



PUHINUI SCHOOL

Newsletter

13 May 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.

Welcome back to Term 2 and we hope your tamariki have settled back into school routines well.

WEEKS 1 AND 2: Our first 2 weeks have been very busy with a number of special events including sports exchanges, ANZAC Day Assembly and our mihi whakatau to welcome new tamariki.

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 are happy to support us and 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.

ANZAC REMEMBRANCE DAY: On Wednesday morning our House Captains hosted the school ANZAC remembrance assembly. The programme closely followed the protocol of an ANZAC service programme, so we were able to provide our students with an authentic ANZAC remembrance service. The House Captains shared the Flanders Field poem beautifully, followed by the laying of wreaths and The Ode. Mr Graeme Brown played the Last Post, followed by a minute's silence and The Rouse. The flag monitors set the flag to half mast and raised it again during this time in the ceremony. The students were reflective and showed the appropriate reverence for this special occasion. At the end of the ceremony our students each placed a poppy upon the Field of Remembrance. "Lest We Forget."

The Ode of Remembrance

They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.

MIHI WHAKATAU: In the first week of each term a mihi whakatau is held to welcome new students, staff and whānau. Last Friday was a little different from what we normally do as we were only able to welcome new students and not include our full school in the mihi whakatau. Although this is not our preferred way of welcoming our new tamariki, we are still pleased that we are able to do what we can, under the circumstances as they are at the moment.

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 (an aspect of our Puhinui Student profile)

Next week on Wednesday at 3.30pm in the Library we will have our first parent consultation for the year. We will be sharing our Puhinui Curriculum with any parents who would like to come along and share time with us. We will have copies to share with you and we will give a short summary of some of the features of our curriculum and how it is designed. This will be an informal meeting so please come along and share your thoughts with us over a cup of tea and a few light refreshments.

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 5.00 p.m.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS: Last week we had our first sports exchange against Holy Cross for the term. We were all excited to be back into playing sports against the other primary schools in our area. Well done to all our sports teams. Holy Cross is a very good sporting school and they are always well prepared. They were especially strong in netball, while we had good results in soccer. Our rugby was close and we shared the wins equally with Holy Cross. Yesterday, our soccer and some netball teams played South Auckland Seventh Day Adventist School (SDA). For many of our students this is their first time playing competitive sports. They will continue to grow in confidence and we all look forward to more sports exchanges throughout the term. Parents please note we prefer students to stay after they have played their games and humbly request you wait until 3 p.m. for your child rather than take them home early. We believe it helps students connect and live our values and motto, others before self.

Holy Cross Results:

Netball A Holy Cross Win	Netball B Holy Cross Win	Netball C Holy Cross Win	Netball D Holy Cross Win	Netball E Draw
Netball F Puhinui Win	Boys Soccer A Puhinui Win	Boys Soccer B Puhinui Win	Girls Soccer Puhinui Win	
Rugby Under 40 Puhinui Win	Rugby Over 50 Holy Cross Win			

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

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> .

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Papatoetoe East Primary School, 138 Tui Rd. For children aged 5 – 11 years [No fees – donation only].
5 Sessions in Term 2: **Starts 21st May**, then 28th May, 11th June, 18th June and 2nd July. Contact: Sean 021 1732 457 or 279-8340 (PACT Office).

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Kenzo Wihapi from Room 5 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 _____

