



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Families,

**SCHOOL MONITORS:** To help a school run efficiently we need a number of jobs that require people to perform them. Many of these jobs needing to be done are carried out by our school monitors, most of whom are Year 5 and 6 students. Examples of monitors jobs include, road patrol, rubbish, mail, recycling, librarian and wet weather monitors. There are a large number of students who are involved in helping the school run efficiently. My purpose for mentioning our monitors is to make a point of acknowledging their contributions to our school and to thank them for the work they do. By being diligent and carrying out their specific duties they help our school and learn to live our school motto, 'Others Before Self.'

**MIHI WHAKATAU:** A special thank you to the parents and whanau who were able to attend our welcoming for new students, families and staff members. Once again it was well received by those who we welcomed to our school for the first time. A special thank you to Mr Raj Kumar who spoke on behalf of the manuhiri. As always the Mihi Whakatau is a special occasion and wonderful way to welcome new people to our school. Thank you to Mrs Waimotu and the Maori Team for your excellent organisation and preparation.

**GRAYSON AVENUE ACCESSWAY:** A reminder to parents and family members who are dropping and picking up children from the drop off zone. Please stay in your cars while in the drop off zone. Children will come down to you. This applies to all our students including our junior children. They are all capable of walking to you and it helps keep the drop off zone working as smoothly as possible. If you wish to park, please do so in the lower car parking area. Please note parking in this area, the accessway will be closed until 3.15 p.m. This means you need to wait until the teachers have finished their duty before you will be able to leave the car park area.

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.

**CAR PARKING AND LOCAL BUSINESS:** Parents please be respectful of how you park on the streets in Grayson Avenue, our local businesses have been very accommodating and patient with us and some of our community are taking advantage of their hospitality. The Cavalier Carpets Company are an example, with numerous cars parking and parents collecting their children blocking their employees in. Please do not park across or in their car parking area. If the following cars could please use an alternative place to park:

Toyota GSL567	Suzuki LBM491	Mitsubishi MNB720	Mitsubishi EFQ937
Mazda MDM953	Suzuki HWD707	MFK298	Toyota KAT905
Nissan MDQ965	Jeep KE5H	Mitsubishi EFQ937	MEZ620

Please be advised the company will ring the council and you may end up with a parking violation or being towed away. Please consider using the back streets such as Plunket Avenue, Fitzroy Street, York Road and Bledisloe Street. They are not far from school and a 10 minute walk can be good for us all.

**SPLISH, SPLOSH, SPLASH DAY:** Last week our junior school had a wonderful morning of fun water activities. There were a range of stations and students enjoyed the thrill of being hosed, sprinkled, washed, bubbled, slurped, swept off their feet by the various activities. All students were active and enjoyed high levels of participation. We had a very good parent turn out and they looked like they were dying to get involved on what was a hot summer day. Congratulations to the Junior Team for a wonderful day of building water confidence and fun in and around water.

Here is a story from Matilda in Rm14:

*On splish, splosh, splash day my favourite thing was the squirt bottle and I liked squirting everyone. My favourite activity was the swimming pool with the four noodles. The next thing was the sprinkler and the sprinkler was the best because we watched Mr Elder going through the sprinkler.*

**SWIMMING SPORTS:** Last Thursday the Middle and Senior School had their team swimming sports. It was pleasing to see the water confidence and the number of students who participated in the events, particularly the fun events. Across the school our student water confidence is high, and this was evident in the participation. Our goal is to now work on transferring our confidence into the ability to swim with greater technical skill. My challenge for the Middle School students is to be able to swim non-stop to the end of the pool by the end of Term 4. For the Senior School my goal is to be able to swim freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke by the end of the year. Thank you to the parents who attended the swimming events last week, we hope you enjoyed them.

**PARENT CONFERENCES:** A reminder parent conferences are next Wednesday 26 February. Students will finish school at 1.50 p.m. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected from school at 1.50 p.m. Parent conferences begin at 2 p.m. Please be advised students should not be waiting at school for a parent conference. Students should be collected at 1.50 p.m. and then return to school with their parents at the appropriate time. No one will be available to monitor students after they have been dismissed for the day. Please contact SKiDs if you wish to make a parent conference day booking, please see the SKiDs information below for contact details.

**SKiDs:** A reminder that our after school providers are available for families who require before or after school care. They have a new Term 1 programme out. You may see this advertised around the school, and flyers have been sent home. To contact SKiDs, **ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at [puhinui@skids.co.nz](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz).** Please see our website for more information, or call into the office for a pamphlet. You can also visit them in the Tech Room before or after school if you wish.

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:** We have a new Public Health Nurse (PHN) at Puhinui School for the beginning of 2020. Nurse Deborah will be available Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Her main work is to deliver the Manakidz Clinic programme which 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 entrant 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. Nurse Deborah 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 Mondays and Thursdays, or on her mobile number 021 241 6711.

**FREE FUN ACTIVITIES:** Dream Big are running free programmes every Wednesday after school at Allenby Park for children aged 5 – 14yrs. The programme runs from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the school term. A range of games and activities will be played such as, rippa, soccer, cricket, volleyball, hip hop, zumba, gymnastics, self-defence, team building and more. Participants will be provided with water, small snacks and prizes for minute to win it games.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_