



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

4 February 2020

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Families,

Welcome back to Puhinui School for the 2020 school year. We hope your children are well rested and ready for a year of success at Puhinui School. To our new students and their families, welcome to Puhinui School, we hope your first few days have been positive and you feel settled at your new school. At Puhinui our aim is to provide the best education possible for each student. We hope to establish positive encouraging partnerships with each family. Together we are able to ensure students build confidence and become well rounded young people.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS: A special welcome to our new teachers to Puhinui School for 2020. Miss Melissa Ansin who will be teaching in Room 6, Miss Sophie Gallagher Room 16, Miss Alana Doyle Room 18 and Mrs Debbie Job Room 21. We look forward to working with you and we hope you quickly settle into our school.

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 should have received an invitation to the Mihi Whakatau. This will begin at 9.10 a.m. in the auditorium this Friday, the 7th February. All whanau meet in the staffroom. Students go to class to start the day and for marking the roll. They will then meet their parents outside the Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you on Friday. A reminder there will be no assembly this week due to the Mihi Whakatau. Our first assembly will be Week 3, Friday 21 February at 1.50 p.m.

WAITANGI DAY: Please remember that Waitangi Day is this Thursday, 6th of February. This is a public holiday and school will be closed.

Reminder:	Wednesday 5th	school is open as usual, 8.50 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
	Thursday 7th	school is closed for Waitangi Day
	Friday 8th	school is open as usual, 8.50 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

2020 TERM DATES:

Term 1	Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 20 July to 25 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Monday 12 October to Friday 11 December	9 weeks

TERM ONE CALENDAR: For information relating to special events and dates this term please go to the Puhinui School website (<http://www.puhinui.school.nz/>). Up-coming events are shown on the bottom right hand-side of the home page. Underneath there is a link to the school parent calendar. Not all events will be applicable to your child or children but you will be able to note those that are. When there are events which involve your child, you will be informed by a notice or letter.

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day for students commences at 8.50 a.m. and ends at 3.00 p.m. We ask that parents ensure that their children are at school in plenty of time to organise themselves for the start of school and have time to talk to and play with their friends before the class bell rings. The breaks during the day are:

Morning break	10.50 a.m. to 11.10 a.m.	Lunch break	12.40 p.m. to 1.40 p.m.
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PUNCTUALITY: Please keep in mind the importance of punctuality. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children are at school on time. Lateness is learned behaviour, as is being punctual. By establishing good routines at home, children learn how to manage their time well. Parents please work with us in relation to improving student's punctuality. The school bell rings in the morning at 8.50 a.m., please ensure your child is at school between 8 a.m. and 8.40 a.m.

HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 1 AND TERM 4: Please ensure your child is wearing their school hat this term. Hats can be purchased from the school uniform provider, Angels Fashion, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe. Hats are brimmed, gold in colour and have our school emblem on them. Students must wear their hats when outside, if they have not got a hat they will be expected to be sitting in the designated shady areas of the school. Please name your child's hat. Only our gold school hat is to be worn.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday the 26th of February (Week 4). These are beginning of the year conferences to discuss how your child has settled back in at school and any insights or issues the teachers may wish to discuss with you. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

SWIMMING: Swimming is a compulsory part of the New Zealand Curriculum. If your child has a medical condition preventing him or her from swimming, a signed note from you is required. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel on their swimming days. Our aim is to ensure all students have the water confidence they may one day need to keep them safe from harm in and around water.

CORONAVIRUS: The Ministry of Education has released advice for schools about Coronavirus and schools are continuing to be updated daily on the impact the virus could have on schools and communities. Currently the advice from the Ministry of Education is that any student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to Wuhan or Hubei province in China, or has been in close contact with someone confirmed with the Coronavirus, is asked to delay the start of their school year for 14 days. To our knowledge we have had no parents or students that this applies to. Parents are asked to please be active in seeking medical advice through the Healthline on 0800611116 or by contacting their GP. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available. If you have information that needs to be shared with us at school, please ring the office on 092788703.

Please note that Principal's have been given the authority (under Section 19 Education Act), to preclude (on reasonable grounds) a student, if they believe they may have a communicable disease until they have been given a medical all clear.

DENTAL HUB: Dental services are accessed from 2C Grayson Avenue. The parking directly outside the clinic is provided for dental staff and parents of children being treated. The dental hub's phone number is 278 1975.

SKIDS: Our new before and after school care providers have started well this term. The feedback from parents has been positive and the children have enjoyed the variety of activities being offered in the daily programme. To contact SKIDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>. Term 1 costs will be the same as they currently are.

GRAYSON AVENUE ACCESSWAY: This was designed as a drop off zone in the mornings and a pick up zone at the end of school. The parking is limited and cannot accommodate parking for everyone. When parents show patience and consideration for others, traffic flows and children are dropped off and picked up successfully. Please show patience and respect for others. By doing so we keep everyone safe. Staff members are on duty to help facilitate and encourage road safety in and around our school. Once again, we appreciate your assistance in keeping our students safe.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: As you will be aware our Public Health Nurse (PHN) Leata is at Puhinui School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She runs a Manakidz Clinic that offers free sore throat and skin health assessment and treatment. If you have hearing and/or vision concerns for your child the PHN can assess them and refer for wax removal, a hearing test or specialist input if required. She also follows up any new entrants students with overdue immunisations. Being a Community Nurse Prescriber, she can provide free assessment and treatment for pain, fever, itchy skin, antibiotics and creams for skin, eye, ear infections, urinary tract infection, barrier and moisturising creams for eczema and laxatives for constipation. If your child has head lice she can provide free shampoos for your child and family. Leata can also provide Nicotine Replacement Therapy for any adults wanting to quit smoking. This is a free service, so please do utilise the Public Health Nurse at school. She can be contacted at the school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or on her mobile number 021 241 6711.

LUNCHES: Pie sales will resume on Monday the 10th of February. Orders are taken in the Auditorium before school and delivered to your child's room at lunchtime. On Mondays or Fridays, the lucky lunch winner is able to order their free lunch from the Auditorium before 8.50 a.m. Pies available for purchase are:

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

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Please sign and return this slip to school tomorrow so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's Signature _____ Child's Name _____ Room _____

Staff for 2020 Beginning of the Year

Principal: Mr M. Elder
Assistant Principal: Mrs S. Valeli
Assistant Principal: Mr L. Mose
Learning Support Programmes: Mrs L. Borrie (SENCO)

Senior School:

Miss A. Garvie	Room 1	Yrs 5 & 6
Miss T. Dobbs (TL)	Room 3	Yrs 5 & 6
Mrs M. Waimotu	Room 4	Yrs 5 & 6
Miss A. Miller	Room 5	Yrs 5 & 6
Miss M. Ansin	Room 6	Yrs 5 & 6
Mrs B. Wright	Room 7	Yrs 5 & 6
Mr M. Khan	Room 8	Yrs 4 & 5

Middle School:

Mrs K. Krishna	Room 15	Yrs 3 & 4
Miss S. Gallagher	Room 16	Yrs 3 & 4
Miss N. Oates (TL)	Room 17	Yrs 3 & 4
Miss A. Doyle	Room 18	Yrs 3 & 4
Miss S. Graham	Room 19	Yrs 3 & 4
Miss N. McCoskrie	Room 20	Yrs 3 & 4
Mrs D. Job	Room 21	Yrs 3 & 4
Mrs N. Lameko	Room 22	Yrs 3 & 4

Junior School:

Miss A. Dreadon	Room 9	Yr 2
Mrs J. Wells (TL)	Room 10	Yr 2
Miss C. Barry	Room 12	Yr 2
Miss S. Zoutenbier	Room 14	Yr 2
Mrs J. Virk	Room 13	Yrs 1 & 2
Miss S. Ashley	Room 11	Yr 1
Ms P. Kirkwood	Room 23	Yr 1
Miss K. Chapman	Room 25	Yr 1
Miss C. Tailby	Room 24	NE/Yr 1
Miss K. Franklin	Room 26	NE/Yr 1
Miss A. Cave (TL)		

(TL – Team Leader)

ICT: Mr S. Pedersen, Mr D. Tia
Music Teacher: Mr B. Read
Part Time Teachers: Mrs J. Ravji, Mr A. Khan
Secretary/Admin: Miss L. Campbell, Miss M. Levi
School Librarian: Mrs J. Gow

Teacher Assistants:

Miss D. Borrie, Mrs L. Cave, Mrs N. Chalmers, Mrs M. Daji, Mrs L. Doherty, Miss K. Habib, Mrs H. Haylock, Mrs J. Hones, Mrs D. Lunny, Mrs K. McGregor, Mrs V. Nehme, Mrs C. Palalagi, Mrs S. Nisha, Mr G. Stanisich, Mrs W. Vosloo

Te Ara Centre Staff: Mrs J. Frost, Mrs S. Munthree, Miss M. Prasad

School Caretaker: Mr C. Valeli

School Cleaner: Mrs G. Falaniko