



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Level 2

Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

This is our second week back under Covid-19 Level 2. We had a very settled, calm first week back and this week has seen a step up in moving closer to our regular learning programmes. We currently have 85% of students back at school and we hope that the majority of students still not at school are ready to return in the next few days.

SCHOOL TRACING REGISTERS: We will continue to use the tracing register stations for all visitors who enter the school. Parents who enter our gates to drop off children, or pick them up after school are required to sign the register upon entry. Thank you parents, so far everyone has been very good about this and we all understand that it is an important part of our routines for this period of time.

WATER FOUNTAINS: Next week we will reopen the water fountains for use. We are happy for you to continue encouraging your children to bring water bottles from home. This is a good habit for them to continue with.

WELCOME MISS YI LING LEE: We welcome a new member of staff to the teaching team this term. Miss Lee has started team teaching in Room 24 with Miss Tailby. Miss Lee will help us ease our roll growth in the Junior area as children enrol in Terms 3 and 4. We wish her all the best and we look forward to working with her at Puhinui School.

LUNCH ORDERS: Lunch orders are ready to resume from Friday 5th June (this is Friday of next week). Queen's Birthday is on Monday and is a public holiday. Normally we have lunch orders on Mondays and Fridays. 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:

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| 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 |

FOOD PARCELS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED: Last week we kindly received a number of food parcels from a local religious organisation for our school community. They wanted to help any of our families who may need a little extra support. We have asked teachers to share with us any families that could possibly benefit from a pack. If you know of anyone from our school that may also benefit could you please contact the school office and we will add them to our list. We will do the best we can to support them by way of a food parcel. Mrs Borrie, our learning support coordinator also has contact details for a number of support organisations that can help families too. Her contact email is: lorraine@puhinui.school.nz

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND: Please remember that next Monday is Queen's Birthday weekend. This means there is no school on Monday. Please be on time for school on Tuesday and as mentioned above we look forward to having all students back at school. We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

UNIFORM: Parents please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. This is the time of year when we notice a number of children wearing an incorrect uniform. There are a few clothing items that are especially noticeable. Coloured beanies, loose fitting non uniform long pants (especially girls wearing under shorts) and a variety of non uniform jackets. We of course do not wish to see students becoming cold, however, we do expect all students to be in correct uniform. If there are genuine reasons why a child is wearing something non regulation we ask you write a note to inform the classroom teacher. We would ask you then follow-up appropriately with the purchase of new uniform items. Please let your child's classroom teacher know if there are hardship reasons that we may not be aware of and we will do our best to work with you for alternative solutions. A reminder, we also have a small amount of second hand items available at school. School uniforms can be purchased from Angel's Fashions in Papatoetoe. Please see our website for current uniform prices and Angel's Fashion contact details.

SICK CHILDREN: Please remember if your child is sick we ask you to keep them at home and if you could also phone the office on 2788703 or freephone 0800 167 919 to let us know that would be appreciated. If a child arrives at school or becomes unwell at school we will ring home and request they are collected and taken home to recuperate. Please remember the advice from the Ministry of Health: *Stay at home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention. Follow the directions of your local health authority.*

ROAD SAFETY: Over the last few weeks we have been talking with parents who are dropping students off on the side of the road by our Puhinui Road entrance gate and those who park in the actual driveway. It is pleasing to see most parents who we have talked to are making safer choices. We would like to encourage parents to use the Grayson Avenue drop off zone and/or use the back streets and walk your children to school. Please keep in mind although it might be convenient for some, it is putting the safety of other students at risk. Thank you to all those parents and family members who are making safe choices and thinking of the safety of others.

RETURNING OF DEVICES TO SCHOOL: For the families that received a digital device from the school over the lockdown period we ask that these be returned now. We still have over 50 devices needing to be returned. These devices are now needed for learning in our classes. Please return devices and chargers to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Mr Mose has sent out letters to families as a reminder. If you need to seek clarification please contact the office and leave a message for Mr Mose and he will follow-up with you.

SKiDS OPEN: SKiDs are now open for before and after school care. Please contact SKiDS if you would like to make arrangements for care and you are not one of their regular families. To contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email SKiDs at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Please see our website for more information.

TESTING FOR COVID 19: There are community based assessment centres (CBACs) across the Auckland region where you can get assessed and tested for COVID-19. You only need to have ONE of the below symptoms to be tested:

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| Cough | Sore throat | Runny nose | Shortness of breath |
| Loss of smell | Fever | | |

If you do not have any symptoms, you will not need to be tested. If you're unsure if you need to be tested, call your family doctor or phone Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

Thank you parents, we hope your whānau remains well.