



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

13 October 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.

WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 4: This term is an exciting and busy term for everyone. We start with the commencement of class swimming, athletics in a few weeks and later in the term we have our special fun events and school prize givings to look forward to. Information about our special events will come out closer to the time for each event.

TOPIC STUDIES: Every term our teams plan and prepare interesting and motivating topics for the students to learn about. Teams think carefully about what is topical and how these provide opportunities across the curriculum, while also helping utilise them in the core learning of Literacy and Mathematics. Below are small blurbs from the team leaders about this term's topics.

SENIOR SCHOOL: For Term 4 the Senior School is going on a 'virtual' road trip of our country. We will visit all the main significant cities and towns and look at famous landmarks within our country, including all our maunga (mountains). We will learn about events that have taken place in different parts of the country and people who shaped those events, all whilst enjoying the beauty and history of our lovely country.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: This term the Middle School are focusing on "Good Sorts" and exploring what this means in the context of family, friends, school and the community. We will be learning about how acts of kindness can support the well-being of ourselves and others. We will then be ending the term by looking at how we can become good sorts and give back to our communities, either at school or at home.

JUNIOR SCHOOL: All our junior classrooms begin the term with 'Healthy Me'. We are learning that we can make good choices about the food we eat that will fuel us up to play and learn, and to have a go at making a healthy snack. Then our Year 0 and 1 classrooms will begin with 'Toys', experiencing a wide range of toys and games, understanding that toys have changed over time, and the hands-on experience of making their own toy. The term will finish with a focus on 'Music', exploring beat, pitch and dynamics, and making a musical instrument. In our Year 2 classrooms, the students will be carrying out their 'Kindness Project', discussing what kindness is, how we can show kindness, and showing appreciation towards others. The term will finish with 'Robotics', learning the importance of following directions and hands-on experience of creating a code to direct an object.

FOOD ALLERGIES: Term 4 is often a term where special events include food, for example our end of term classroom shared lunches, Year 6 disco and the monitors lunch. A reminder to please contact the school regarding any food allergies that we may not be aware of.

SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. For the next week our value focus will be Respect.

MIHI WHAKATAU: This morning we held our Term 4 Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students, teachers and whānau to Puhinui School. We hope our new whānau felt welcomed and we look forward to helping care for and educating your tamariki. Nau mai, Haere mai ki te kura o Puhinui.

UNIFORM: Over the next few weeks I have asked our Leadership Team to monitor how our tamariki are wearing the school uniform. Our uniform help us form our identity and is hopefully a sense of pride for us all. Please help us parents by ensuring your child is in the correct uniform. The weather is still quite changeable so if your child is wearing a t-shirt under their uniform, it should be tucked in and sleeves not showing through. It may still be advisable for long sleeve uniform shirts, jumpers and jackets. Girls should

be wearing dark green, or black tights under skorts, no loose fitting long pants. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

HATS REMINDER TERM 4: Despite the cold weather our hats are compulsory in Term 4 and students should now be wearing their hats while outside. Parents if I could ask that you please be mindful to label hats correctly and not to have names in big writing under the brim of hats. Instead, if names can be written in small writing, and, or, inside the hat as opposed to on the brim. Students who are not wearing a hat are not allowed to play in our outside open spaces. Hats are available to purchase from our uniform supplier, Angels Fashions.

SWIMMING LESSONS: It is exciting to see all our tamariki back swimming this week. The pool is heated and a perfect temperature for swimming. A reminder that swimming is a very important part of our learning programme. We want to help children to be confident in the water. New Zealand is a narrow island country and no child is more than a small distance from a pool, a river, lake or the sea. When they are teenagers the chances are they will enjoy social outings with their friends around water. Hopefully we are preparing the tamariki to love, enjoy and stay safe near water. Please support us by ensuring your child has a towel, their togs and a bag to put their wet clothes in. It may help to have an extra pair of underwear for the junior students too (just in case). Please label clothing so we can ensure if lost we can return it to the correct owner.

PUHINUI ELECTION POLLING BOOTH THIS SATURDAY: For any community members who may need to vote this Saturday, we are happy to let you know that the Puhinui School Auditorium will be open as a polling booth from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Our attendance by percentage for the whole year to date is at 87% attendance. Our goal continues to be 90% in 2023 or better, 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!
- 221 students (30%) 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.

2024 TERM DATES: Please see attached the beginning of year and term dates for Puhinui School for 2024. We hope they are helpful for planning special whānau events and with travel dates during the school holidays. These dates are also published on our website: www.puhinui.school.nz

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. The Puhinui School office is now accepting enrolments for students intending to attend Puhinui School at the start of 2024.

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 Sekola Funaki from Room 14 and Lahara Pati from Room 13 who were the lucky lunch winners 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 _____

PUHINUI STAFF TERM 4, 2023

Principal:

Mr M. Elder

Assistant Principal:

Mrs S. Valeli

Assistant Principal:

Mr L. Mose

Learning Support Programmes: Mrs L. Borrie (SENCO)

Senior School:	Mr H. Seth	Room 1	Yrs 5 & 6
	Mr A. Khan/Mrs M. Doubleday	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
Middle School:	Miss N. Chand	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
Junior School:	Mr M. Romauld	Room 22	Yrs 3 & 4
	Ms N. Chhima	Room 10	Yr 2
	Miss Y. Lee	Room 11	Yrs 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	Yr 1
	Miss J. Heo	Room 24	NE/Yr 1
	Miss A. Robertson	Room 25	NE/Yr 1
	Mrs G. Say	Room 26	Yr 1
	Mrs K. Harland/ Miss A. Cave	Room 27	NE/Yr 1
	Mrs A. Mala	Room 28	NE
	Mrs A. Minnaar	Room 29	NE

Miss A. Cave (TL)

(TL – Team Leader)

Tech Shop Teacher: Mr B. Read Part Time Teachers: Mrs J. Ravji, Ms G. Berry

2024 TERM DATES

Enrolment days - Office open Thursday 25th January

Friday 26th January

Teachers Only Day Thursday 25th January (First Aid)

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January to Friday 12 April 100 half-days 11 weeks

Easter: Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February
 Good Friday Friday 29th March
 Easter Monday Monday 1st April
 Easter Tuesday Tuesday 2nd April
 Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April falls in school holidays

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July 96 half-days 10 weeks

*Kings Birthday Monday 3rd June
 Matariki Friday 28th June*

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September 100 half-days 10 weeks

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December 88 half-days 9 weeks

Labour Day Monday 28th October