



Newsletter

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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.

WINTER SPORTS EXCHANGES: Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Winter Zones Sports (rugby, netball and soccer). This term has been very exciting with sports exchanges and training every week leading up to the zones which involves every Papatoetoe Primary School. It includes: 4 rugby teams U40 kg, U50 kg, open weight boys, girls, 6 netball teams, 3 soccer teams boys A&B and A girls.

Results from the zones 2023:

Rugby

<u>Under 40 kg</u>	4th place	<u>Under 50 kg</u>	1st place
<u>Open weight boys</u>	(playing today)	<u>Girls</u>	(playing today)

Soccer

<u>Boys A</u>	1st place	<u>Boys B</u>	7th place	<u>Girls A</u>	4th place
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Netball

<u>A</u>	2nd place	<u>B</u>	1st place	<u>C</u>	2nd place
<u>D</u>	2nd place	<u>E</u>	3rd place	<u>F</u>	3rd place

A special thank you to all coaches for their time and effort everyone put into training the teams. Ultimately we are able to provide students with opportunities that support an active lifestyle and active learning experiences

SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values.

Resilience is our value for this week and next. One of the greatest indicators of success is the act of resilience. The more we can grow this value in tamariki, the more we can encourage tamariki to hang in there when things are tough, ultimately, the more successful they will be. We want to nurture and care for tamariki, and we also want to let them learn from mistakes. It is awesome when students can realise that our failures and our mistakes are often some of the best learning they may experience.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Earlier this week all students took a letter home with information about booking a parent conference for your child/children. A reminder to please have your slip returned to school as soon as possible, so that your most preferred option is available to you. 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 be on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of June. School will finish at our normal time of 3 p.m. on both days. We look forward to seeing you and continuing to work with you in the interests of your child's education.

ATTENDANCE: Our attendance is sitting on 87.9% Keep those good routines going, especially during cold winter days. Our goal is to be above 90% in 2024.

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

This weeks attendance is very similar to our last newsletter:

- 386 students (55%) are showing between 90% to 100% attendance. Excellent work!
- 163 students (23%) who are sitting between 80-90% of attendance. Goal: get to 90%
- 78 students (11%) who are sitting between 70-80% of attendance. “Turn up on the hard days”
- 65 students (9%) lower than 70% attendance, 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.

UNIFORM, ANGELS FASHION: I have had a talk with Mr Andrew in regards to a stock issue with winter pants sizes 8 and 10. This delayed order should be available as soon as possible. An alternative discussed was for Angels to take a larger size and alter this down, or you may be happy to take a larger size, especially if you have a child who can go between sizes. Where possible we can all show a little patience and work together. Please let us know if you have any concerns that we may need to be aware of and we will work with Angels Fashin to hopefully provide a positive solution.

PARK AND WALK A GREAT OPTION: Parents please be aware the parking wardens have been around and have ticketed some parents for stopping on yellow lines and for parking along Puhinui and surrounding roads. Please consider parking and walking from the back streets. We have timed the walk and it is only a matter of minutes from a variety of streets. It is good for all of us to be active and to get our steps up. It also means our children are safer and we ease the congestion around the school.

USING OUR CROSSING: Please make sure we use the crossing correctly, especially if you have your child with you. We have had several parents lately showing disregard for the safety of themselves and children. Our streets are very busy and we worry for the safety of the tamariki crossing our roads. Please be a good role model.

ART EXHIBITION: 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. We look forward to showcasing visual art at the end of the term. Please make sure you visit the Art exhibition during parent conferences.

PUHINUI SWiS: Social Workers in Schools (SWiS) is a free service available to our children and their whānau here at Puhinui School. 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.

HEALTH NURSE: The Mana Kidz Health Nurse is working in our school. The nurse 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.

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.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Angleen Kaur from Room 8 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 _____