



PUHINUI SCHOOL

March Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome, Nau mai, Haere mai! 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.

Welcome back to school at Alert Level 2 for the second time!

This newsletter is to remind whānau of Alert Level 2 Covid procedures. Today our first initial goals will be to establish safe hygiene routines to help us manage Covid-19 at Alert Level 2. A reminder to please use the Covid tracer app when coming on site and to safe distance outside classrooms if you are picking up students at the end of the day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES: At Alert Level 2 we must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Staying away from school if sick.
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance).
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily.
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite.
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time.

LEVEL 2 DROP OFF AND PICK UP ROUTINES:

At Alert Level 2 we ask that:

- Students do not arrive before 8 a.m. in the morning. The gates will remain closed until then. If possible we ask that children arrive from 8.20 a.m. and before 8.45 a.m.
- If you do come into the school grounds to pick up your child at the end of the day, can you please wait until 2.45 p.m. The gates will remain closed until this time.
- Please stay away from the classrooms and distance yourselves 2 metres apart in open waiting areas.
- If you enter the school grounds please use the QR tracer code at the gates, or sign our contact tracing register booklets by the school gate. Before and after signing please sanitize your hands. We will have sanitizer on the table next to the contact tracing books.
- For enquiries throughout the day please make sure you come directly to the office.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS CLOSED: Parents please ensure that your child is bringing a drinking bottle to school each day. The drinking fountains are closed during Alert Level 2 schooling. Please make sure bottles are named. We would like to promote students bringing water, or watered down orange juice. Please refrain from fizzy drinks.

ORDERING LUNCH: Please note there will be lunch ordering this Friday onwards. Lunch ordering is on Mondays and Fridays. Ordering is from the auditorium. Please use the sanitizers and ensure you safe distance if waiting in line. Please remember to use the covid app when coming on site.

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.

EARLY PICK-UPS: Sometimes parents will need to collect a child early from school. This may be because they are sick and need to go home, or they may have an appointment to go to. If for any other reason you need to visit the school, please ensure you go directly to the office. During Alert Level 2 all visitors will be required to wait at the school office while we collect and arrange for your child to come to you. This includes morning tea and lunch breaks.

A REMINDER OF THE 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.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK: A letter has been sent home with all senior students advising of the changes to outdoor education. Please read the notice and remember to send back any outstanding permission slips and payments.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Parents please note a letter regarding the rescheduling of parent conferences has been sent out today. Please read this letter for more information regarding the new times and supporting information about parent conferences later in the term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Angels Fashions Uniform shop is open in Alert Level 2, Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.