



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome back to all students and families, we hope for a full Term 3 with lots of great learning. This week has been a busy week with parent conferences happening. Our teachers and students have been straight back into learning programmes. All extra-curricular activities are underway. Across the school students have begun preparing for the school cross-country to be held in week 3.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Thank you to our parent community for the high level of attendance during our parent conferences. Our teachers always value the opportunity to meet and discuss each student in their class with parents. We hope you found them informative and worthwhile.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT: We have been given some lovely fresh vegetables and fruit from a local charity. This will be put out for families every Thursday and Friday for the next 3 weeks. 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.

ALERT LEVEL 1: The golden rules set out by the Ministry of Health (MoH):

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.

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS: At the end of Term 2 we celebrated Matariki and the Maori New Year. All students were involved in a range of Maori focussed activities during this time, including an end of term special Matariki assembly. Students have enjoyed learning about this special time of year for Maori and for us all as New Zealanders. Below are excerpts from the pieces of writing shared with the school at the Matariki assembly.

If I Were a Superhero for a Day

If I were a superhero for one day, I would use my super long tentacles to do all my chores so I could just run to the park and I wouldn't have to stay home all day doing boring chores! I could also fly and save people from falling off buildings.

My third superpower will be invisibility so whenever criminals come into my house I could be invisible and creep up on them, like a lion creeping up on their prey. When I do they'll be screaming like little girls crying for their mummies.

I would also have mind reading powers so I know when to run for the hills. For example, if I'm going to get a growling or if my mum tells me to do my chores, I can hide before she can find me.

Now for my outfit. I will have this awesome supergirl suit with some polka dots on it, and my hair will change colour depending on my emotions! That is all I want if I were a superhero for the day.

By Payton Tran

The Seven Fish of Matariki

There was a time when Gods ruled and protected the Earth from devil Gods but there were seven gold sparking fish living with their mother in the lovely moana.

One day, their mother told the fish, “Whakarongo, my little tamariki. I have something important to tell you. Never, ever go to the open moana and play so stay near the rocks!” She swung her tail and swam to find some food. But the little fish didn’t listen to their mother. They went to the open moana. They played and had so much fun they ignored their mother because the sun was shining on the smooth sea.

Suddenly, a spooky shadow fell over them with a net. The shadow was Tataraimaka, the fierce giant! The fish were terrified with goosebumps. Tane heard the fish cry. He went to Tataraimaka and snatched the net with the fish and threw them to the high heavens.

After he rescued them, the fish turned into stars.

And that is why the seven stars of Matariki are important. We look up to the sky to find them.

By Ekamveer

Boom we all heard a noise in the sky. We all went out to check it out. We saw Mr Elder trapped. Out of the dark came giant bugs. We went back to our secret headquarters. We had to come up with a plan. We went back to the villain but we had to put our masks on. We kicked all the bugs and untied Mr Elder.

By Kaiyaan

Boom, Yesterday Room 9 had a phone call. Miss Valeli called us in the auditorium. First we put our masks on and our capes. We made a plan. Next we went inside the auditorium. I kicked and punched the villains. Last Mr Elder said thank you Room 9.

By Sukhman

Not just a group of stars

A cluster of 7 sapphires on the horizon with a luminous glow. Perhaps they are blue flames that would be ignited to dance with the stars in the cosmos once a year until they extinguish? No matter how enigmatic these stars are, that give us a sensational time while they are here.

One thing is for sure they are no ordinary stars in a group.

It is the constellation of the seven eyes, the seven fish, the seven sisters, it is the majestic cluster of Matariki.

By Izaan

Matariki Rises

Glamorous twinkling light

In the twilight sky

Legends shine, and the swirling white Ancestors light the heavens above.

Celebrations below

Dawn arrives, bringing with it
new life, new beginnings, new stories,
reflecting the beauty of Matariki

By Sarah

SKiDS: Our after school providers are available for families who require before or after school care. To contact SKiDS, **ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at 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.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only].

6 Sessions in Term 3: **Starts 1st August**, then 8th August, 15th August, 22nd August, 5th September, 12th September.

Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office)

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to the lucky lunch winner from the last newsletter in June. 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 _____