



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

10 February 2021

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Families,

Welcome back to Puhinui School for the 2021 school year. We hope your children are well rested and ready for a year of success at Puhinui School. To our new students and their families, nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Puhinui.

Welcome to Puhinui School, we hope your first few days have been positive and you feel settled at your new school. At Puhinui we aim to educate and nurture the whole child, providing learning opportunities that grow each child in their own unique way. We hope along the way to establish positive encouraging partnerships with each family. Together we are able to ensure students build confidence and become well rounded young people.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS: A special welcome to our new teachers to Puhinui School for 2021. Mr Rob Tuli Room 2, Ms Tashi Grant Room 4, Miss Natasha Findlay Room 14, Miss Jess Robertson Rm 19, Mrs Paige Wilson Room 16, and Miss Prishlena Lawrance Room 26. We look forward to working with you and we hope you quickly settle into our school.

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

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| • 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 | Term 4 ends |

TERM ONE CALENDAR: For information relating to special events and dates this term please go to the Puhinui School website (<http://www.puhinui.school.nz/>). Up-coming events are shown on the bottom right hand-side of the home page. Underneath there is a link to the school parent calendar. Not all events will be applicable to your child or children but you will be able to note those that are. When there are events which involve your child, you will be informed by a notice or letter.

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day for students commences at 8.50 a.m. and ends at 3.00 p.m. We ask that parents ensure that their children are at school in plenty of time to organise themselves for the start of school and have time to talk to and play with their friends before the class bell rings.

The breaks during the day are: Morning break 10.50 a.m. to 11.10 a.m., Lunch break 12.40 p.m. to 1.40 p.m.

PUNCTUALITY: Please keep in mind the importance of punctuality. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children are at school on time. Lateness is learned behaviour, as is being punctual. By establishing good routines at home, children learn how to manage their time well. Parents please work with us in relation to improving student's punctuality. The school bell rings in the morning at 8.50 a.m., please ensure your child is at school between 8 a.m. and 8.40 a.m.

DENTAL HUB: Dental services are accessed from 2C Grayson Avenue. The parking directly outside the clinic is provided for dental staff and parents of children being treated. Their phone number is 278 1975.

HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 1 AND TERM 4: Please ensure your child is wearing their school hat this term. Hats can be purchased from the school uniform provider, Angels Fashion, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe. Hats are brimmed, gold in colour and have our school emblem on them. Students must wear their hats when outside, if they have not got a hat they will be expected to be sitting in the designated shady areas of the school. Please write your child's name on the inside of their hat and not on the rim. Only our gold school hat is to be worn.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday the 3rd of March (Week 4). These are our beginning of the year conferences to discuss how your child has settled back to school and any insights or issues the teachers may wish to discuss with you. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

SWIMMING: Swimming is a compulsory part of the New Zealand Curriculum. If your child has a medical condition preventing him or her from swimming, a signed note from you is required. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel on their swimming days. Our aim is to ensure all students have the water confidence they may one day need to keep them safe from harm in and around water.

SWIMMING SPORTS: Senior and Middle school team swimming sports will be held next Week (Tuesday 16th February). Teams will send a notice out with more information on times and events. Juniors will hold their Splish, Splosh, Splash water activities on Wednesday 17th February. A notice will be sent home with information for Junior School parents.

COVID 19: We hope that we continue to be fortunate in how Covid 19 is being managed across the city and country. We continue to work within the Ministry of Education guidelines and our school pandemic policy. Please continue to use the tracing app and the Covid 19 golden rules:

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. Please use this when visiting the school.
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: Our before and after school care providers have started well this term. The feedback from parents has been positive and the children have enjoyed the variety of activities being offered in the daily programme. To contact SKIDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>. Term 1 costs will be the same as they currently are.

GRAYSON AVENUE ACCESSWAY: This was designed as a drop off zone in the mornings and a pick up zone at the end of school. The parking is limited and cannot accommodate parking for everyone. When parents show patience and consideration for others, traffic flows and children are dropped off and picked up safely and successfully. Please show patience and respect for others. By doing so we keep everyone safe. Staff members are on duty to help facilitate and encourage road safety in and around our school. Once again, we appreciate your assistance in keeping our students safe. Parents who park in the car park area please note that the chain goes across the carpark at 2.50 p.m. The carpark will stay closed until 3.10 p.m., when the duty teacher comes off patrol.

YELLOW LINES GRAYSON AVE: Please note that the Auckland Council will place yellow lines in front of the Cavallier car park, just outside the Grayson Avenue school gate. Please avoid parking in this area or you may receive a parking ticket.

LUNCHES: Pie sales will resume on Monday the 15th of February (next week). Orders are taken in the Auditorium before school and delivered to your child's room at lunchtime. On Mondays or Fridays, the lucky lunch winner is able to order their free lunch from the Auditorium before 8.50 a.m. Pies available for purchase are:

Small mince and cheese pie	\$1.50	Regular mince and cheese pie	\$2.00
Potato top pie	\$2.00	Chicken and gravy pie	\$2.00
Bacon and egg pie	\$2.00	Apple pie	\$2.00
Sausage roll	\$2.00	Juice drink	\$2.00

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Road. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only]. 6 Sessions in Term 1: **Starts 20th February**, then 27th February, 6th March, 20th March, 27th March and 10th April. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

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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 _____

Staff for 2021 Beginning of the Year

Principal:	Mr M. Elder		
Assistant Principal:	Mrs S. Valeli		
Assistant Principal:	Mr L. Mose		
Learning Support Programmes:	Mrs L. Borrie (SENCO)		
Senior School:	Miss A. Garvie	Room 1	Yrs 5 & 6
	Mr R. Tuli	Room 2	Yrs 5 & 6
	Mrs T. Roycroft (TL)	Room 3	Yrs 5 & 6
	Ms T. Grant	Room 4	Yrs 5 & 6
	Miss J. Posthumus	Room 5	Yrs 5 & 6
	Miss M. Ansin	Room 6	Yrs 5 & 6
	Mrs B. Wright	Room 7	Yrs 5 & 6
	Mr M. Khan	Room 8	Yrs 4 & 5
Middle School:	Mrs K. Krishna	Room 15	Yrs 3 & 4
	Mrs P. Wilson	Room 16	Yrs 3 & 4
	Miss N. Oates (TL)	Room 17	Yrs 3 & 4
	Miss A. Doyle	Room 18	Yrs 3 & 4
	Miss J. Robertson	Room 19	Yrs 3 & 4
	Miss N. McCoskrie	Room 20	Yrs 3 & 4
	Mrs D. Job	Room 21	Yrs 3 & 4
	Mrs N. Lameko	Room 22	Yr 3
Junior School:	Miss A. Dreadon	Room 9	Yr 2
	Mrs J. Wells (TL)	Room 10	Yr 2
	Mrs C. Brand	Room 12	Yr 2
	Miss N. Findlay	Room 14	Yr 2
	Mrs J. Virk	Room 13	Yr 2
	Miss S. Ashley	Room 11	Yr 1
	Miss P. Lawerance	Room 23	Yr 1
	Miss G. Say	Room 26	Yr 1
	Miss C. Tailby	Room 24	NE/Yr 1
	Miss Y. Lee	Room 25	NE/Yr 1
	Miss A. Cave (TL)		
	(TL – Team Leader)		
ICT:	Mr S. Pedersen, Mr D. Tia		
Music Teacher:	Mr B. Read		
Part Time Teachers:	Mrs J. Ravji, Mr A. Khan, Mrs K. Harland		
Secretary/Admin:	Miss L. Campbell, Miss M. Levi, Mrs S. Lush		
School Librarian:	Mrs J. Gow		
Teacher Assistants:	Miss D. Borrie, Mrs L. Cave, Mrs N. Chalmers, Mrs M. Daji, Ms L. Doherty, Miss K. McKendry, Miss K. Habib, Mrs D. Lunny, Mrs K. McGregor, Mrs V. Nehme, Mrs C. Palalagi, Mrs S. Nisha, Mr G. Stanisich, Mrs W. Vosloo		
Te Ara Centre Staff:	Mrs J. Frost, Mrs S. Munthree, Miss M. Prasad		
School Caretaker:	Mr C. Valeli		
School Cleaner:	Mrs G. Falaniko		