



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.

SCHOOL BREAK: This Friday is the last day of Term 1. Thank you for your continued support in a stop start term. We feel like we are now back on track and we hope that Term 2 is Covid free so we can continue to focus on building upon the learning that we have begun. We hope all whānau enjoy the opportunity to spend the holidays with their children. We return to school on Monday 3rd May, at the usual time of 8.50 a.m. A reminder to please ensure your children are on time and ready for the beginning of Term 2.

ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL: Many families take the time to visit ANZAC ceremonies on the 25th April. It is an important time for our country and for children to learn about the meaning of ANZAC. When we return to school after the break we will recognise and remember ANZACs in a special morning gathering. Over the week students will be involved in learning tasks based around ANZAC in the classrooms.

MIHI WHAKATAU: On Friday our first week back to school we will have our new students and whānau welcome to Puhinui School. For those parents with new children to our school, you will receive an invitation to the mihi whakatau.

INTERNATIONAL DAY: Last week we had our International Day to help celebrate the various cultures of our school and our country. Students looked great in the range of cultural clothes they wore. They participated in a range of cultural activities during class time and in class rotations. We hope children were able to enjoy, learn and know that as a country, New Zealand embraces our cultural diversity and we look at the positive uniqueness in others and ourselves.

ROAD SAFETY AND TRAVEL AROUND PUHINUI SCHOOL: Thank you to parents for an improved response to our request in road safety. If we keep thinking of others, being patient and following the rules we will keep the students safe around our school roads, streets and in the drop-off zone. In the coming months we will be making adjustments and upgrades to our drop off zone to further manage safety for students. This will include dropping the zone speed from 10km to 5km. We are looking at making the exit a left turn only and installing kerb barriers to prevent cars riding on or over the verge. Please continue to travel slowly and park sensibly.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Our parent conferences were well attended last Wednesday. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend. Teachers have been following up with families that they didn't manage to see and arranging a time or talk with you. Conferences are a valuable time for teachers. It gives them an opportunity to meet and make connections with each student's home life and their parents. Teachers enjoy the opportunity and appreciate the support our parents provide. Together we educate and nurture the tamariki of Puhinui School.

TE PUHINUI BIG CLEAN: On Saturday 8th May The Beautification Trust is planning a large environmental clean-up. "Te Puhinui – Big Clean" It will follow the Puhinui Stream from Totara Park down to the foreshore. This is especially relevant to Puhinui School through our name and our location. We would like to encourage any families who are interested in helping to register via the following link: <https://www.beautifulmanukau.nz/events-1/te-puhinui-big-clean>

The event is planned for Saturday 8th May 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (rain date 22nd May) , followed by a sausage sizzle and fun interactions for all as a way to thank the many wonderful volunteers. Commencing at the Auckland Botanic Gardens, Everglade Drive entrance.

- 8.15 -9.00 a.m. - Registrations will start
- 9.00 -9.15 a.m. - Mihi/Welcome
- 9.30 a.m. - All volunteers will be bussed to their various clean up locations
- 12.00 -1.00 p.m. - Buses return to site
- 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. - Educational exhibitors and fun activation

MIDDLE SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT: During the term break we begin the Middle School refurbishment project. This will involve new interior fit outs in Rooms 15 - 20, which includes new carpet tiles, new wall linings, lighting and full built in teacher whiteboard units. The refurbishment will be staged, beginning with Rooms 15 and 16. Both classes are relocating into the Music and Dance Studio areas, by the Auditorium. The full programme of works will more than likely take all of Term 2, and possibly some of Term 3.

FAREWELL MISS LAWERANCE: Tomorrow we farewell Miss Lawerance who has been covering for Ms Kirkwood in Room 23, while she has been on medical leave. We wish her all the best as she heads back to Taranaki and begins her new teaching position at Pukepapu School. Thank you Miss Lawerance for your hard work and the dedication you have shown to the students in Room 23 and the children of Puhinui School.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow we have our whole school end of term assembly hosted by Room 1. This will begin at 1.50 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: A reminder, parents please ensure your children are in full uniform every day at school. Girls are allowed to wear appropriate leggings. Loose pants under the skorts is not uniform appropriate. If your child wears a beanie to and from school, please purchase the school beanie from Angel Fashions. If children are wearing different beanies at school they will be asked to take them off. Please also consider in the winter weather possibly purchasing the school track pants and the fleece jumper, or the shower proof jacket. Students who wear long sleeves under the school polo shirt will be asked to roll them up so they are not seen. The long sleeve school polo is a good option if you would like your children to wear a long sleeved shirt this winter. We wish to promote pride in our uniform, a sense of belonging and for the students to appreciate looking good and feeling good. All uniform items can be purchased from Angels Fashion. Their shop is open Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. WINZ quotes are welcome.

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 their 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.

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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 _____