



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

25 August 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.

HABITS: Last week at our parent consultation meeting we discussed with parents the importance of forming positive life habits. We shared with parents ways we can use habit techniques to improve organisation and learning for students. We discussed how this can be applied at home and their lives. In our Puhinui Curriculum our student profile includes '*Personal Life Habits*' as something we intentionally want to develop for students. So in sharing our thoughts and ideas we are hoping that we can ensure tamariki are developing habits that lead to success. Forming new habits works best when we break a habit into 4 parts '*cue, craving, response and reward*'. When these 4 parts are blended together they form a new habit. A person will often be more successful when these 4 parts are incorporated together.

One issue we are having is the number of students being late to school, so we practiced a habit routine with our parents based on good time keeping and establishing a good routine for being on time.

How can students be well prepared, organised and ready for school?

Together we mapped out a timetable that other parents could adapt and use at home.

Forming the habit of being ready for school:

Night before

1. Have my school bag ready with my school things
2. Have my uniform laid out ready beside my bed
3. Have my shoes ready next to my bed
4. Brush my teeth
5. Get ready for bed
6. Go to sleep

In the morning

1. Wake up 7a.m. - 7.30 a.m.
2. Wash and hygiene
3. Put on uniform and shoes
4. Have breakfast
5. Make my lunch (or parents make lunch) and put it in my bag
6. Help my mum (or, help my brother, my sister, dad, grandparents)
7. Get bag, walk to school, or parent drives me to school
8. Arrive at school (8.40 a.m.)

Thank you to the parents that attended the forming habits consultation and for your helpful ideas on forming habits for school.

MATHEX: Last week our mathex students attended the mathex competition. Teams were competitive and enjoyed the tricky maths problem challenges. Each team had 4 members and they had a range of questions to ask. With each successful answer they progressed to the next question. If the answer was wrong, they go back and try it again, or choose to pass. It is a fast paced competition and how successful you can depend on if you choose to reattempt, or pass. Congratulations to our 3 teams with our Year 6 team placing 3rd and our Year 4 team placing 2nd.

RIPPA RUGBY: On Tuesday Miss McCoskrie took 2 mixed rippa teams to the zones competition. As always there is a good level of competition across the Papatoetoe schools in rippa with every game being close and potentially going either way. Overall the A team placed 3rd and the B team 6th. Well done to both teams.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY: This term we delayed our school cross country for several weeks due to the poor conditions and with students not being able to train on the wet soft fields. We are now ready to go ahead next Tuesday, 30 August with a savings day on Thursday, 1 September. We hope parents are able to attend and cheer the tamariki on. Students will be organised in age groups beginning with the 5 year old students and ending with our competitive 10 and 11 year old teams. Parents are welcome and we hope you are able to come along and cheer on the children.

PAPATOETOE INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS: A reminder to all Year 6 parents, Papatoetoe Intermediate is our in zone school for Puhinui. Please ensure you have enrolled if you are intending on sending your child there next year. Next Friday the Year 6 students have a planned visit to the intermediate where they will be involved in a range of learning experiences that showcase what Papatoetoe Intermediate has to offer.

BOARD ELECTIONS: As mentioned in our last newsletter the Puhinui Board is now in office for the next 3 years. The Board will include the following members.

Parent Representatives:

Mr Martyn Chalmers Mr Phillip Wihapi Mrs Helena Yuhoi-WongKing
 Mr Simon Kent Mr Luke Doubleday

Staff Representative: Mr Lua Mose **Principal:** Mark Elder

TEACHING STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: This week's professional development involved revisions to our reading progressions. The progressions are the first step in the learning intentions teachers make. We use them to plan for long term and weekly learning goals. The revisions are a further element towards the continuing process of providing quality learning in Literacy at Puhinui School, they help us provide consistency and clarity in learning as well as continuity from Year 0 to Year 6.

SCHOOL VALUE RESPECT: We have 5 school values that we try to live each day at Puhinui School. Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community. Over the next few weeks we will be working on living the value of **Respect**. This value is seen when students are using their manners, listening to others, seeing things from another person's point of view. It is showing respect to parents and teachers. Respect is also being humble and at the same time being confident in talking through problems, issues, or in working with others to find solutions to learning and social problems.

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. 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 Kavya Gera from Room 24 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 _____