



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

28 July 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 WHĀNAU: Welcome back to all our kura whānau for what we hope will be an excellent term of learning for our tamariki. As we are all aware, Covid-19 continues to be a part of our daily living and we will continue to work on managing attendance and staffing as best we can.

MIHI WHAKATAU: In the first week of each term a mihi whakatau is held to welcome new students, staff and whānau. Our mihi whakatau have been in a revised format due to covid restrictions. This Friday will be our first full mihi whakatau for the year, which we are excited to be able to have with our new teachers, new tamariki and their whānau. All new students received an invitation at the beginning of the week.

MASK WEARING: As mentioned in the letter to parents earlier this week, for the start of Term 3, 2022, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health **strongly recommend that all schools and kura make mask wearing a priority for the first four weeks of the term.** Our school will continue under this recommendation to make Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 mask wearing consistently practiced for all indoor settings. For Year 0, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 student mask wearing is encouraged, but is up to the discretion of parents. This is consistent with our procedures throughout this year. Please make sure that tamariki/ākonga come to school ready to wear masks. Students should bring masks from home if possible. We do have masks available for students who require them.

BOARD ELECTIONS: In September the school Board will be decided through the triennial election process. By now you should have received information in respect to the forthcoming Board election in September. If you have not received this correspondence you can come to the office and request the information relating to the elections and nominations for the Board positions. Nominations close 3rd August at 12 p.m.

ERO EVALUATION PUHINUI SCHOOL: The Education Review Office (ERO) have shifted to a new approach to school evaluation. They will be working with our school on an ongoing basis and supporting the school through providing an outside lens on how effective we are in delivering our strategic planning and student learning. ERO will present a public report within a 3 year cycle for each school. When ERO are ready to report to our community we will let you know. In the meantime you can find out more information by going to the ERO website: [ERO.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau](https://ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau)

SCHOOL VALUE COMMUNITY: We have 5 school values that we try to live each day at Puhinui School. We may not be successful in living our values in every moment, but we hopefully learn over time how to use and show our values as a way to live our lives in a good way. To begin the term we will be especially mindful of our School Motto, "Others Before Self". Although this is not a value it is important to see it as a way of providing care and service to the school.

FAREWELL MISS ANSIN: Sadly, we will be farewelling Miss Ansin at the end of Week 3. Miss Ansin has been working in Room 22 this year within the Year 3 and Year 4 team. Prior to this year Miss Ansin was working in the Year 5 & Year 6 team. She has done a great job in supporting teachers as our Māori Lead Teacher and in her role as the tutor for the Te Roopu Ahurea, kapa haka group. Thank you Miss Ansin and we wish you all the best. Mr Melroy Romauld will take over from Miss Ansin in Room 22 from Week 4.

We welcome Mr Geoffrey Carter and Miss Annie Robertson to the staff. Mr Carter is the new teacher for Room 2 in a class of Year 4 and 5 students. Miss Robertson is teaching in Room 21 with a New Entrant class.

TEACHING STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: This week's professional development was around writing. Teachers spent time in teams reviewing our long term planning and our weekly planning. We checked in to see if we had agreement on what our planning documents should look like and what elements of the writing programme we should be consistently delivering on. Miss Garvie took the team through a refresher on how a writing workshop looks, supported by several teachers who role-played students in the workshop.

HOUSING FOUNDATION MĀORI WHĀNAU SUPPORT: Corina Nicholas is a contact person for māori whānau who are interested in housing support and ownership through the housing foundation. Any māori whānau that may be interested in a possible terraced house in Manukau please contact her on 02102357323, or via the email, housingfoundation.co.nz. More information can also be accessed through the website - nzhf.org

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES: There are free English classes available to residents and citizens in South Auckland. These can be face to face, or via online platforms. Please contact 092789099, or email aucklandsouth@englishlanguage.org.nz

7 DAY ISOLATION: Self isolation procedures remain the same. A person who has tested 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 are available for before and, or, after school care. Please see the accompanying SKiDS term overview. 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> . Please see the accompanying SKiDS term overview.**

TERM DATES: Please find below the term dates for the remainder of the year:

Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September
Term 4: Monday 17 October to Wednesday 14 December (at 12.15 p.m.)

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Christa Shyju from Room 25 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 _____