



# 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.

Next week is our last week of school for the year. A reminder we finish on Thursday, 16th of December at 12.10 p.m. Thank you for all your support this year as we have all worked to do the best we can for the children. It hasn't been an easy year for them, and we hope that next year will be more consistent as we manage Covid19.

**UPDATE ON VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD:** Next year will also see the roll out of vaccinations for children under 12 years of age. The MOE are currently advising schools on this work. Indications are that the MoH will organise the roll out of vaccinations beginning early next year. They will be available from your GP, pharmacies, and local vaccination centres. Parents will need to provide consent for children to get vaccinations. Currently we have not heard whether schools will become sites for vaccinations.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 8.50 a.m. - 12.10 p.m.:** Please note that our last day of school for the 2021 year will be on Thursday 16th December. School will close at 12.10 p.m. for all students on the 16th of December. Parents, please make arrangements for an early collection of your children on this day.

**REPORTS HOME:** For students at school reports will go home on Tuesday. The reports will also include the classroom your child will be in next year, 2022.

**REPORT PICK-UP DRIVE-THROUGH ON WEDNESDAY:** If your child has not returned to school, their report will be available for pick-up from the Hornby Suite on Wednesday 14th December. The pick-up drive through will operate from 9.30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The report will include a notice informing you of your child's classroom for 2022. This is a drive-through service. However, if you have no transport, please walk in and follow these directions also;

1. Enter via our Grayson Ave entrance. The gates will be open.
2. There will be a sign directing you into the school and please follow the orange cones.
3. Wait in your car outside the Hornby Suite and a teacher will come and assist you.

**You will need to tell them:**

- **Your child's name, classroom number, and year level**

If you are unsure of any of these details, the teacher there will be able to help you.

**STUDENTS 2021 STATIONERY:** Parents please note in the interests of maintaining health and safety all non returning students stationery for Years 3 to Years 5 will be sent through to their next year's teacher. This will minimise pick-ups and people on site. Your child will be able to collect this year's stationery from their new teacher, next year.

Junior students who are not returning - Year 0, 1 and Year 2. Their stationery will be bagged and sent to the Hornby Suite. It can be collected along with your child's report on Wednesday 9:30 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Year 6 students who are not returning their stationery and belongings can also be collected from the Hornby Suite 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If your child has any school library books, readers or musical instruments that belong to the school, please return these to the staff at the Hornby Suite also.

**END OF YEAR FAREWELLS:** It is always an exciting and sad time of the year as we say goodbye to a number of whānau, students and staff members. Firstly, we wish to say goodbye and good luck to all of our Year 6 students who will be moving on to intermediate next year. To students who will also be leaving and

moving to new schools, we hope you enjoy your new school and we wish you all the best too. For whānau who are leaving along with their tamariki, especially those who have had a long association with the school, thank you and all the best. We are excited for you as you continue to love, care and watch your tamariki learn and grow.

To the staff members who are leaving us in 2021, haere ra, best of luck and thank you for the service and aroha in educating the Puhinui tamariki. Staff we farewell in 2021 include: Nikki Oates, Chanel Tailby, Yati Chalmers. Jade Wells will go on maternity leave and Krishna Ramadugu will be on refreshment leave in 2022. We have previously also farewelled Margy Waimotu, Talea Roycroft, Alayne Miller, Kirandeep Dhillon and Danielle Borrie. This term we have had Gillian Berry and Sarah Granger who were part time staff members, who we also farewell and thank for their time with us.

**WELCOME TO PUHINUI:** We look forward to welcoming new staff members in 2022. In Room 24 Miss Sonja Kotze, Room 12 Miss Anna Robinson, Room 16 Miss Ria Doppenberg, Room 20 Miss Rebecca Hu, and Room 6 Miss Natalyha Surgison.

**12.10 p.m. FINISH TIME LAST DAY:** As mentioned above our last day is Thursday 16th December and we will be finishing at 12.10 p.m. Please make the necessary arrangements for the pick up of your children at this time on our last day. Thank you again for your cooperation parents.

**LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMME:** The Auckland Library is holding their Reading Summer Programme. Children can register by clicking on the link [aucklandlibraries.beanstack.com](https://aucklandlibraries.beanstack.com) or through the web address: (<https://aucklandlibraries.beanstack.com/reader365>). This is a great way to keep your children reading this Summer. Children can complete activities to earn badges and go in the draw to win a summer prize pack from your local library. Booklists, resources and helpful tips from our librarians! Challenges and prize draws are open to kids aged 5-12 and youth aged 13-18. There are free book bags to the first 4000 children to register for the Level up challenge on Beanstack. We have a link in our school library page on our website too.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2022:** We look forward to seeing students and whānau on our first day of the 2022 school year. Please be aware we want to make the most of every day next year. Please don't be the parents that choose to stay on holiday. If we value education and want our tamariki to be set up with good enduring life habits it starts with being punctual and ready. In 2022 we begin on Wednesday 2nd February at 8.50 a.m.

**SKIDS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:** Due to continuing restrictions SKiDS Summer programme will begin on Wednesday 5th of January 2022 for Puhinui School students. Please 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. All our sKids staff are fully vaccinated.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE MASK:** Parents if you are onsite for the end of the day to pick-up your child, a reminder you must wear a face mask. With 4 days to go please keep our routines and Health and Safety in good operation.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE SICK:** If you have a sick child, especially if they have flu-like symptoms, they must stay at home. If students at school are unwell at school, we will ring home and request children are picked up. We have to regard the well being of other students, so we may ask you to take your child to the doctors. Children should have a negative test, or a doctor's medical certificate before they return to school. The Ministry of Education guidance document states, " The child should not return to school until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours." If you are aware of a child experiencing covid-like symptoms, it should be recommended that they get a test. Parents please help us keep everyone safe and well.

**PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS:** Puhinui School would like to encourage and promote protecting yourself and others code of conduct:

- 1. Get vaccinated**
- 2. Stay home if you're sick**
- 3. Use basic hygiene**
- 4. Wear a mask**
- 5. Record your movements**
- 6. Practise physical distancing**