



PUHINUI SCHOOL



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.

REMINDER, NEXT WEEK LAST WEEK OF TERM 3: Thank you parents and whānau, next week is our last week of Term 3 and it has been one of excellent progress. It has also been a fantastic term for belonging, for growing as a person, for sporting results, and for cultural performances. School commences for Term 4 on Monday 9th October at our usual time of 8.50 a.m.. We look forward to an exciting Term 4 with you and your tamariki.

PUHINUI CHOIR: Congratulations to our choir who participated in the Kid's Sing Competition at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Tuesday. Later in the evening they also participated in the evening Gala Show for a full audience of parents from across the greater Auckland area. The quality of singing and the choir performances were excellent. Our choir was presented with a Gold award for their afternoon competition recital. A reminder that our Choir and Band will also be performing this Saturday in our Auditorium at 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SCIENCE WEEK 8: Thank you to the parents who attended our science afternoon. We had an excellent response with well over 450 parents attending across the classrooms. Our tamariki were so excited to have an audience and to share their science experiments with whānau. It has been an awesome term of science learning and our students have been really engaged in science activities. It is amazing how many scientific facts and interesting things the students have absorbed. They love sharing them in discussions and in their writing. Our science assembly last Friday was also a stand out success and our crazy mad scientist Mr Read was on fire! Thank you to our hard working Science Team and the teachers for making this term so successful and enjoyable for the tamariki.

ROOM 25 WRITING: Below are some awesome science writing pieces from Year 1 tamariki. It is exciting to see some of our youngest students writing so well.

Today we did an experiment and we changed the variable from paper towel to cleaning cloth. That was our investigation. We need 5 paper towels, food colouring, 5 jars, and we pour some water into all the jars. We add some food colouring.

By Zyion

Today we did an experiment. We changed the variable paper towel to cleaning cloth and the red water walked into the other empty jar. The blue water walked into the other empty jar too. The colours mixed together and it turned purple. We need the following things: a jar of water, cleaning cloths, food colouring. Then you wait and wait.

By Vedika

Did you know that it is science day and our parents are coming today. We are showing our experiment to our family and my favourite experiment is the volcano.

By Vedika

We did an experiment outside and the rocket popped. When the water mixed with the barocca it exploded! The vinegar made it pop.

By Adelyn

Did you know it is science day. All of the parents are coming to our classroom to see our experiments we did at school. My favourite experiment is the M&M's experiment. My mum and dad love M&Ms too.

By Adelyn

PRINT RICH ENVIRONMENTS: One of our educational focuses this year has been around ensuring our classes are print rich environments. This means our classes are filled with lots of literacy, from books to wall displays. We hope parents were able to see this when visiting our classes during our science afternoon last week. Please take time if you are visiting, or dropping off your child to look in the class and notice the lovely environments.

Mrs Valeli (Assistant Principal) visited classes recently and then provided the teachers with the following feedback on their rooms:

“Well done teachers...I also got a real sense of the Science happening in your rooms this term through the writing, summary sheets, student hypothesis statements, diagrams, photos, actual experiments hanging on walls in bags, things growing in jars and reading what you have been doing over the past few weeks. The best thing is the students I chatted with could tell me about what they were learning and experiments they enjoyed. The science boards are looking fantastic! There is such a great range of experiments. The hard work is paying off, thank you Teachers (Mrs Valeli)

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who won the Papatoetoe Primary Zones Cross Country last week. The daily training and preparation for the event was the key factor in the team's performance.

Cross country results 2023:

Team Results	9 boys	9 girls	10 boys	10 girls	11 boys	11 girls
First	Puhinui	Puhinui	Holy Cross	Puhinui	Puhinui	Puhinui
Second	Pap North	Pap North	Puhinui	Pap North	Holy Cross	Pap North
Third	Holy Cross	Pap West Pap Central	Pap North	Pap West	Pap North	Holy Cross

Individual Results	9 girls	10 boys	10 girls	11 girls
First	Gabby	Luca		Crisanalei
Second	Melrose			
Third			Chloe	

GYMNASTICS ZONES: Congratulations to our gymnastics teams who represented the school on Tuesday this week at the zones. This was a very competitive zone tournament with lots of very good gymnasts performing. Gymnastics requires a high degree of accuracy and I was really proud of the work put in by the athletes and their coaches. The results on the day were varied and may be a little disappointing, but that is the way it goes and either way, awesome effort from the tamariki. Congratulations to the following teams for placing:

Year 3&4 Boys: 3rd	Year 5 Boys: 2nd	Year 6 Girls: 2nd	Year 6 Boys: 1st
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Individual Placings	Beam	Bar	Vault	Floor
Year 3 & 4 Girls			Audrey 3rd	
Year 3 & 4 Boys		Theo 2nd		Tanush 1st Cole 3rd
Year 5 Boys		Jeremiah 2nd Lisiate 3rd		Edward 2nd Uriah 3rd

Year 6 Girls	Nishika 1st			Nishika 1st Faith 3rd
Year 6 Boys		Lincoln 2nd	Tevita 2nd Jayveer 3rd	Kaeden 1st Jayveer 3rd

Overall Individual Placings	First	Second	Third	
Year 5 Girls			Nishika	
Year 5 Boys		Lisiate	Uriah	
Year 6 Boys	Kaeden	Jayveer	Tevita	

SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. For the next week our value focus will be Community. Community is a group of people who belong. To belong we do things together and we celebrate belonging, sometimes we share struggles and we support each other. When we talk about community we also know that we are in many communities. Like our school community, or our team community, cultural community, faith community and our whānau community. However we view ourselves, we strive to do it positively with those around us.

ATTENDANCE: Our attendance has slowly begun to climb again and we are now showing 87% attendance. Our goal continues to be 90% in 2023 or better. Keep those good routines going whānau, our 2023 saying is:

“Learning is turning up each day and improving, one day at a time.”

This weeks attendance rates:

- 372 students (50%) are showing between 90% to 100% attendance. Excellent work!
- 211 students (28%) who are sitting between 80-90% of attendance. Goal: get to 90%
- 85 students (11%) who are sitting between 70-80% of attendance. “Turn up on the hard days”
- 62 students (8%) lower than 70% attendance, who are of huge concern with attendance.

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

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: Thank you whānau for supporting our recent gold coin donation drive for the Cancer Society. We received a letter from them thanking us for the \$668 we fundraised for them.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2024: A reminder from our intermediate schools, parents please note you should have enrolled Year 6 tamariki into an intermediate school for 2024. Papatoetoe Intermediate enrolments can be done online via their school website, www.papint.school.nz through the enrolment link.

SKIDS: SKiDS is available for before and after school care if required. They are also available for the holiday programme. If you would like to know more about this term's programme please contact SKiDS, ring Becca at 0800 754 377. Text 021 050 7893 or email them at puhinui@skids.co.nz. The OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) Subsidy is for children aged five to 13 years. It helps towards the costs of before-school and after-school care. You may be able to get this subsidy if you're working, (depending on the salary threshold of the household), studying, or a shift worker who works nights. For more information contact: Becca de la Vega 0800-754 377

LUCKY LUNCH: Well done to Jazveen Kaur 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 _____