



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

7th April 2022

Newsletter No. 7/2022

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.

ATTENDANCE CLOSE TO NORMAL: It is pleasing to see attendance over the last few weeks has been consistently getting closer to pre-covid numbers. On Monday we had 86% of students in attendance and on Tuesday we had 90% of students in attendance. Normally on any given day, we would range from 90%-95% attendance at this time of year. We look forward to high attendance numbers continuing. It is important that unless students are unwell, they are at school every day. A reminder in the winter let's make sure rainy days are no excuse to have the day off. Parents, please make sure this happens.

COVID 19 SCHOOL UPDATES: Numbers of covid cases continue to drop week by week. We know we may have little spikes from time to time, however, generally things are looking good.

7 DAY ISOLATION: Self isolation procedures remain the same. A person who is positive for Covid-19, will 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.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL WEEK: This week is our International Cultural Week. Every term we have a week where we celebrate our varying cultures of the school. In Term 1 we traditionally start with an International Cultural week, in Term 2 we celebrate Matariki, Term 3 cultures of the Pacific "Pasifika" and in Term 4 Diwali. Cultural weeks gives us a chance to recognise the wide ranging cultures of the world and of our school. The students celebrate and learn about a range of cultures through their team intensive days and each class arranges activities they work on through the week too. This Friday we invite students to dress up in something that relates to their culture. Please remember we encourage children to dress up in something they already have. We do not expect parents to buy extra clothing items just for the day.

PREPARATIONS FOR TERM 2: Currently our teams are preparing learning topics for Term 2. The teams have been very deliberate in thinking about being well prepared for what will be a very important term of learning. At our last staff meeting we discussed the importance of being well prepared. We used the quote:

"If I had 6 hours to chop down a tree I'd spend the first 4 hours sharpening the axe"

This quote by Abraham Lincoln, is essentially highlighting the importance of being well prepared, and it is something we are really encouraging our teachers and teams to be. Our Puhinui Curriculum also asks our teachers to think of motivating, relatable learning experiences that the children will enjoy. We make them as authentic as possible. Teams have also prepared investigative learning tasks to gain information on what the students know, and want to know about next term's topics.

Term 2 Topics:

Junior School: Kiwiana - tamariki will explore, understand and participate in cultural practices of New Zealand. Identifying with our local history, ANZAC Day, Te Ao Māori, iconic food and places, our land and people. Tamariki will be involved with a food technology project to design and develop a new kiwiana treat.

Middle School: Food Glorious Food - next term in the Middle School, tamariki will explore and understand their relationship with food. They will learn about the process of growing food, how it finally gets to their table and whether our choices are impacting its sustainability. Tamariki will also learn important skills around food safety, preparation and cooking.

Senior School: Wai Water - tamariki will explore their relationship with water, how water impacts our lives and what we do in our daily lives that can impact water. Students will learn about the weather, climate change, water in our bodies and water in our local environment.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS IN 2022: In our last newsletter we shared our 3 annual strategic areas for development:

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

Please diary the parent consultation dates below. These meetings will be a time to share with you more information and to gain feedback and ideas from you as whānau, in the interests of helping us develop the best learning experiences possible for the tamariki of Puhinui School.

Parent consultation dates for 2022:

- Term 2 Wednesday 18th May 3.30 p.m.
- Term 2 Wednesday 22nd June 4.30 p.m.
- Term 3 Wednesday 17th August 5 p.m.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS: Training has begun for our Term 2 Winter sports. These include rugby, soccer and netball. In Term 2 we have a number of sports exchanges that have been scheduled as well as our Winter Zones Tournament.

Sports exchanges Term 2, all on a Thursday:

Week 1 Holy Cross	Week 2 SDA	Week 3 Pap East	Week 4 Pap Central	Week 5 Pap South
Week 6 Pap North	Week 7 Pap East	Week 8 Holy Cross	Week 9 Tuesday 28th June Winter Sports zones	

HEALTH NURSE: The Mana Kidz Health Nurse is working in our school every Thursday morning 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Health checks include:

Hearing checks Vision checks Sore throats Skin conditions - sores, eczema
Asthma concerns Toileting issues Consistent runny nose (especially during winter)

MANA HEALTH NURSE CONTACT DETAILS: 0272781441 OR 0800 MK TEAM: 0800 65 8326

TERM ENDING NEXT THURSDAY: Thank you whānau for all the support you have provided the school this term. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in Term 2, on the 2nd of May, ready to have an amazing term of learning. Last day of Term 1 will be next week, Thursday 14th April at 3 p.m. Have a safe and enjoyable Easter, ANZAC and term break.

SKIDS: Our before and after school care providers have resumed 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 Nauma Tepano from Room 22 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.

✂.....

7 April 2022

Newsletter No. 7/2022

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 _____