently our student roll is at 664. We look forward to seeing you for our last assembly for the term on Friday 27 September (week 10) at 1.50 p.m. This will be a special cultural dance assembly.

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Fati Raukawa-Ohlson from Room 18 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 \_\_\_\_\_