



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

9 February 2023

Newsletter No. 1/2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome back to Puhinui School for the 2023 school year. We hope you and your whānau are well rested and ready for a year of hard work and success at Puhinui School. To our new students and their families, we hope your first few days at Puhinui School have been positive and you feel settled at your new school. Welcome also to our new teachers and staff members. Our Mission Statement expresses our purpose at Puhinui school, *"Together we educate and nurture the whole child"*. From this statement our teachers and staff members strive to provide each student with the best education possible at our school. We hope to establish positive encouraging partnerships with each family and together we are able to ensure students build confidence and become well rounded young people.

PUNCTUALITY: Please keep in mind the importance of punctuality. It is the responsibility of our parents to ensure their children are at school on time. Lateness is learned behaviour, as is being punctual. By establishing good routines at home children learn how to manage their time well. Parents please work with us in relation to improving our student punctuality. The school bell rings in the morning at 8.50 a.m., please ensure your child is at school between 8.20 a.m. and 8.40 a.m.

2023 TERM DATES:

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| Term 1 | Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April | 10 weeks |
| Term 2 | Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June | 10 weeks |
| Term 3 | Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September | 10 weeks |
| Term 4 | Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December | 10 weeks |

(Please note in Term 2, 24th April there is a Teacher Only Day set aside by the MOE for the New Zealand Curriculum refresh)

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day for students commences at 8.50 a.m. and ends at 3.00 p.m. We ask that parents ensure that their children are at school in plenty of time to organise themselves for the start of school and have time to talk to and play with their friends before the class bell rings. The school gates open at 8 a.m. and the bag bell is at 8.20 a.m. Our break times during the day are:

Morning break 10.50 a.m. to 11.10 a.m. Lunch break 12.40 p.m. to 1.40 p.m.

SWIMMING SPORTS & SPLISH, SPLOSH, SPLASH: Next Wednesday, 15th February our Junior School will hold their Splish, Splosh, Splash event. This is a range of water based activities that are fun and encourage water play. On Thursday 16th, we will have our Middle and Senior School swimming sports. Notices are due out shortly, parents are welcome to come and attend these events.

SWIMMING LESSONS AT PUHINUI: Swimming is a compulsory part of the New Zealand Curriculum. If your child has a medical condition preventing him or her from swimming, a signed note from you is required. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel on their swimming days. Our aim is to ensure all students have the water confidence they may one day need to keep them safe from harm in and around water.

MIHI WHAKATAU: This will be held on Friday 17th February (next week) at 9.15 a.m. in the Auditorium. This is a chance to welcome our new students and whānau to Puhinui School. A letter will be sent home with all new students with more information.

LUNCHES: Pie sales will resume on Monday the 13th of February. Our lunch order days are Mondays and Fridays only. Orders are taken in the auditorium before school and delivered to your child's room at lunchtime.

MEET THE TEACHER: Parent meet the teacher evening is scheduled for Tuesday the 21st of February (week 4). This is a time to check in with the teachers regarding how your child has settled back in at school. It's an opportunity to connect and discuss learning, and share any insights that may help your child this year. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

GRAYSON AVENUE ACCESSWAY: This was designed as a drop off zone in the mornings and a pick up zone at the end of school. The parking is limited and cannot accommodate parking for everyone. When parents show patience and consideration for others, traffic flows and children are dropped off and picked up successfully. Do not park in the drop off zone or along the fence line and leave your car as this becomes a hazard. Please show patience and respect for others. By doing so we keep everyone safe. Staff members are on duty to help facilitate and encourage road safety in and around our school. Once again, we appreciate your assistance in keeping our students safe.

PUHINUI SWiS: Social Workers in Schools (SWiS) is a free service available to our children and their whānau here at Puhinui School. These services are designed to provide assistance to families who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges. The wellbeing of children is the key focus of the service. Please feel free to contact our school SWiS (Shital Naidu) through the Office, or by one of the following: shital@puhinui.school.nz or 0274102148 .

DENTAL HUB: Dental services are accessed from 2C Grayson Avenue. The parking directly outside the clinic is provided for dental staff and parents of children being treated. The dental hub's phone number is 09 2781975.

HEALTH NURSE: The Mana Kidz Health Nurse is working in our school . We have a new Health Nurse who will work every Wednesday morning 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. If you intend on seeing the Health Nurse, please advise the office by Tuesday noon so you can be booked in to see her.

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

HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 1 AND TERM 4: Please ensure your child is wearing their school hat this term. Hats can be purchased from the school uniform provider, Angels Fashion, 98 St George Street, Papatoetoe. Hats are brimmed, gold in colour and have our school emblem on them. Students must wear their hats when outside. If they have not got a hat, they are expected to be sitting in the designated shady areas of the school. Please name your child's hat. Only our school hat is to be worn.

ST PAUL'S OPEN DAY: There is an open day for any family interested in their son attending St Paul's Catholic School. Please see details below:

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2024 Thursday 9th March 2023 | 9:30am or 1:45pm
Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school
stpaulscollege.co.nz | 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby
Years 7–13 Catholic Champagnat Marist School for boys

KINGS SCHOOL: Kings School is now inviting applications for 2024 Scholarships at King's School. They offer Academic and Music Scholarships for boys entering Year 7, 2024. Applications close Friday 17 February, 2023. Applications for the Endeavour and Buchanan Charitable Trust Scholarships close on Friday 28 April. Application forms are available from the Puhinui School Office.

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> .

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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 _____

Staff for 2023:

Principal: Mr M. Elder

Assistant Principal: Mrs S. Valeli

Assistant Principal: Mr L. Mose

Learning Support Programmes: Mrs L. Borrie (SENCO)

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| Senior School: | Mr H. Seth | Room 1 | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| | Mr G. Carter | Room 2 | Yrs 4 & 5 |
| | Miss K. Hayes | Room 3 | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| | Mrs B. Wright (TL) | Room 4 | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| | Mrs J. Thompson | Room 5 | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| | Miss N. Surgison | Room 6 | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| | Miss A. Garvie | Room 7 | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| | Mr M. Khan | Room 8 | Yrs 5 & 6 |

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| Middle School: | Miss N. McCoskrie | Room 15 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Miss R. Doppenberg | Room 16 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Mr S. Jolly (TL) | Room 17 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Miss J. Revilla Royo | Room 18 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Mrs N. Lameko | Room 19 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Miss R. Hu | Room 20 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Mr D. Scott | Room 21 | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| | Mr M. Romauld | Room 22 | Yrs 3 & 4 |

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| Junior School: | Ms N. Chhima | Room 10 | Yr 2 |
| | Miss Y. Lee | Room 11 | Yr 1 & 2 |
| | Miss A. Robinson | Room 12 | Yr 2 |
| | Mrs J. Virk | Room 13 | Yr 2 |
| | Ms P. Kirkwood | Room 14 | Yr 2 |
| | Miss S. Ashley | Room 9 | Yr 1 |
| | Mrs K. Kaur | Room 23 | NE/Yr 1 |
| | Miss J. Heo | Room 24 | Yr 1 |
| | Miss A. Robertson | Room 25 | Yr 1 |
| | Mrs G. Say | Room 26 | Yr 1 |
| | Mrs K. Harland/ Miss A. Cave | Room 27 | NE/Yr 1 |
| | Miss A. Cave (TL) | | |

(TL – Team Leader)

Tech Shop Teacher: Mr B. Read

Part Time Teachers: Mrs J. Ravji, Mr A. Khan, Mrs T. Roycroft, Mrs A. Hall, Ms G. Berry, Mrs J. Wells

Administration: Miss L. Campbell, Ms S. Kumar

School Librarian: Mrs J. Gow

Support Staff: Mrs J. Frost, Mrs S. Munthree, Miss M. Prasad, Mrs F. Niua, Miss L. Doherty, Miss K. McKendry, Mrs C. Palalagi, Miss W. Vosloo, Mrs S. Nisha, Mrs D. Lunny, Mrs V. Nehme, Mrs K. McGregor, Miss C. Strickland, Mrs L. Cave, Miss K. Habib, Miss L. Eaton, Mrs Y. Chalmers, Miss K. Brandli, Mrs S. Ifraiz.

School Caretaker: Mr C. Valeli

Cleaners: Mr and Mrs Falaniko, Seaway Cleaners

Puhinui School Board: Mr S Kent (Presiding Chair), Mr M. Chalmers, Mr L. Doubleday, Mr P. Wihapi, Mrs H. Yuhoi-Wong King