



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Kia ora koutou, hello, as-salām 'alaykum, namaste, nǐ hǎo, chào bạn, musta, noa'ia, hola, mauri, ni sa bula vinaka, fakaalofa lahi atu, tālofa, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana.

Our greetings this week remind us that we have a wide diversity at our school. We are fortunate to have such a rich tapestry of cultures at our school.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY: Thank you to all the parents and whanau that were able to come on Tuesday morning for our whole school cross country races. We were really pleased to see a large number of you taking the time to spend with the students and to help encourage and motivate them as they ran. Our students had spent several weeks as part of their fitness programmes preparing for their events and it showed with some very pleasing performances across the school. Well done to the students, especially those who were able to achieve their personal goals. A special congratulations to those students who received a placing on the day and to those students who will now go through to the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Cross Country Zone Day later this term.

Boys	5 Years	5 ½ Years	6 Years	6 ½ Years	7 Years (junior)
First	Peni Naledawa	Rhys Aiono	Desmond Nilesh Govind	Lisiate Fihaki	Roman Rakete
Second	Ridheyveer Singh	Ammad Ammad	Kasen Reeves-Fanolua	Uriah Ford	Zohair Zohair
Third	Thurston Timu	Kabir Vashisht	Ronav Raj	Luke Sadd	Joel Binu

Girls	5 Years	5 ½ Years	6 Years	6 ½ Years	7 Years (junior)
First	Nala-Bleu Ikihetoa Toluono	Peyton Horan	Lauren Laumatia	Hinerangi Timu	Katie Hulme
Second	Maia Poharama-Tupou	Jasleen Kaur	Ava Laumatia-Apaipora	Gabriel Edmonds	Rayna Wong
Third	Shehnaz Bains	Manha Fatima	Keryn Laumatia	Ake Tomo	Arisha Singh

Boys	7 Years (middle)	8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years
First	Luca Su'e	Adam Gasmi	Alan Alias	Levi Scott	Zenas Lotolua
Second	Tevita Naledawa	Isaac Edmonds	Fawwaz Fawwaz	Troy Le	Riksath Sadiq
Third	Jayveer Kumar	William Som	Zyan Khan	Sulaymaan Hussein	Johnlui Alu

Girls	7 Years (middle)	8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years
First	Chloe Kent	Jessica Wharton-Benedict	Katie Atapo	Ane Fihaki	Lavin Dhaliwal
Second	Chiqueeta Kumar	Crisanalei Seiuli-Fabircius	Cherish Mackie	Ashbir Kaur	Sameeha Ahmad
Third	Alice Zhang	Kiana Surowiez-Rowland	Shahliha Intaz	Khyz Strickland	Sarah Sinuonne

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY: A notice that Junior Assemblies are being held Fridays of Week 6 (28 August) and Week 8 (11 September) this term, at the normal time of 2.30 p.m.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: This Friday (tomorrow) we have a full assembly hosted by Room 11. Assembly begins at 1.50 p.m.

WRITING: This week we have writing samples from Room13. In the excerpts we share, we can see the thoughtful teacher selecting the right topic and providing the right ingredients to help children have something motivating to write about. The students who shared their stories with me were so excited and proud of their stories. I couldn't help get excited for them too, well done Room 13 students. (Please note I have mashed the following stories into one from the students writing.)

Did you know that droughts happen when there is little or no rain and the ground gets dry. What causes droughts? Jet streams. Jet streams are strong winds. Sometimes the winds go in different ways and they come at unusual times. One thing people can do is save water. They can take shorter showers. I think droughts are not a good thing because the plants and crops die. They are not good for the environment. We have less food to eat. What do you think about droughts? (excerpts from Ramnik, Madison, Ronav and Olivia).

WRITING AT PUHINUI PARENT MEETING: In a few weeks time, on Wednesday the 19th of August we have a parent meeting scheduled with Murray Gadd to talk about writing. Murray Gadd has been working with our teachers providing guidance and professional development in literacy, and writing. He will be sharing ideas about what writing looks like at school and how parents can help at home in a number of ways. We hope you are able to join us for this parent meeting. A letter will be sent home next week with the full details of this meeting.

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.

PAPATOETOE KINDERGARTEN: For parents with toddlers, Papatoetoe Kindergarten are taking enrolments now. They would like to welcome any parents to call in and see what they have to offer your young pre-schoolers. 53 Wilmay Ave, 092785867, papatoetoe@aka.org.nz.

FOUND: A little black book of business cards with a drivers licence has been handed into the office. If this is yours please collect it from the school office.

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 Tanush Nath from Room 26 who was the lucky lunch winner from the last newsletter. 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 _____