



Newsletter

1 July 2021

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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.

TORNADO RELIEF: On behalf of the school we would like to thank our parents and community for the generous response to our families affected by the freak tornado event. We feel for all those affected by this extreme weather event. We have distributed food parcels and packages to a number of the affected families. We still have food parcels that we will continue to send through to families from our school community in the next several weeks. For anyone needing help, support and or information please contact the Civil Defence Welfare Hub, which is situated at the Papatoetoe Library on the Mezzanine Floor. Alternatively you can phone them on 0800 22 22 00. The Ministry of Social Development is also located there with the Civil Defence. Thank you to all the organisations that provided food and items for the affected families, especially New World, STIHL Machinery Ltd, ATWC, Mr Glenn from PACT, Puhinui SKiDs, and any other organisations that I may not have mentioned.

MUFTI DAY: This Friday (tomorrow) we have mufti day for students. This will be a gold coin donation for the WestPac Rescue Helicopter Charity.

WINTER ZONES: Congratulations to our winter sports teams for their efforts and sportsmanship during our winter sports zones day. Unfortunately, Holy Cross was the dominant school across the district, however, we were competitive against them and overall all performed very well in all codes. A big thank you to our coaches and to the students who put in a lot of training and preparation time this term.

Papatoetoe Primary School Winter Sports Results:

Netball A	2nd place	Netball B	2nd place	Netball C	no placing
Netball D	no placing	Netball E	no placing	Netball F	no placing
Soccer A	5th	Soccer B	5th	Girls soccer	4th
Rugby Under 50kg	2nd place	Rugby Under 40kg	2nd place		
Rugby Open	4th place	Girls Rugby	3rd place		

PAID UNION MEETING: Thank you parents for organising your day around our half day for teachers to attend their paid union meeting. The support shown will help our teachers work towards improving their working conditions. Ultimately we hope it means we continue to make education an area of the highest profession.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Next Tuesday and Wednesday are our parent conferences. They will run through the evening with school finishing at the normal time of 3 p.m. Please check the slips your child has brought home today confirming your conference time. Please arrive a little before your time so that teachers are able to work on time throughout the night.

REPORTS: Reports will be sent home on Monday with your child. Please keep an eye out for them. During parent conferences please feel free to discuss any part of the report that you would like to, or that you would like to know more about. If you do not receive your child's report on Monday, please contact the school office.

ASSEMBLY: Our final assembly for this term will be in Week 10. It will be a Matariki celebration led by our Kapa Haka Group. Parents are welcome to attend. Assembly will begin at 1.50 p.m. on Friday 9th of July in the Auditorium. Friday the 9th of July is the last day of Term 2. Term 3 will commence on Monday the 26th of July at the usual time of 8.50 a.m.

HEALTH SURVEY: Thank you parents, we had a very good response to the health survey we sent out a few weeks ago with the newsletter. We will begin collating the information shared with us. The information will help us consider the learning sequences and areas of focus in our Health Curriculum design. Later in the year we hope to share this information with you in consultation meetings and through newsletters.

FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBERS: Sadly, we will be farewelling a number of staff members at the end of this term. Miss Samantha Graham who is currently on maternity leave will not be returning to Puhinui School. Mrs Cherise Brand will be moving schools at the end of the term. We also farewell Mrs Paige Wilson who has been on a fixed term position. She is about to go on maternity leave and we wish her all the best during this time. Finally our SWiS worker Mrs Stephanie Callaghan has finished her employment with ATWC and her association with our school. To all staff who are leaving, we wish you all the best and good luck in your future adventures.

JUNIOR WRITING & MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Oh my gosh there is so much light I think that the light is a star. Oh my gosh there are 9 stars. My favourite star is Matariki because every body (stars) are together.
By Arav Rm 12

Matariki is a big celebration. We celebrate Matariki because it's the Maori New Year. The stars in the sky are Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi, Tupuanuku, Tupunarangi, Ururangi and Matariki. Soon the stars disappear in the night sky then they come back. The most exciting is going to stay for 23 days.

By Kaitlyn Rm 12

I have never been so scared in my life. I was terrified when I was near the counter. I saw somebody fall off the boat. "Oh poor you" I was frightened to death. Soon it was my turn to get on the boat. My heart was thumping like I had run 100m sprint. "Put your seat belt on incase of danger," the driver warned us. The 360 degree boat started slowly, but in no time at all it was going as fast as a falcon on the hunt. I saw people waving at us. Now the driver said, "Get ready for the 360 turn!" That's a whole circle! When we turned the boat I cried, "Go Slow, are you crazy!" When it was over my mind was spinning all over the place.

By Likhil Rm 18

DE LA SALLE ENROLMENTS: De La Salle are now accepting enrolments for 2022.

De La Salle College provides a Catholic education to 1000 boys from Years 7 to Year 13, founded on the values and teachings of our Founder, St John Baptiste De La Salle. At De La Salle College they create men of Faith, Service, Community and Excellence. Please go to their College website to download and print an enrolment pack or go into the College Office to pick one up. Website Link:

<https://www.delasalle.school.nz/enrolment-form/> Any further queries please email:

enrolments@delasalle.school.nz , or call our Enrolment Officer on 276 4319 ext 816. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE 13TH AUGUST 2021.**

SKIDS: Our after school providers are available for families who require before or after school care. The Holiday Programme will be sent home in the next couple of days. SKiDs will be open from 7 a.m. during the holiday programme. 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.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Sartaj Singh 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.

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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 _____

