



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

END OF 2020: This is our last newsletter for 2020. School concludes at 3 p.m. on Thursday the 10th of December. On behalf of the Puhinui Board and our staff members we would like to thank our community for your support in a very different kind of year. We hope your families enjoy the Summer time break and that you are able to take time as a family to enjoy good times together. For the Year 6 students and any of the families that are leaving us this year, a special good luck and we hope 2021 is a great year for you all. To our returning whanau and students, see you all in 2021 for what will be an exciting year! Merry Christmas and safe Summer holiday!

PRIZE-GIVINGS 2020: Last Thursday we held our prize-givings for Junior, Middle and Senior school teams. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who were able to attend. At our prize-givings we acknowledged students who have stood out in some way throughout the year. We also showcased a range of cultural groups, syndicate items, dance and drama. Our prize-givings are unique to our school, and give the students a chance to celebrate together and showcase their performance and cultural talents for parents. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped make our prize-givings such a special occasion.

MEET THE TEACHER: On Monday 7th December (yesterday) your child had the opportunity to meet their 2021 teacher in the morning block. We hope they came home and shared a little bit about being with their new classmates and their new teacher before they start school next year.

END OF YEAR REPORTS: Please note reports were sent home with students today (Tuesday 8th of December). Please check your child's bag if you have not received it from them. We hope parents enjoy reading and finding out how their children have progressed throughout the year. Please note, reports will be mailed out to the address on file on the last day of term, if children are absent in the last week of term. Reports are not presented earlier than the 8th of December to families.

YEAR 6 UNIFORM DONATION: Traditionally we have had some Year 6 students donate their uniforms to the school on the last day of the year. These can be left at the office after school on Thursday. The Year 6's can get changed into mufti clothing after school if they are donating their uniform. Thank you to families who wish to donate, we use the uniforms to help families who may be in need of them.

MUFTI DAY: Thank you for supporting our gold coin donation mufti day last week. We managed to collect \$500 for the Sowers Trust who work with youth and families in the South Auckland area.

ENROLMENT DATES 2021: Please note below enrolment days for new students to Puhinui School are as follows:

Monday 1st February	(no enrolments due to Anniversary Weekend Public Holiday)
Tuesday 2nd February	8.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 3rd February	8.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday 4th February	8.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2021: A reminder students go straight to their new class on the first day, Tuesday the 9th of February. Please ensure they are at school no earlier than 8 a.m. and no later than 8.40 a.m. The bell for the start of the school day will be at our normal time of 8.50 a.m. Please ensure your child starts the school year on time. For all new students to Puhinui School, we will begin in the auditorium at 9.30am on the first day and soon after the new students will be taken to their new classrooms.

2021 TERM DATES: Please note the dates and events for the beginning of the school year and term dates:

- Tuesday 2nd February School office opens for the school year
- 4th and 5th February Accord Teacher Only Days
- 8th February Waitangi Day Observance
- 9th February First day of the school year for students
- 16th April Term 1 ends
- 3rd May Term 2 begins
- 9th July Term 2 ends
- 26th July Term 3 begins
- 1st October Term 3 ends
- 18th October Term 4 begins
- 16th December 2021 Term 4 ends

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021: As part of the collective accord agreement schools have been allocated 8 days over 3 years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The accord days are for professional development during the school calendar year. Our school will utilise 2 of these days at the start of our year. These dates will be Thursday 4th February and Friday 5th February. Later in the year we will confirm a 3rd teacher only day with our parent community. This date is to be confirmed, however, it will more than likely be late Term 2 or early Term 3.

2021 NAMING SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Parents, please ensure you label your child's uniform in preparation for 2021. It makes it a lot easier to ensure that uniforms get returned when children take them off and mistakenly leave them behind. Please be mindful.

SCHOOL HATS 2021: Parents please be mindful of how you name your child's school hat. Please refrain from writing in big letters on the brim of the hat. This makes the hats look messy and untidy.

UNIFORM SHOP: Our uniform supplier is Angel's Fashions. They are situated at 98 Saint George Street, Papatoetoe. Their Summer opening hours for the beginning of 2021 are: 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. from 5th January until 2nd February. They are open Saturday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please ring them in advance, just to make sure they are available, 092777735, mob: 021843577. Uniform prices and contact details are displayed on our school website.

SKiDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Parents please note that the SKiDS Summer Holiday programme is now out. 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 DRAW: Well done to Kabir Vashisht from Room 25 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.

