



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Covid-19

Special Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

We hope all our families are in good spirits and are coping well within your family bubble at this time. We hope things continue to ease and show progress and we look forward to seeing all students back to school and carrying on with learning. Lets hope it is not too far away, hopefully weeks and not months away.

A reminder that we continue to be updated by the MOE on circumstances specifically relating to the education of your children and in their educational wellbeing. The decisions we make are based on this information and advice.

Please note this newsletter has information relevant to home learning as well as the latest updates from the MOE on information related to students returning to school.

LEARNING FROM HOME: To access learning designed by our teachers please visit the Puhinui Website <https://www.puhinui.school.nz/>. Please note the MOE have two websites which also have a range of learning tasks that can be accessed and may be of interest to you and your children <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> and, <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Archives/Assessment/Supporting-parents>

Please be aware that all home learning for Term 2 starts on Tuesday 14th April (tomorrow). Teachers have prepared a range of learning tasks for students. Please be aware that there are a wide range of tasks. You do not have to have a device to access all learning tasks. There are learning tasks that only require you to access the website and for students to read and follow the instructions. This can be done through a phone as easily as a computer (reminder all school learning is on the Puhinui School website).

On Monday 6th April a text message was sent out to parents. This was in order to help us get an idea of who may require support with access to digital learning, who may require hard pack learning and who may need to borrow a school device. Thank you to those who responded quickly to this message. We have a good idea now of those who may require assistance if we do need to go into extended learning at home. We will continue working on distance learning in the next few weeks. We have also provided information to the MOE around families who indicated some difficulty with learning from home. They will begin distributing devices and hard packs to students at Year 11, 12 and 13 as first priority. Primary schools will more than likely be down the list in terms of priority. This would mean families are more likely to receive a borrowed school device, or a hard pack prepared by us here at Puhinui School before receiving MOE devices.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Education Minister Hipkins has hinted at a return to school being around Wednesday 28th April. Please remember this is yet to be confirmed, and it may only apply to some schools, or some year levels. Student safety of course being the first priority, and then, hopefully we can begin planning for students returning to learning at school. We would be keen to have students back as soon as possible, although we need to be calm and appreciate that the health of all our students, their families and our citizens is the most important thing. Let's hope things continue to progress well. As soon as we have confirmation of a start date back at school we will inform all parents through text message and through postings on our website.

FAREWELL MISS KYLIE CHAPMAN: Sadly, at the end of this term we say farewell to Miss Kylie Chapman who will be heading North to begin an exciting new life adventure with her fiancé. Unfortunately, with the abrupt closing of the school in Week 8, we were not able to farewell Miss Chapman the way we would normally like to. We will, however, make sure we have Kylie return at some stage, so we can give her a special morning tea and a proper goodbye. Mrs Gina Say has been appointed in place of Miss

Chapman from the beginning of Term 2. We welcome Mrs Say to our team and we look forward to seeing her in action with the Room 25 students at Puhinui School.

Thank you parents, we hope your whānau remains well.