



# PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

23 September 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.

**PASIFIKA WEEK CELEBRATIONS:** This week we celebrated our Pasifika cultures in a week of intensive Pasifika based learning activities. On Monday we started with an assembly where our Pasifika groups put on a number of items. Throughout the week students have worked across their syndicates learning about various Pasifika cultures through dance, arts, crafts, food, stories, greetings and customs. Thank you to our Pasifika team for the extra work they put in and to all teachers for ensuring the Pasifika activities were of a high quality.

**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY:** Congratulations to our Zones Cross Country Team coming first overall at the zones event last week. We also won 5 out of 6 team events which is an impressive achievement for the teams. It was pleasing to see the consistency and level of team contribution from our runners in the various age group runs. The team did extremely well. Congratulations to the team, all the preparation and training showed through on the day.

## Zone Cross Country Placings:

Zone Cross Country Overall Placings 2022:					
1st		2nd		3rd	
Puhinui	334 points	Holy Cross	844 points	Papatoetoe East	883 points
Zone Cross Country Team Age Group Events					
9 Year Girls			9 Year Boys		
1st Puhinui	2nd Pap Central	3rd Holy Cross	1st Holy Cross	2nd Puhinui	3rd Pap North
10 Year Girls			10 Year Boys		
1st Puhinui	2nd Pap East	3rd Pap South	1st Puhinui	2nd Holy Cross	3rd Pap North
11 Year Girls			11 Year Boys		
1st Puhinui	2nd Pap East	3rd Pap North	1st Puhinui	2nd Pap East	3rd Pap Central
Zone Cross Country Individual Results:					
9 Boys	9 Girls	10 Boys	10 Girls	11 Boys	11 Girls
Luca 2nd	Chloe 2nd	Lincoln 2nd	Jessica 1st	William 2nd	Katie 1st
	Gabby 3rd				Legacy 2nd

**AUCKLAND KIDS SING CHOIR FESTIVAL:** Congratulations to our choir, they performed beautifully last Wednesday at the Auckland Kids Sing, in the Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Gala Evening Concert was a celebration of choirs across the Auckland region. The variety of songs choirs sang meant there was something for everyone. The children from our school took the opportunity to experience a different type of cultural event and it was exciting to see how well they performed in the Cathedral. Thanks again to Mr Read for preparing the

children so well. Through their preparation they were able to confidently shine on the night. Thank you Mrs Ngaire Bird for your piano accompaniment and Mrs Lameko for your help and support. A special thank you to the staff and parents who attended and supported the choir.

**ZONES GYMNASTICS:** Next week on Tuesday, our gymnastics team will compete in the Papatoetoe Primary Schools Zones Gymnastics, to be held at the new GymCity (245 Great South Rd, Papatoetoe, PC 2025). Good luck to our teams. We hope they enjoy the experience and perform well next week. Approximate competition times are, Year 4 teams 9.30 a.m., Year 5 teams 11.a.m. and Year 6 teams 1 p.m.

**SCHOOL VALUE:** We have 5 school values that we try to live each day at Puhinui School. Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community. **Community** is our school value for the last 2 weeks of term. Community is caring for others and working to support and help each other. When we participate in a community our sense of belonging is strong. When we help others we feel good and they in turn are more willing to help us when we need help. Community is also about celebration and this week for example we have celebrated the unique gifts of our Pasifika communities as a Puhinui community.

**WEBSITE:** A reminder to parents that our website has a range of topical items and information sources that you may find useful. Mr Seth quietly adds new pictures to our photo galleries and topical tweets too. Term dates for 2023 are available for any whānau keen on knowing any upcoming calendar dates.

**EARLY COLLECTION:** Please note parents' early collection of their child is beginning to occur quite regularly. Please keep these to genuine reasons such as medical appointments. School finishes each day at 3.00 p.m.

**TERM 3 ENDS NEXT WEEK:** A reminder to our whānau next week is our last week of the term. Our attendance is almost back to normal now, which is pleasing to see. Monday will be a memorial day to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth and then we are back to school on Tuesday. Parents let's finish the term well. All students need to attend Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (no early holidays please). Term 4 commences on Monday 17th October.

**LOCKDOWN PRACTICE:** This week we conducted an emergency lockdown practice. A lockdown is an intense course of action and it is important to make sure the tamariki are familiar with the procedures for a lockdown event. Next term we'll have a further lockdown practice, after which we anticipate the students and staff will be comfortable in knowing our procedures. Parents will be notified prior to our practice closer to the time.

**AUCKLAND AIRPORT NOISE RELIEF:** Any households who are in the Airport flightpath zone are eligible for free installation of ventilations systems, heat pumps, ceiling insulation, window and door treatments. To find out more contact the airport on [nmp@aucklandairport.co.nz](mailto:nmp@aucklandairport.co.nz) , or phone 09 2577055.

**PLEASE NO PARKING IN BREMWORTH CARPARK:** It is a challenge to find parking near the school and we all feel the frustration that this brings to our whānau and for the school in managing issues with parking. Parents please be aware that we need to think of others and the safety of the tamariki. Please use our drop off area appropriately and please continue to show patience when picking up students. Bremworth Carpets, 7 Grayson Avenue have requested we stay out of their car parking area. In respect of our neighbours please comply with their wishes. Thank you parents.

**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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_