

PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

25 June 2020

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

This is Week 11 with one week of school left before the July holidays. It has been a different kind of term as we all know, however, it has also been a term of strength and opportunity, overcoming challenge and adversity. We look forward to our last week at school next week and like Matariki a new beginning in Term 3.

WRITING AT PUHINUI: This week we continue to include some more great pieces of writing from across the school. Firstly a few samples of writing from some students in the Junior School.

Leopards are deadly. They are the only cats that know how to swim they are not afraid. Leopards pounce or jump on their prey and have sharp teeth and it camouflages in the background.

By Aryan Room14

Dear Katie, it's your friend Miss Bee. Why do you take my honey? That makes me sad. You need to ask! We will go to your favourite shop K-mart to solve the problem.

By Katie Room10

Dear Roman, it's me Harry Beetle. I need to talk to you. I'm sick of being outside in the rain when you take me there. Now I'm angry and I don't like it. Anyway I prefer that maybe you could take me under the trees, that would be nice. From your friend Angry Beetle.

By Makai Room10

Here is a descriptive part of a story from Cyprez Room 1

I was inspired to walk across the Towers. They just called me crazy and said I would fall off, but that didn't stop me. I thought of a plan...I called some friends at dawn. It took us more than an hour to get the gear up the stairs. I had a bow and shot it to the other side, I didn't make it so I had to crawl down the rope and secure it properly. I stood up with my balancing pole. I was so excited to take my first step. I walked and danced, I lay down and saw the birds gliding. Out of nowhere, I could hear the police yelling, "You're under arrest." I ignored them for what felt like hours, and continued dancing for the ants below me. Eventually, I gave up and they dragged down the stairs and into court.

An excerpt from a story retold by Ashbir Room 6

It was cold and quiet, I was crouching behind a colossal rock but I was patient, waiting for the vicious lion to come out of its deep darkened cave. After a while I heard a sudden explosive roar that shook the ground, then suddenly it went back to silence. I knew it wasn't long until the savage lion showed himself. I stood my ground. Stomping sounds reached my ear, I heard a wide open yawn, rocks fell from the top of the cave. I was alert from the start but I was anxious to finish this task! I lost my patience and silently blocked the quiet cave. I almost fainted from how much the pungent smell stung my nose. When I turned around to the cave I saw two humongous fierce glowing eyes. My eyes adjusted to the darkness and soon enough I saw the lions sharp shiny claws and rough plain skin harder than the strongest metal. His tail was as long as a lizard's and his furry head almost round as a ball. I ran up to the lion and held the lion by the neck with my bare hands, I held onto the lion squeezing with all my strength. My lion let out its last breath. I came out of the cave, I stood tall and the village people cheered!

PARENT CONFERENCES: A reminder that parent conferences will be held on the first week of Term 3 on Wednesday 22 July and Thursday 23 July. Reports will go home on Tuesday the day prior to parents conferences. We have deferred reports and conferences due to Covid 19. We look forward to seeing you at the conferences. A specific conference time will be sent home on Friday the 3rd of July.

MATARIKI: June is an important month for our Māori community in terms of preparing for and celebrating the Māori New Year. Traditionally this was a time to prepare the soil for planting of crops. Like many cultures the winter time symbolises the end of the year cycle, the old giving way to the new (the cycles of life). It is a time to prepare and enjoy future times on a personal and whānau level. Next week our school will use Matariki as a theme throughout the week. Students will have the opportunity to celebrate Te ao Maori and learn about the tikanga (the ways of Māori, customs, rules and traditions). On Friday we will have a special Māori assembly. It will be the first assembly since lockdown so it

is appropriate that it coincides with Matariki, the beginning of a new cycle as we continue to reset and realign to learning in Term 3.

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT: We have been given some lovely fresh vegetables and fruit from a local charity. This will be put out for families to come and take home with them. Please help yourself to any produce which will be set up on tables at the school gates by 2.30 p.m. Take what you feel you need and leave enough for other families as well. We will have some paper bags available, however if you wish you can use your own bag.

PHOTOS: The last day for individual photos and sibling photos is tomorrow, Friday 26th June at 9.a.m. If you wish to order a photo pack, please return the envelope with the photograph proof attached and the money to the classroom teacher.

REMINDER MUFTI DAY TOMORROW: Tomorrow, Friday 26 June we have a mufti day. Your child may wear something of their choice to school in exchange for a gold coin donation that we will give to a charity organisation. Please consider the weather when helping your child decide upon what to wear as well as remembering that a child's best clothes may not be appropriate if they are doing fitness, sports or have special activities that may potentially mean their clothes will get dirty.

PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS: Cavalier Bremworth, are one of our business neighbours across from our Grayson Ave entrance. Could we please ask parents to ensure you are not parking across their car parking entrance. They have staff who at times are not able to leave around our end of school times. They are at the point where infringement notices will be given by wardens for any cars parking in their area. Could the following cars please consider this:

Toyota GSL567

Suzuki Swift LBM491

Mitsubishi NMB720

TERM DATES: A reminder that this term is a 12 week term. We are currently in week 11. The school term dates for the rest of the year remain unchanged.

Term 2: Finishes Friday 3 July at 3 p.m.

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Thursday 10 December.

ALERT LEVEL 1: School is now operating business as usual. In Alert Level 1 we will continue to focus on learning as well as maintaining the golden rules set out by the Ministry of Health (MoH):

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.

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.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Emree-Winter O'Brien from Room 8 who was the lucky lunch winner from the newsletter in March. 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 tomorrow so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

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