



PUHINUI SCHOOL



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, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana.

LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE: Parents please be aware that we have a number of students arriving late to school and we would like to see an improvement in this area. If you are consistently late we would like you to consider how does your day start? Are your morning routines well established? By making consistent routines a habit your children will learn an important life skill.

As we begin heading into Winter our attendance data tells us that a number of students will begin missing Mondays and Fridays. Please be mindful that it is easy to have a long weekend, but it is not helping your child learn resilience and the importance of showing up, another important life skill of successful people.

The MOE have released statistical information for our school from Term 4 2020 and it highlights a number of good areas and some areas to work on for us. Firstly, our Year 6 students have very good levels of attendance overall. They match the national norm. Our Year 3 and 4 students are above decile 3 schools, although down compared to all Auckland and National schools. The Year 2 students had our poorest rates of attendance and our Year 1 students were above Decile 3 schools, although down compared to Auckland and National schools.

In terms of ethnicity, our Maori and Pasifika students exceeded the national averages. Our Indian community were below the national average.

Girls at Puhinui are doing well against all schools across our nation, while the boys have attendance below the Auckland and National average.

We would encourage you to think about how your child is reflected in this attendance information. We hope they are contributing positively to their own attendance, if not, does this make you think about where your family is at?

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL: School gates open at 8 a.m. in the morning. Parents please do not drop your children off early to school, we do not have teachers available to look after them. Please book in with SKiDs if you need to arrange before 8 a.m. care for your child.

ASSEMBLY AND ST. JOHN: Last week Room 13 did a very good job at hosting our school assembly. The St. John Order came to school and we presented them with a cheque for \$679.50. They gifted the school an AED device which is an emergency pack that can help save the lives of those who are going into heart failure. This device will be kept at the school and will be available for emergencies to people within our area during our open hours.

TEACHER ONLY DAY: A letter has been sent home advising whānau of our Teacher Only Day (TOD) next Friday 4th June. Please make arrangements for your children. School will be closed

while teachers are involved in professional development throughout the day. Please contact SKiDs if you would like to book your children in during the TOD.

LEARN TO SPEAK SPANISH/ITALIAN: For anyone interested in learning to speak Spanish or Italian, Mr Dante Bevacqua is a local tutor with many years experience. He can be contacted via email on dantebevacqua@hotmail.com

CHEQUES AT SCHOOL: Parents please be aware that from 28th May, the ASB will stop issuing cheque books and bank cheques. They will no longer be processed from the 27th August. Please prepare for no more cheques. The school has eftpos facilities and accepts cash payments. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted.

CHOIR: On Tuesday our choir attended their first Papatoetoe Primary and Intermediate full choir practice at Kedgley Intermediate. Mr Read was very pleased with the choir student's behaviour and focus during the day. It was a very successful first practice. In Term 3 the Papatoetoe Primary and Intermediate Schools will hold their biannual choir festival evening. This year it will be at a new venue, Life South Venue Spaces in Manukau on Tuesday 24th August. More information about times and ticket purchase will be made available closer to the time. Well done to our talented choir students on their first whole choir practice.

CHESS: On Tuesday our chess teams travelled to Everglade Primary School for the South Auckland Chess Tournament. Unfortunately our A team just missed out on a third placing. Ironically our B team beat our A team in the last round! Perhaps Mr Pederson needs to look at a reshuffle for our next chess tournament. Thank you to Mr Glenn for his continued work with our teams, particularly in giving up his time to coach during lunch times.

SPORTS EXCHANGES: This term we begin our sports exchanges and our winter sports prepare for the Winter Zones tournament held in week 8, Tuesday 22nd June. Last week a small group of teams played the SDA (Seventh Day Adventist School).

SDA Sports Exchange Results:

Soccer Boys A	Won	5 - 0
Netball A	Won	13 - 4
Netball B	Won	8 - 2

This week our sports teams play Papatoetoe Central School.

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.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only]. 6 Sessions in Term 2: 29th May, 12th June, 19th June and 26th June. Contact: Mr Glenn 0274 381646 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Amelia Khan from Room 8 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 _____