



PUHINUI SCHOOL



# Newsletter

1 June 2023

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Dear Parents/Caregivers & 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, Kia orana, and Greetings.

**PARENT CONFERENCES:** A reminder that your child's report will be sent home on Monday 26th June which is the last week of this term. Parent conferences will also be in week 10 on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of June. Information will be sent out closer to the time regarding appointment slots.

**GREAT JUNIOR WRITING:** At our last assembly we had 2 lovely examples of student writing from Room 10 that were shared with the school.

*Nocturnal animals like to come out at night to hear sounds to find their prey. They like dark and quiet spaces because they go to sleep when the sun comes up. When it's dark their predators can't see. Nocturnal animals live in many parts of the Earth, mostly in dark woods. Hedgehogs are nocturnal, but they hibernate in the Winter. Nocturnal animals are big and small animals. The biggest is the aye aye and the smallest is the bumblebee bat.*

*By Sana Sharifi*

*Nocturnal animals sleep in the day and hunt at night. Nocturnal animals are foxes, bats, frogs and hedgehogs. Nocturnal animals use their ears more than their eyes because it's dark in the night. Nocturnal animals hate loud sounds but like quietness because it's peaceful. Nocturnal animals stay still and like being quiet so predators won't hear it's dinner. Nocturnal animals live in many parts of the world, especially in forests or the woods. Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals, but is the only one that hibernates.*

*By Manuel Nillo*

**ART EXHIBITION:** This term our topic themes are art inspired. In week 10 during parent conferences the auditorium will be open for whānau to look through and see selected pieces of artwork from across the school. In our classrooms, student art will also be prominently displayed for you to see. Currently students are working on their art pieces and along the way they have specific art skills they are learning about. We look forward to showcasing visual arts at the end of the term.

**SCHOOL VALUES:** Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. Opportunity is our value for this week and next. We encourage students to take the opportunity to give new things a go, or to keep developing a skill they are learning. Sometimes it might be that they share their ideas with others, or it might be that they try something different in the way they normally do a task to see what happens. Opportunity gives students the time and space to be creative, innovative and learn from the experience. We need to continually encourage tamariki to explore through taking opportunities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Good work whānau!!! Our attendance is continuing to improve each week. Keep those good routines going, especially during winter when it is a little harder to get going. A good saying to remember is, **“Turn up on the hard days”**

Attendance for this week:

- 373 students (55%) are showing between 90% to 100% attendance. Excellent work!
- 163 students (24%) who are sitting between 80-90% of attendance. Goal: get to 90%
- 75 students (11%) who are sitting between 70-80% of attendance. “Turn up on the hard days”
- 67 students (9%) lower than 70% who are of huge concern with attendance. Teachers, our SENCO, Mrs Borrie and our SWIS, Mrs Naidu are working very hard to connect with families. Ultimately this is a family challenge.

We want to keep encouraging all families to build consistent positive routines and habits that ensure their tamariki are at school every day.

***Learning is turning up each day and improving slowly over a year, one day at a time.***

**WINTER SPORTS EXCHANGES:** Today our sports teams played Kingsford Primary. We are getting closer towards our zones day with just over a week before our tournaments which are played on Tuesday 13th June, (Week 8). Please keep this date free if you are wanting to come and support your child. Notices will come home with further details closer to the time.

**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](mailto: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	Head lice	Consistent runny nose

MANA HEALTH NURSE CONTACT DETAILS: 0226187813 OR 0800 MK TEAM: 0800 658 326

**SKiDS OSCAR SUBSIDY:** There has been a significant change to the WINZ oscar subsidy available to families for before and after school care. Families ranging from \$111,000 to \$143,000 may now qualify for support with cost of care. Please contact SKiDS for more information or go to [www.skids.co.nz/oscar](http://www.skids.co.nz/oscar)

**SKiDS:** SKiDS is available for before and after school care if required. If you would like to know more about the upcoming holiday programme please contact SKiDS, **ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 021 050 7893 or email them at [puhinui@skids.co.nz](mailto:puhinui@skids.co.nz). Get started by enrolling on AIMY PLUS <http://skids.aimy.co.nz> . Please note SKiDS operate independently of Puhinui School.**

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Brian Duong 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 \_\_\_\_\_