



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Covid Level 4 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.

**ALERT LEVEL 4!** Unfortunately like a whirlwind we have quickly found ourselves in Alert Level 4. We hope all our families are able to make the best of the situation as it is. This newsletter is to provide you with a few Covid-19 updates.

**THANK YOU PARENTS:** We are very fortunate and thankful to have a community of great parents and wider whānau who support us and appreciate that lockdowns are hard on us all.

**DIGITAL LEARNING FROM HOME:** Our teams have met and teachers have begun preparing resources for future digital learning. Currently we have resources available that the teams had previously prepared. To access learning designed by our teachers please visit the Puhinui Website <https://www.puhinui.school.nz/>. From Week 6 (30th of August) teachers will begin assigning learning to particular groups of students. Teachers are preparing Week 6 work now. Our teams will also begin preparations for mathematic videos and science based videos for learning in Week 6 as well. Please keep an eye out for Mr Read's STEM tasks as he begins posting these online.

Please note the Ministry of Education (MOE) also has a learning from home website that you are able to access. The MOE have worked hard on this platform and there are a number of really interesting tasks now available to students at <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/resources>

**KIDS SING & CHOIR FESTIVAL:** When Level 4 was announced our choir were in at the Town Hall. They had just performed in the Kids Sing competition and were hours away from the evening concert where they would be performing for our parents. The concert was cancelled and we arranged for the students to get back to school where parents were waiting for them. All went well thanks to Mr Read, Mrs Lameko and other staff members who had gone in for the concert. Unfortunately, the Papatoetoe Primary Choir Festival next week has also been cancelled due to Level 4 lockdown. We hope to arrange an alternative way for our whānau to see their children at some stage this term.

**FURTHER POSTPONED EVENTS:** Unfortunately, there are a number of events on our calendar that may be either postponed, or cancelled depending on how long, and at what level we will be in over the next several weeks. Rippa Rugby is postponed, and may possibly be cancelled. In Week 7 we are due to have our science week. This may be revised if we are still at Alert Level 4, or Alert Level 3. Later in the term we have our cross country, gymnastics and the Kapa haka festival. These are at this point in time still on, but as mentioned, they may require reviews depending on the alert level we are at.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY (TOD):** Parents please be aware that we had planned for a teachers only day on Friday 3rd September. It is likely that this will be postponed. This TOD is for the teaching staff to renew their first aid practical certificates. If it is cancelled we will be arranging a make up time. We will advise you of any new dates for a TOD.

**Thank you** parents, we hope you and your whānau stay safe. We can't wait to see you back at school (hopefully soon) when the alert levels allow. Please note we will send messages and newsletters out each week, especially if we have any significant updates that will affect learning for students. These will be posted on our school website so please check the website regularly.

Please see a helpful list of foodbank services available in our community below.

Name	Community	Contact
<a href="#"><u>Salvation Army - Manukau Community Ministry</u></a>	Food bank and food parcels. Contact call centre Mon-Fri 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm and leave name and number and they will call back. Pick up only by appointment.	<b>09 262 2332 for Manukau Community Ministry or 0800 53 00 00 for local ministry</b> <a href="mailto:manukau.cm@salvationarmy.org.nz">manukau.cm@salvationarmy.org.nz</a>
<b>Affirming Works <i>NEW</i></b>	Food parcels for families needing support. Open to all, families are asked to do a brief (5 minute) registration. Pick up from 9 Moa Street, Otahuhu. Call if you have any queries.	<b>0800 0AFFIRM</b>
<a href="#"><u>MUMA, Manukau Urban Maori Authority</u></a>	Food parcels. Pick up from 31 Calthorp Close, Favona. If you live in Mangere, Otara, Otahuhu, Papatoetoe and Manukau, please call between 10am and 2pm to book an appointment.	<b>0800 686 232</b>
<a href="#"><u>Papakura Marae</u></a>	Food Parcels available to Papakura and surrounding areas. Open Monday to Friday. Phone between 9am-11am to complete an assessment. Pick up from 29 Hunua Rd, Papakura 1pm-3pm providing ID and proof of address.	<b>0800 8262 7454</b>
<a href="#"><u>Rawiri Community House</u></a>	Food parcels and other free resources. Register first using online referral form. Pick up from 1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri. Wed-Fri 10am-	<a href="mailto:liz@rawiri.org">liz@rawiri.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/rawiri.org/">www.facebook.com/rawiri.org/</a>

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	1pm.	<a href="#"><u>Referral Form</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Waka of Caring</u></a>	Food parcels, meals, Christmas presents, clothing, blankets and kitchenware. Pick up from 2/14 Mcannalley Street Manurewa.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/978559512159944">www.facebook.com/groups/978559512159944</a>
<a href="#"><u>Budgeting &amp; Family Support Services. Mangere Otara &amp; Tuakau</u></a>	Food parcels and face masks available at Mangere and Tuakau. Please call first to request, bring ID and proof of address. Second and subsequent requests for food parcels will need letter from WINZ confirming they are still experiencing hardship.	<b>Mangere - 09 275 2266</b> <b>Tuakau - 09 236 9804</b>
<a href="#"><u>St Vincent de Paul</u></a>	Food bank and food parcels. Pick up from 47 Station Road, Otahuhu. Open Mon, Wed and Fri, 9.30am-12.30pm. No need to call first, but bring ID. Referrers are also able to email manager and pick up orders on clients' behalf.	<b>09 270 4088</b> <a href="mailto:manager@stvincieotahuhu.org.nz">manager@stvincieotahuhu.org.nz</a>
<a href="#"><u>LIFE Community Kitchens <i>Updated</i></u></a>	Cooked meals from a number of locations, including Otara, Manurewa, Glen Innes, Papakura, and Mangere. See Facebook for details.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/lifecommunitykitchens/">www.facebook.com/lifecommunitykitchens/</a>
<a href="#"><u>The Otara Kai Village</u></a>	Food and cooked meals for people living in Otara and Papatoetoe regions. No registration needed, pick up from 120 East Tamaki Road, Otara. Subject to availability, see Facebook or view website for more information.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheOtaraVillage">www.facebook.com/TheOtaraVillage</a> <a href="http://www.otarakaivillage.co.nz/okv-schedule.html">www.otarakaivillage.co.nz/okv-schedule.html</a>
<a href="#"><u>South Auckland Christian Food Bank</u></a>	Community dinners and food parcel delivery.	<b>0508 242 643</b>
<a href="#"><u>Citizens Advice Bureau Pakuranga</u></a>	Food bank and general assistance for Pakuranga, Howick and Flat Bush. Connect people to a number of churches and community organisations, and also provide budgeting advice. Call Citizens Advice Bureau first for referral.	<b>09 576 8331</b>
<a href="#"><u>Takanini Gurdwara (Supreme Sikh Society of New Zealand) <i>Updated</i></u></a>	Help individuals who are struggling to buy food. Contact by phone, email or Facebook.	<b>09 296 2376</b> <b>(Alternatively call 021 803 512 or 09 215 4647)</b> <a href="mailto:supremesikhsocietynz@gmail.com">supremesikhsocietynz@gmail.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TakaniniGurdwara/">www.facebook.com/TakaniniGurdwara/</a>
<a href="#"><u>Shanti Niwas</u></a>	Provide social support services to senior citizens of Indian and South Asian origin. Services include vegetarian meals on wheels, grocery and prescription medicine delivery, face-to-face and	<b>09 622 1010</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/snct.newzealand/">www.facebook.com/snct.newzealand/</a>

<a href="#"><u>WeCare.Kiwi</u></a>	phone check ins, and emergency housing service. Volunteer support network for anyone who is vulnerable, living alone, or caring for others can request check-ins or practical help. Register online. Low cost food delivery service available.	<b>0800 777 797</b> <a href="https://wecare.kiwi/get-help/">https://wecare.kiwi/get-help/</a>
<a href="#"><u>Southseas Healthcare Trust</u></a>	Food support to enrolled population and church groups in South Auckland. Pick up only from 14 Fair Mall, Shop 9-12 Otara.	<b>027 381 2317</b>
<a href="#"><u>The Fono Feleoko Food-Hubs</u></a>	Food bank for available for current clients only. Call or send Facebook message.	<b>0800 FONO 4U</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/thefonohealth/">www.facebook.com/thefonohealth/</a>

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