



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.

END OF 2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Friday is the last day of the school year and we finish at our usual time of 3 p.m. Thank you for the continuing support you offer us as we do our best to deliver the best education possible for your child and all the tamariki at Puhinui School. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We hope you get to spend some good quality time with your whānau.

REPORTS HOME: Parents please be aware that reports were sent home yesterday, Wednesday 13th December.

PRIZE-GIVING 2023: Thank you to all the parents and whānau who attended the prize-givings last week. We hope you enjoyed the time. The students are always excited to share and celebrate with you.

FAREWELL TO ALL LEAVING TAMARIKI: A special haere ra to tamariki who are leaving the school at the end of the year, especially our Year 6 students who will be heading to their new intermediate schools. Good luck, we wish you well and we are excited for you. A new adventure awaits! Thank you to all whānau who we will also be saying goodbye to as their last family members leave us in 2023. It is a sad time to see you go, but as with all things a new journey begins. All the best!

MEET THE TEACHER: On Monday 11th December your child had the opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2024. They should have brought home a slip to let you know what class they will be in next year and who their classroom teacher will be in 2024. School will begin at the normal time of 8.50 a.m. on Tuesday 30th January. Please be on time and ready for school on the first day. New students to Puhinui School will meet in the Auditorium at 9 a.m. and senior staff members will show them to their new classroom.

FAREWELL: Sadly, at the end of this school year we are saying good bye to a number of staff members. We farewell Mr Melroy Romauld, Mr Harry Seth, Mrs Joleen Thompson and Miss YiLing Lee. We also farewell support staff members, Mrs Melisa Prasad, Miss Kristin Brandli, Mrs Saras Munthre and Mrs Julie Frost. We wish them all well in 2024 and thank them for their service to the school. Thank you for the education and care you have provided to the tamariki.

WELCOME: In 2024 with an increasing roll and with new appointment opportunities, we welcome the following staff members. Miss Holly Sharp Room 5, Miss Zohrah Sayed Room 11, Miss Aiza Magali Room 26, Miss Laura Ehrhorn Room 18 and Mrs Ranjini Reddy Room 21. Welcome to Puhinui School and we look forward to working with you in 2024. Later in 2024 we will welcome back Mrs Gina Say who will be on maternity leave for the first half of the year. Good luck with your expectant arrival Mrs Say!

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMME: Our local Papatoetoe library is excited to bring you the "Raumati Summer Reading Challenge". The theme for this year is "Kiwiana". Pick up your Raumati reading challenges at your local Library branch, and go into the draw to WIN prizes and receive reading certificates for completing 10 or more reading challenges. Visit Auckland Libraries or visit the Papatoetoe War Memorial Library for more information.

PUHINUI SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2024: The office will be open again on the 25th and 26th January for 2024 new enrolments. We are encouraging all parents who are enrolling a new child into Puhinui School for 2024 to enrol as early as possible. This includes any tamariki who are enrolling half way through or later in 2024. The earlier we know about enrolments the more prepared we can be in how we allocate and allow for staffing in each year level. This is especially important for Year 1 and New Entrant enrolments. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like more information.

SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Opportunity and Community are our school values. Thank you parents and whānau for helping us promote and live our values in 2023. We hope you have a great Christmas break and we look forward to continuing the daily living of our school values in 2024 with your tamariki.

100% ATTENDANCE: Our attendance by percentage for the whole year to date remains at 87%. Our goal has been 90% in 2023 and although we didn't make that this year, we have still had some good attendance success stories this year.

Congratulations to the following students who have had **100% attendance this year:** To qualify for a 100% attendance certificate, students needed to have been present at Puhinui for more than 180 half days in 2023, lateness was also a factor of consideration.

Zoe R4	Elvira R8	Tanisha R6	Kenisha R3	Jayveer R5	Arisha R4
Marush R2	Jaskeerat R3	Isaac R18	Kabir R21	Naomi R22	Zander R20
Lilly R24	Kartik R26	Pranshu R17	Inaaya R17	Haadiyah R16	

Congratulations to all the students who have been here every single day of the year and to their whānau for supporting this amazing effort.

Thank you parents for supporting our attendance efforts in 2023. We look forward to continuing to keep attendance high on the list of importance for our tamariki in 2024.

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

2024 BEGINNING OF YEAR DATES

Enrolment days - Office open	Thursday 25 th January, Friday 26 th January 2024
Teachers Only Day	Thursday 25 th January (First Aid)

Term 1:	Tuesday 30 January to Friday 12 April	100 half-days	11 weeks
	<i>Waitangi Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 6th February</i>	
<i>Easter:</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 29th March</i>	
	<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 1st April</i>	
	<i>Easter Tuesday</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd April (School closed)</i>	
	<i>Anzac Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 25th April (falls in school holidays)</i>	

COMMUNICATION APP: The NZ government has provided a free communications app for any family that may require essential information and digital services. It is called Zero Data and school websites have been added to the service. This means you will not be charged data fees for access to the essential data websites if you have the Zero Data app. To learn more about the app search zero data: <https://zero.education.govt.nz/welcome-zero-data>

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Ruzal Kaur 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.

