



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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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.

**PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS IN 2022:** Unfortunately we postponed our first parent consultation meeting last week. However, please note we have rescheduled for Wednesday the 8th June. We have 3 parent consultations this year.

- Curriculum mapping
- Reading programmes
- Personal life habits (an aspect of our Puhinui student profile)

We invite all parents to our first (rescheduled) parent consultation meeting on the 8th of June at 3.30 p.m. in the Library. Our focus will be on:

- Our Puhinui Curriculum
- Curriculum mapping
- Worthy topics and themes

**TEACHING STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** With Reading being our key strategic development focus this year we are currently unpacking as a teaching staff Reading and what makes an effective reading programme. This week our focus was on the importance of being well prepared and how we develop good routines and habits in the preparation of reading. Next week we have a staff meeting on key reading elements in our programme. On Friday, the 3rd of June, this will be followed up with a Teachers Only Day. On Teachers Only Day we will be working with the Reading Recovery team. Again our focus will be on effective reading programmes, in particular the elements of what is in a reading programme, moving through the reading levels, fluent and phrased reading. A reminder that this will mean school will be closed for students on Friday, the 3rd of June. Please also remember that Monday the 6th of June is Queen's Birthday and a public holiday. A notice will be sent home to remind whānau.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** With the winter months coming it is time to think about ensuring your child has the correct school uniform. Please consider purchasing the polar fleece jacket to keep your child warm. If your child walks to and from home you may wish to consider getting a shower proof jacket as well. Another option for winter is the long sleeve polo shirt. We want to ensure we maintain our sense of pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform is a part of what we do. We also have some second hand uniforms available at school, please call in at the office, if you would like to purchase any. Non-uniform clothing items such as long sleeved shirts that are not school uniform should not be worn under the school uniform. Girls' tights are forest green or black. Beanies can be purchased through our uniform suppliers, Angel's Fashion in Papatoetoe. Please note that beanies will only be worn in Terms 2 and 3. The beanies are not compulsory but those who choose to wear them must wear regulation uniform beanies (students will be asked to remove non-uniform beanies). Students may wear school beanies to and from school and during breaks. They will not be worn inside the classroom and must be worn appropriately at all times. The cost of the school beanie is \$18 and is available from Angel's Fashion now. Uniforms can be purchased from our supplier, Angels Fashions, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe.

**CONTACT DETAIL UPDATES:** It is important to keep the school updated on any changes of address and contact details. Shortly the office staff will be sending out forms in relation to your current address and personal details. Please complete these and return them to the office if there are any changes. If there are no changes there is no need to return the form. Thank you.

**REPORTS AND PARENT CONFERENCES:** Currently teachers are in the process of writing reports for our mid year reporting to parents. Although it is a time consuming process, it is a time that teachers enjoy in terms of reflecting on the progress and growth the students have made. Each report reflects the learning of each child. Teachers are mindful of reporting well and consistently to parents and students' families.

**LATENESS:** Lateness has begun creeping up whānau, please keep your evening and morning routines as regular as possible so your children are on time. A reminder if you are struggling to get your tamariki to school on time please consider your morning routines. We encourage you to empower your children to establish independence and their own

morning routines. It is even more important now, that students are on time for the start of school. All students arriving after the 8.50 a.m. bell must collect a late pass from the office.

**ATTENDANCE TEXTING:** Parents can expect to receive a text during the morning advising of a student being absent without an explanation from home. Please respond to the text by calling the school on 09 278 8703, or freephone 0800 167 919 or alternatively replying to the text, which sends an email to the school. It is imperative to notify the school if your child is going to be absent and the reason for their absence.

**SCHOOL VALUES:** As many of our families know our school values are Community, Integrity, Opportunity, Resilience and Respect. During each day teachers find ways to promote our values and to support students in understanding them. Teachers help students find ways to live our values at school on a daily basis. We hope that through promoting our values we are supporting students to develop the right character traits in becoming successful members of our school and as future citizens of NZ. All school values are hopefully lived each day, we do however, also have a focus value that we would normally share at our school assemblies. With no assemblies at the moment, I'd like to use our school newsletter to help us refresh and focus on a value. The focus value for the next 2 weeks will be resilience. If you have time it would be interesting to see if your child can talk to you about how we show resilience at school, home and in their lives.

**PUHINUI SWiS:** Social Workers in Schools (SWiS) is a free service available to our children and their whānau here at Puhinui School. These services are designed to provide assistance to families who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges. The wellbeing of children is the key focus and the service aims to create more positive outcomes for children/families.

Our Puhinui School SWiS is able to provide information and advice on a whole range of topics/areas, as well as helping to connect families with other community agencies and services. SWiS programmes run within our school throughout the year with focus on key areas/topics e.g. self-confidence, parenting, behaviour regulation, peer relationships. Please feel free to contact our school SWiS (Shital Naidu) through the Office or on one of the following: shital@puhinui.school.nz or mobile 027 410 2148.

**COVID 19 SCHOOL UPDATES:** Although we are hoping to have a back to normal Term 2 we know we will also have positive cases of Covid-19 that we will need to continue managing throughout the term and the following terms. From week to week this may mean that some classes may require a relief teacher, or may need to be split across their year groups. We will try to do this with as minimal disruption as possible, and we hope our community appreciates that we are doing the best we can. On the whole we know parents understand and support us during this sometimes frustrating time. We thank you for this.

**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.

**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: 027 278 1441 OR 0800 MK TEAM: 0800 658 326

**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](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz). Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>.

**KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME:** 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatōetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only].

5 Sessions in Term 2: 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Contact: Sean 021 1732 457 or 279 8340 (PACT Office).

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Niyan Nadan from Room 13 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 \_\_\_\_\_