



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

18 November 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.

SCHOOL VALUE: We have 5 school values that we try to live each day at Puhinui School. Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community. **Integrity** is our school value for the next 2 weeks. This value is seen when students are able to be honest and have the faith to know that by being honest they are displaying good character. A person who has integrity should be encouraged and we have a responsibility to support and give students confidence in displaying integrity. Sometimes a real test of a person's integrity is when things are getting hard and a person has choices to make between the right action to take and a misguided action. We may not always show the integrity we would like to. Our job at school is to celebrate the good choices and help students learn about integrity in the not so good choices they may make. Integrity makes us a caring person and a person people can trust.

BEGINNING TEACHER GRADUATION: Next week we will congratulate 5 of our teachers who have met a significant milestone in their teaching careers. They have completed their 2 year Provisionally Certified Teacher (PCT) beginning teacher period and will now be recognised as 'Fully Registered'. The staff will have a special ceremony next week to recognise this important milestone in the careers of our 5 new fully registered teachers. Congratulations to Miss YiLing Lee, Miss Natasha Findlay, Mrs Gina Say, Miss Tashi Grant and Miss Joleen Posthumus.

ATHLETICS ZONES: Next week, on Tuesday 22nd of November, our athletics team will be travelling to Omana Park for the Papatoetoe Primary Athletics Zones Day. This is always a great day. There are over 700 students who participate in this zone's event. We wish our team and tamariki all the best on the day. Parents and whānau are welcome to attend with the first events scheduled for a 10 a.m. start.

6 CLASSROOM BUILDING PROJECT START DATE: This week our Middle School playground has been dismantled much to the disappointment of the students. The playground will be relocated into the Middle School area so that we can make way for the new classroom block. In late November the construction team will begin fencing off the construction site where the new class build will be. This year work will begin with ground preparation and then next year in March things will begin to accelerate. The 2 storey, 6 classroom space (3 up, 3 down) is scheduled for completion in January 2024. The playground should be ready for use by the start of school in 2023.

EQUITY INDEX FUNDING: In the last month you may have heard of the change to how schools are funded. The Equity Index has recently replaced the Decile Funding system. For us it has meant a significant loss to our operational funding of \$95,000 per year. We are similar to other Papatoetoe Schools and so our principal association recently met with our local MP's, the Honourable Jenny Salesa and Honourable Arena Williams. We expressed our concerns and they respectfully listened as well as agreeing to advocate for our schools in Wellington. Hopefully we can gain clarity and have our questions answered in terms of why our schools have ended up with deficit equity in comparison to the decile funding.

ASSESSMENTS: We are close to completion of all our major assessments in learning for the year and despite the challenges of 2021 and 2022 our tamariki have generally done very well in their assessments. We are overall very pleased with the progress being made by our students. Reading has been our main focus this year and this has pleasing results seen in our reading data. This year mathematics has seen some exciting shifts in our new approach. Strategically we have moved Geometry and Statistics into our

topic theme work. Our teams have taken a responsive approach to how this looks and through the course of the year both of these areas of maths have shown significant shifts in learning progress. Writing is generally an area in need of some attention and further work being required in 2023 with the Year 3 and 4 and Year 6 cohorts.

REVIEW AND 2023 PREPARATION: This is a busy time of year for all our students and staff members, during learning instruction time and for teachers outside of instruction time too. At this time of the year we have a number of tasks that we are working through. Tasks needing attention include class placements, reporting, strategic evaluation, forming 2023 strategic plans. There is a blending of times as we continue the work in 2022, while also looking forward and preparing for 2023. It is always an exciting and busy time at the school. As we complete tasks our staff begin to look forward to the end of year prize-givings and the fun events that the students will be involved in and enjoy.

HEALTH NURSE: The Mana Kidz Health Nurse is working in our school . We have a new Health Nurse who will work every Wednesday morning 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.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: 0226187813 OR 0800 MK TEAM: 0800 658 326

DATES FOR END OF YEAR EVENTS: A reminder to please keep in mind some special end of year events.

Week 8	Wednesday 7th December	Monitors service lunch
	Thursday 8th	Junior, Middle and Senior School prize-givings.
	Friday 9th	Mufti Day
Week 9	Monday 12th	End of year reports go home
		Meet the 2023 teacher morning
		Senior School water wars
	Tuesday 13th	Year 6 pool party
		Classroom shared lunches
		Year 6 graduation
	Wednesday 14th	Last day of school, finish time 12.40 p.m.
2023	26th January	New enrolments
	27th January	New enrolments
	Monday 30th	Auckland anniversary (public holiday)
	Tuesday 31st	Teacher only day
	Wednesday 1st February	First day of school for students 2023
	Monday 6th	Waitangi Day (public holiday)
	Thursday 6th April	Last day of Term 1 2023

SUMMER FOOTBALL: Papatoetoe United Football Club Inc have started their summer programme for Junior/Youth on the hockey turf at Kolmar Sports Centre, Great South Road/Sutton Crescent, Papatoetoe.

4- to 8-year-olds - 9 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. - be there by 8.45 a.m.

9- to 14-year-olds - 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - be there by 10.15 a.m.

This is a free programme - no fees, registration or uniform. We welcome new players wanting to try Football for the first time. Anyone wishing to help run the programmes, please contact Anil on 0274 201 720 or on arrival. **No boots please** - as playing on hockey turf, can wear shin pads. Runs from Saturday 5th November to 17th December 2022. Please bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen. For further information please contact Anil 0274201720, or Email papatoetoe_united@hotmail.com Website: www.papatoetoeunited.co.nz

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Kabir Vashisht from Room 18 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 _____