



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

26 September 2019

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Families,

**END OF TERM:** Our last day for this term is this Friday 27th September. We hope families enjoy the 2 week break and parents are able to enjoy some time with their children over this time. It has been a busy, rewarding term of learning and that the children get a chance to enjoy a well deserved break and recharge ready for Term 4. We look forward to seeing all our students back at school on Monday 14th October at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

**PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS:** The Papatoetoe Intermediate school office will be open in the second week of the school holidays (Monday 7th October - Friday 11th October) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. if any families would like to enrol their child for 2020.

**FAREWELL MRS TERESA:** Sadly, we farewell Mrs Teresa Turua, our school Librarian at the end of this term. Teresa has been working at Puhinui School for 9 years. We wish her all the best in whatever her next journey will involve in terms of, work, study and of course, family. Thank you Mrs Teresa, the students will miss your gentle, loving librarian nature. Good luck.

**MUFTI DAY:** Tomorrow (Friday) we have a mufti day to help raise funds for the Westpac Helicopter service. For a gold coin donation, students are able to wear something that captures their personality. Parents please note we don't expect children to go and buy something especially for mufti day.

**MEASLES INFORMATION:** We would like to acknowledge the great work by the vast majority of our Puhinui community in terms of immunisation against measles. Well done parents we have 664 students at Puhinui School and 99.1% of them are immunised. We have only a handful of students who are not immunised against measles and this has meant that our ability to manage any possible outbreaks has been highly successful. We currently have no reported cases of students from our school having contracted measles. Having said that, we have had 2 confirmed cases of family members with measles. On Tuesday we were notified of a quarantine period for the students who have not been immunised. The families of these students have been contacted and the small number of students have been quarantined and will not attend school for the remaining few days of this term. To reassure all of our parents, please remember that for all children who have been immunised there is no reason not to be at school for the remaining days of Term 3. If you have any concerns please discuss these with your family doctor or make contact with the ARPHS Healthline on 0800 611 116.

**SCIENCE WEEK:** Thank you to all parents and whanau who attended our science week afternoon last week, we had approximately 405 family members at our science afternoon! It was a great success and the students were really excited and thoroughly motivated by the number of parents and family members who were able to attend. Our school places a high value on our students being able to develop their scientific knowledge and passion for science in 'hands on' motivating ways. We hope a great many of you were able to also view the outstanding range of science boards the classes put together in the auditorium. This was another example of the interesting and wide ranging science experiments that the students have been involved in this term. To conclude our science week, Mr 'Mad Scientist' Read put on a great, high energy, funny science assembly. The students were thoroughly entertained. Well done to our science team who planned an excellent term of science, a big thank you to our teachers, staff and parents for making this term so successful. Finally to our students, it is very pleasing to see how many love science and see science as a subject they are motivated by and will hopefully continue to enjoy throughout their learning in our educational system.

**CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS:** Last Tuesday our cross country team participated in the Papatoetoe Primary Cross Country Zones at Puhinui Reserve. It was a successful day for our teams with four teams placed first, one team placed second and one team placed third. The full team was placed first overall! Congratulations to the entire cross country team producing a very pleasing result for our school. One of the key factors in our success came from the focused training and preparation time we put in as a team. Another pleasing aspect about our success was that each team member contributed to our overall success. For the teams to do well, each team member has to combine to make the lowest possible score. Although we didn't actually get many individual placings as a team we were highly successful because our overall level of fitness combined to reflect the lowest score and therefore the winning score. Well done to all of our cross country team!

**Team Placings**

9yr Girls First	9yr Boys Third	10yr Girls Second
10yr Boys First	11yr Girls First	11yr Boys First

**Individual Placings**

9yr Girls	First	Jessica Wharton-Benedict
	Third	Ane Fihaki
10yr Boy	Third	Boston Nau
11yr Girls	First	Anayah Nisha

**Overall School Placings**

Puhinui First 386 points    Holy Cross Second 613 points    Papatoetoe Central Third 783 points

**GYMNASTICS ZONES:** On Tuesday, our gymnastics team went to GymCity for the Papatoetoe Primary Gymnastics Zones. Our teams were highly competitive and performed very well on the day. For many of our team members gymnastics is a sport they have little experience in. When we go to the zones we are often competing against students who are gymnastic club members. We are always very pleased with how well they compete and in how much improvement they make through our time training and preparing for the zones. This year it was an extremely tight competition and there were very few points separating all teams across the year groups. Congratulations to our teams, and thank you to our coaches for helping prepare the students for the zones.

**Gymnastics results:**

**Team Placings**

Y3 & 4 Girls Puhinui 6th	Y3 & 4 Boys Puhinui 3rd
Y5 Girls Puhinui 4th	Y5 Boys Puhinui 2nd
Y6 Girls Puhinui 6th	Y6 Boys Puhinui 3rd

**Individual placings**

Y5 Boys	Troy Le	1st Bar, 3rd Floor, 1st Vault	First Overall
Y5 Boys	Levi Scott	2nd Bar, 1st Floor	Second Equal Overall
Y6 Boys	Israel Tanielu	3rd Floor, 3rd Vault	Third Equal Overall

**ASSEMBLY:** This week our final assembly for the term is lead by our cultural performing groups. We have a wide variety of cultural groups from across the school performing at this assembly. We hope you can make it. Assembly will begin at 1.50 p.m.

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Faith Parkes 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 \_\_\_\_\_