



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

15 October 2020

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

WELCOME BACK: Term 4 has begun and students have settled back into learning. They are ready for a full term of learning (let's hope). Term 4 is a busy term as well as being an exciting term with prize givings, fun activities and end of year celebrations.

SWIMMING TERM 4: We have begun our swimming programmes for the Middle and Senior School students. This includes lunch time swims, so parents please ensure your child has their swimming togs and towels on their class swim days. Swimming is an important part of our curriculum and important skill for New Zealand children. We are an island nation and children are surrounded by water. It is important for our students to be water confident. Junior students begin class swimming in Week 5.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS MILLER: During the Term 3 break Miss Miller's first child was born, Marlo. We would like to congratulate her and we hope that the next few months are filled with excitement, and joy. Baby and mum are doing well.

WELCOME: We would like to welcome Miss Joleen Posthumus to Puhinui School. We hope you have had a great start at our school and your first few days have been enjoyable. Miss Posthumus has taken over from Miss Miller, who is now on maternity leave.

ART EXHIBITION: Every second year the Papatoetoe Primary Schools have an art exhibition that is held in the Papatoetoe North School hall. The exhibition is open Monday and Tuesday next week from 9.00 a.m. until 6.30 p.m. Each classroom has a selection of art pieces at the exhibition. Parents are welcome to attend the exhibition to see the quality and creativity of Papatoetoe student's artwork.

MATHEX COMPETITION: On Wednesday we had 3 teams participate in the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Mathex competition. This is a quiz based problem solving competition. Each team of 4 are required to answer a series of problem solving questions as quickly as they can. They race the other teams to be the fastest and most accurate team.

Team members included:

Y4 Team Members

Aashka	Rm 19
Nihar	Rm 8
Samaira	Rm 15
Ishaant	Rm 15

Year 5 Team Members

Gurjashan	Rm 7
Prisha	Rm 4
Pahuldeep	Rm 3
Sachhit	Rm 1

Year 6 Team Members

Numayah	Rm 6
Shahana	Rm 3
Megan	Rm 7
Faith	Rm 7

CROSS COUNTRY: Next Thursday, 22nd October our Papatoetoe Primary Schools Cross Country Zones Day will be held at Puhinui Reserve, Prices Rd. Permission slips have gone home for students who will be participating in this event. We have 6 teams in total: 9 year old boys and girls, 10 year old boys and girls and 11 year old boys and girls. This event was postponed from Term 3 so it is pleasing that we have been able to go ahead now we are back at school. Good luck to the Cross Country Team.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS: Our drinking fountains are now back in use. Thank you to parents for ensuring that children were bringing water to school while our fountains were closed at Alert Level 2 and 3. We would still like to encourage water only at school. We would still like to encourage students bringing water, or watered down orange juice. Please refrain from fizzy drinks.

TERM 3 BOOK WEEK WINNERS: Last term we had a very successful book week that included a range of literacy based activities and events. This included our dress up as a book character day and our book review competition. Congratulations to the winners of these activities who are listed below.

Character Dress Up:

TEACHERS	JUNIORS:	MIDDLES:	SENIORS:
Miss Cave (Cat in the Box), Mrs Ravji (Smarty Pants) Mrs Job (Hermione Granger) Mrs Krishna (Prof McGonagall) Miss Miller (B1) Mrs Wright (Mrs Wishy Washy)	Isaac 'Rocket Man' Room 23 Aidan 'The Wood Cutter' Room 11 Aarav 'Robin Hood' Room 23 Cairo 'The Hungry Caterpillar' Room 27 Kaylea 'Ariel' Room 27	Summer 'Pocahontas' Room 17 Victoria 'Queen of Hearts' Room 18 Max 'Zombie' Room 18 Sulia 'Maleficent' Room 19 Chiqueeta 'Jessie' Room 20	Kovan 'The Crayon' Room 5 Sameeha 'Mary Poppins' Room 5 Caitlyn 'Minnie Mouse' Room 5 Hunter 'The Hobbit' Room 7 Faith 'The Sheriff' Room 7

Book Review Winners:

JUNIORS:	MIDDLES:	SENIORS:
Samaira Room 14 Ake Room 10 Makai Room 10 Rishan Room 14	Saniya Room 20 Paixon Room 22 Gurnoor Room 21 Lora Room 17	Faith Room 7 Riaan Room 5 Angelyn Room 7 Sameeha Room 5

Door Display Winners:

JUNIORS:	MIDDLES:	SENIORS:
Room 11 Room 13 Room 14	Room 18 Room 20 Room 22	Room 3 Room 7 Room 8

BUILDING PROJECTS: For parents who have visited the school recently, you will be aware that there are a number of building projects that have either been recently completed, such as the quad canopy, or have just begun, such as the astro turf which will be installed on the front field. Towards the end of the year we will also begin our Technology Shop which will be designed for digital learning and hands on construction projects. This summer we are also hoping to begin the Middle School refurbishments that will help bring a fresh upgrade to these classrooms. This is exciting because it is tying all of these projects together with our passion to provide students with opportunities for learning experiences that are motivating, engaging, authentic and relatable to our School Vision: We educate and nurture the whole child.

SCHOOL NURSE: We have been advised that the School Health Nurse will be unavailable at our school clinic for Term 4 due to Covid-19. The ManaKidz programme will still run remotely. Any health concerns are to be sent via email to manakidz@nhc.maori.nz or please call 0800100642 extension 3 (ask for Manakidz) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Alternatively there is the dedicated Healthline number 0800 3585453.

USING THE TRACER QR CODE: We continue to encourage all our parents to download and use the QR tracing app. If we all make tracing a habit we are helping keep Covid-19 out of our communities. Thank you for supporting us and our people.

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 SKiDS in the Tech Room before or after school if you wish.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Ataria Tepano from Room 17 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 _____