



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

11 March 2022

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Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

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, greetings.

PLEASE REMEMBER, SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS: We are open for all students who are well. We do want to maintain safety and continue to provide the best learning opportunities possible for your child.

THE COVID 19 SPIKE: This week has been a much more settled week at school, with our fewest covid cases for several weeks. We are not sure if we are over the worst of the spike with Omicron, but we are hoping that things continue the way they have this week. In total, this year we have had 99 student positive cases (February 2 - March 10). This week we have seen a continuing decrease in confirmed positive cases each day. Please continue calling and advising us if your child tests positive, or is a household contact. In terms of teaching staff and support staff we have had 12 positive cases this year. Statistically, 90% of Auckland schools are managing positive covid cases. Yesterday across Auckland schools there were 8533 reported positive cases. 870 of these were teachers. On a positive note, the majority of positive cases come from contact outside of schools. We also appear to be dropping in reported cases across Auckland schools, a further positive sign that will hopefully continue.

Please also be aware that we are monitoring and rapid testing staff members as the need arises to continue working on being as proactive as possible. To help manage staffing over the last few weeks we have had to, at various times manage our relieving staff and split classes. We thank you for your understanding and supporting us as we do our best to manage Covid-19 and maintain learning as best we can for all tamariki.

7 DAY ISOLATION: Changes to the self isolation procedures will take effect from Friday 11 March at midnight. This will mean a person who is positive for Covid-19, will now only self isolate for 7 days. Household contacts isolate for 7 days, and test on day 3 and 7. If they have a negative day 7 test and have no symptoms, they can return to school on day 8.

ROLL RETURN: Please read this carefully, this time of the year is usually a busy time for submitting documentation through to the Ministry of Education (MOE). On the first of March our roll return was submitted. The roll return informs the MOE of students on our current roll. It includes any students on the roll, those who have been attending and those who are showing non attendance. For students who have not returned to school, our teachers follow-up with whānau. For students who have not attended school for 20 days are taken off the roll. Families will need to re-enrol their children if they have been taken off our roll. For whānau out of zone, this may mean you will have to enrol at the school you are in zone for.

FINANCE AUDITING: Our 2021 finances are currently being audited to ensure our accountancy practices are tidy and meet expected regulations for schools. Thank you to our finance team who do an excellent job of ensuring we are maintaining the highest level of accountancy procedures.

CHARTER: Our 2022 school charter has been submitted to the MOE and will soon be available on our website. The charter includes our strategic focus areas for 2022 and our 3 year long term strategic plans from 2022 to 2024. Our strategic focuses this year are:

- Curriculum mapping
- Reading Programmes
- Personal life habits which is an aspect of our Puhinui Student profile

Our 2022-2024 Strategic Plans include 3 goals

1. Deliver a Puhinui worthy curriculum, one that provides students with authentic, relatable and motivational learning experiences.
2. Providing reading programmes at Puhinui School that are well established upon literacy foundations. They support effective delivery in literacy and in reading proficiency of students.
3. Provide an environment that enhances learning and our Puhinui identity.

SENIOR SCHOOL OUTDOOR ED WEEK: Next week our seniors will be involved in our traditional outdoor education week activities. It includes a wide range of activities in and out of school. We are really pleased that we have been able to go ahead with outdoor ed week for the students despite the distractions and adjustments we have had to make due to Covid-19. Well done to the Senior Team and our outdoor education organising team for doing the mahi and allowing students to have the opportunity to experience this valuable learning week. Activities include:

Mangere mountain walk and history trail	Orienteering	Rocket ropes
Whitewater rafting	Y6 overnight stay	Tenting
		Cooking

PARENT CONFERENCES: Today parent conference information was sent home from school to parents. If you did not receive this letter please call the office and they will let your child's teacher know. Teachers will follow-up and provide your child with a letter. Parent conferences will be arranged via a phone call, or through digital google meets, or zoom. The letter home has full details. Parent conferences will be in Week 8 on Tuesday 22 March and Wednesday 23 March from 3.20 p.m.

MANA KIDZ NURSE: On Tuesday's between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, the Mana Kidz Nurse will be available at school to see children with minor health issues. She will be working in the School Auditorium. Please complete the attached opt out form and return it to school if you do **not** want to participate in any health checks.

HARAKEKE FLAX: Miss Surgison from Room 6 has requested help with sourcing harakeke flax. With the upcoming Senior School focus 'My Identity in Aotearoa/New Zealand- Tūrangawaewae' for weeks 6-11, she is hoping that as part of a worthy task for Room 6, someone may be able to help with harakeke (flax) cuttings they might be willing to donate/share with us.

These cuttings would be used to create weavings used in a final piece of class artwork. If you can help please contact Miss Surgison at natalyha@puhinui.school.nz or by ringing the school office on 092788703.

DE LA SALLE ENROLMENTS: For any families interested in enrolling their sons at De La Salle Catholic School in Year 7, please go to the De La Salle school website and download the enrolment pack. <https://www.delasalle.school.nz/enrolment-form/> For any further information regarding enrolment please email enrolments@delasalle.school.nz, or call the enrolment officer on 092764319 ext 816.

SKIDS: Our before and after school care providers are operating as usual. The feedback from parents has been positive and the children have enjoyed the variety of activities being offered in the daily programme. 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 Anaya Reddy from Room 11 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 _____