



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Covid Level 3 Newsletter

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Kia ora 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.

END OF THE TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ALERT LEVEL 3: Unfortunately we still find ourselves at Alert Level 3 and we are not able to have students back at school apart from essential worker students who have no other person to care for their children. All we can continue to do is work under the advice we continue to receive from the Government and the Ministry of Education (MOE). We trust that it is good advice and we know the MOE decision making has been thoroughly thought through. As we look forward, let's hope that we will get the opportunity to have students back to school soon.

NEW ONLINE LEARNING REMINDER: On Monday 18th October, we will begin Term 4 on-line learning. We will continue to have learning available for all students from around 9 a.m. Monday morning. Please visit the Puhinui Website <https://www.puhinui.school.nz/> for the new learning for Week 1, Term 4. A reminder to also check out the Ministry of Education (MOE) online learning from home website <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/resources> .

BUBBLE SCHOOL FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS ONLY: On Monday we will continue with bubble schooling, thank you to all parents who have supported us by continuing to keep their children at home despite the temptation to bring them into school. We only have a small number of teachers on site for bubble school and we have been encouraged to keep numbers on site as low as possible.

A reminder, please remember bubble school at Alert Level 3 is only for students of essential workers who do not have someone at home to care for their child.

A notice regarding bubble school was sent out yesterday afternoon. If you do intend to send your child to bubble school, please make sure you have read the email and reply via the email address provided in the email.

HARD COPY PACK COLLECTION: Next Tuesday we will recommence with our hard copy pack drive-through collection. This will be open between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. More information will be sent out regarding hardpack need to know information in a separate email.

PUHINUI EMPLOYEE VACCINATION REGISTER: Following the Government's announcement asking for a vaccine and testing register of education workers, the Board of Trustees are working with our employees to begin preparations for compliance. The MOE will release guidelines for the register shortly. All information will remain confidential. For our parent community we would like to assure you that we will follow the mandated expectations for a register and that all staff members are compliant with the vaccination mandate for those in the education sector.

SUPER SATURDAY VAXATHON: Keep our whānau and tamariki safe! New Zealand's first-ever 'Vaxathon' will take place this weekend on 'Super Saturday' (16 October) – a national day of action that calls on every remaining eligible New Zealander to get their vaccination against Covid-19. Tamati Sheppard-Wipiiti, (Group Manager of Equity for the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme) is calling for a massive collective effort to make this happen. Vaccination is by far the biggest and most powerful weapon we have in our fight against Covid-19. Everyone from our whānau, families and communities please step up and play your part, especially those who have not yet come forward.

Thank you Puhinui Whānau, let's keep being strong, kia kaha, we can do this!

Please see a helpful list of food bank services available in our community below:

	1pm.	Referral Form
Waka of Caring	Food parcels, meals, Christmas presents, clothing, blankets and kitchenware. Pick up from 2/14 Mcannalley Street Manurewa.	www.facebook.com/groups/978559512159944
Budgeting & Family Support Services. Mangere Otara & Tuakau	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.	Mangere - 09 275 2266 Tuakau - 09 236 9804
St Vincent de Paul	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.	09 270 4088 manager@stvinnietotahuhu.org.nz
LIFE Community Kitchens Updated	Cooked meals from a number of locations, including Otara, Manurewa, Glen Innes, Papakura, and Mangere. See Facebook for details.	www.facebook.com/lifecommunitykitchens/
The Otara Kai Village	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.	www.facebook.com/TheOtaraVillage www.otarakaivillage.co.nz/okv-schedule.html
South Auckland Christian Food Bank	Community dinners and food parcel delivery.	0508 242 643
Citizens Advice Bureau Pakuranga	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.	09 576 8331
Takanini Gurdwara (Supreme Sikh Society of New Zealand) Updated	Help individuals who are struggling to buy food. Contact by phone, email or Facebook.	09 296 2376 (Alternatively call 021 803 512 or 09 215 4647) supremesikhsocietynz@gmail.com www.facebook.com/TakaniniGurdwara/
Shanti Niwas	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	09 622 1010 www.facebook.com/snct.newzealand/

Name	Community	Contact
Salvation Army - Manukau Community Ministry	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.	09 262 2332 for Manukau Community Ministry or 0800 53 00 00 for local ministry manukau.cm@salvationarmy.org.nz
Affirming Works NEW	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.	0800 0AFFIRM
MUMA, Manukau Urban Maori Authority	Food parcels. Pick up from 31 Calthorpe Close, Favona. If you live in Mangere, Otara, Otahuhu, Papatoetoe and Manukau, please call between 10am and 2pm to book an appointment.	0800 686 232
Papakura Marae	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.	0800 8262 7454
Rawiri Community House	Food parcels and other free resources. Register first using online referral form. Pick up from 1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri. Wed-Fri 10am-	liz@rawiri.org www.facebook.com/rawiri.org/

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WeCare.Kiwi	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.	0800 777 797 https://wecare.kiwi/get-help/
Southseas Healthcare Trust	Food support to enrolled population and church groups in South Auckland. Pick up only from 14 Fair Mall, Shop 9-12 Otara.	027 381 2317
The Fono Feleoko Food-Hubs	Food bank for available for current clients only. Call or send Facebook message.	0800 FON0 4U www.facebook.com/thefonohealth/

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FURTHER SUPPORT FOR WHĀNAU:

- Student Volunteer Army <https://shop.sva.org.nz/> This is help with receiving groceries delivered to your door.
- Foodbank NZ Phone: 022 045 8184
- info@foodbank.co.nz
- www.foodbank.org.nz
- Women's Refuge 0800REFUGE or 0800 733 843
- Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY
- Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357
- Youthline 0800 376 633 or free text 234
- Depression Helpline 0800 111 757
- Counselling Free Call or Text 1737
- Healthline for COVID-19 health advice: 0800 358 5453