



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

18 February 2022

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Families,

Things can move really quickly from week to week at the moment. We will do our best to keep whānau informed with things relating to learning and Covid-19 at Puhinui School.

OMICRON AND SCHOOLS: We have now had revised information regarding the red light phase change that happened on Tuesday 15th February. When we have confirmation of a positive case of Covid-19 we will work as quickly as we can to identify close contacts and if required close a classroom. We will notify all parents from any affected classrooms as soon as practicable. Please note that close contacts will only need to self isolate for 7 days now under the phase change. Close contacts are still required to have a test on day 1 and day 5 returning a negative result for both tests. As you are aware under the traffic light system “Schools are open for on site learning for all students”. We will continue to keep the school open and where needed manage positive and close contact cases. This may be through individual, or a class by class basis. Each case will be specifically managed according to the information we have available. As always we are guided by information and guidelines that we receive from the MOE and the MoH.

PUNCTUALITY: It is pleasing to see the majority of students arriving at school on time. Please keep in mind the importance of punctuality. Gates are locked after 8.50 a.m., it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children are at school on time. By establishing good routines at home, children learn how to manage their time well. The school bell rings in the morning at 8.50 a.m., please ensure your child is at school between 8 a.m. and 8.40 a.m.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Parents please note the polo shirt sizes 4-6 are now back in stock at Angel Fashions. Please register for the VIP card, and or have it with you when you go to the store. This gives you discounts, without the card the prices are more expensive. The uniform price list is on our school website and is now up to date.

LUNCH ORDERS: Every Monday and Friday students are able to order their lunch. Orders are taken in the Auditorium before school and delivered to your child’s room at lunchtime. Items available for purchase are:

Regular mince and cheese pie	\$2.00	Potato top pie	\$2.00
Chicken and gravy pie	\$2.00	Apple pie	\$2.00
Sausage roll	\$2.00	Juice drink	\$2.00

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parents please be aware that we have postponed our parent conferences. Parent conferences were scheduled for the 23rd of February. We have rescheduled these for the 22nd and 23rd of March. They will be via phone, or by digital zoom. More information will follow as we get closer to the time.

SKiDS: Our before and after school care providers are ready to resume their services. To contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 022 473 0281 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Louis Nguyen from Room 12 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 _____

CONFIRMED CASES IN OUR COMMUNITY: As you will be aware we have had three classrooms closed this week. All three classes are ready to open again on Monday 21 February with close contact students having completed their isolation period. A reminder to please keep sick students at home and if you have Covid-19 related symptoms get your child tested as soon as possible. SKiDs before and after school programmes are also ready to resume their services on Monday.

A COVID-19 case has been confirmed in your school community.

YOU have been identified as a **CLOSE CONTACT**

Please follow this Public Health guidance.

YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE FOR

7 DAYS from the date you had contact with the case

- Get tested on **DAY 5**



HOW TO GET TESTED

- Find your nearest testing centre at www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19 or call Healthline on **0800 358 5453**
- It's **FREE**
- Tell them you're a **CLOSE CONTACT**

- You can stop isolating and **RETURN** to normal life once you have received a negative day 5 test AND once 7 days have passed (ie, on day 8).
- Follow public health advice on the Ministry of Health website: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-contact



WHAT IT MEANS TO SELF-ISOLATE

- **Stay away** from other household members if possible
- **Don't leave your house for any reason**
- **You can't** have any visitors

COVID 19 GOLDEN RULES: We hope that we continue to be fortunate in how Covid 19 is being managed across the city and country. We continue to work within the Ministry of Education guidelines and our school pandemic policy. Please continue to use the tracing app and the Covid 19 golden rules:

The golden rules set out by the Ministry of Health (MoH):

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Vaccinate yourself and your whanau to keep them safe.