



# 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.

**WELCOME BACK:** Welcome back to all our families. We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy having the break in school routine over the last two weeks. Term 3 is a fully focused learning term where we see a lot of growth in learning by the children. We see the consistent delivery of the previous terms showing through. Across the school we have a number of events, so please remember to look on the school website parent calendar for upcoming events that may include your tamariki.

**SCIENCE TERM:** This term has a special focus on science. Across the school, students will be carrying out hands-on, practical science investigations and experiences. We want science to be 'hands-on', engaging, and relatable to the students. In week 8, Wednesday 17th September we have our special parent and whānau science afternoon, so please think about noting this in your diary.

Our Puhinui curriculum essence statement describes science as:

- Puhinui Science fosters a sense of awe and wonder for children in the world all around them.
- Tamariki are scientists who are actively encouraged to explore, question, and test their theories scientifically.
- Students learn to express their own insights and thinking in a scientific manner.

**MIHI WHAKATAU:** Each term we welcome new whānau, tamariki and teachers to Puhinui School at our mihi whakatau. This will be held tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. Parents of new students should have received an invitation letter earlier this week. We would love to see you if you are able to attend.

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP ROUTINES:** Thank you parents for your patience and cooperation regarding our new end of day pick-up routines. In the interest of keeping students as safe as possible, all students waiting to be picked-up now go to the Grayson Avenue student waiting area after school. Please remember with the bus lanes in place along Puhinui Road, it is unsafe for parents to park along the front of the school. A really good alternative is to park along the back streets and walk into school. We have a lot of parents doing this and it helps us, them and everyone. It is also a great chance to walk, relax and enjoy the opportunity to talk to your children.

**PARENT CONFERENCES:** We finished last term with our parent conferences and reports were sent home. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and learn about how they are going and where to next for them in Term 3. Our parent attendance rates are always very high and we would like to say well done parents for making the time and ensuring you make your child's education a priority.

**LUNCH ORDERING MONDAY AND FRIDAY:** A reminder that lunches are available on Mondays and Fridays only. Orders are taken in the school auditorium before school. Lunches are delivered to the tamariki rooms just before lunchtime. Please note that the small mince and cheese pie is no longer available on the lunch menu. The suppliers have discontinued this item. All pies, sausage rolls and drinks are now \$2.00 each.

**WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS:** A special welcome to three new staff members to our school. Mrs Paula van Niekirk who is in Room 12, Miss Jesica Revilla Royo in Room 28 and Mr Stephen Jolly in Room 16. We hope their first week at Puhinui was enjoyable, and we look forward to getting to know them as work colleagues and pouako (teachers).

**WRITING JUNIOR & MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Last term Makai from Rm18 shared this story at assembly:

**The Queenstown Shotover Jet**

This day was the most exciting and crazy day ever! I hopped off a bus and walked to the place where the tickets were. The man kindly asked if I would like to hop in it. "All aboard!" In my brain I knew this would be fun, but I still felt a bit worried. By the time I hopped on I didn't feel as nervous as before. That was when he said, "Ready to go!" I wasn't ready at all! We started to do 360 degree turns! I tightly wrapped my hands around the bar. We were really close to the big grey boulders. That was risky, Splash! The water got me all wet. I think we were at max speed, there were a lot of bumps. Next we drove into a cave with lots of shiny rocks. "Woaahh!" We slowed down, but then... zzooomm! We blasted out of the cave and we were finally finished.

A junior story from Room 12 by Aishwarya:

Matariki means in Māori the New Year. When we plant crops to harvest and share stories. And these are their names Waitī, Waitā, Waipunarangi, Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi, Ururangi, Pohutakawa, and Matariki.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Why is it important for students to participate in cross country? This week I talked to the senior students about what cross country teaches us. Apart from the obvious, learning to be 'fit for life' and being physically active. Cross country also teaches us about our school value, Resilience. We learn in an active way that like cross country, life can be a challenge and hard. By overcoming challenges and obstacles we build confidence and learn that we can overcome and achieve. At the end of challenges and hardship there is a sense of reward and satisfaction. We become a better person. Please encourage your tamariki to participate to the best of their ability, please leave notes and excuses behind.

**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](mailto: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. The Term 3 programme was sent home earlier this week.

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Hetvi Patel from Room 10 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 \_\_\_\_\_