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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to School for 2021:

A warm welcome to our families and students. We are very excited to start off Term 1 on Tuesday 2nd February. The building work for the admin block is now all complete with Megan enjoying her new office. Please note that access to the office area is once again via the front door (located next to Room 1). Builders are currently on site working on the final touches to the class rooms and working in the library / stem area.

Welcome to Puhue School:

We will be starting the year with some new smiley faces. A big welcome to Puhue School Cooper, Margo, Ciara, Mila, Zoe, Jessie, Riordan and Adam. 😊



2021 Staff:

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| Principal | Mr Scott Wilson |
| Assistant Principal | Miss Julie Choppin |
| Assistant Principal | Mrs Carly Davidson |
| Room 1 - NE & Y1 | Mrs Bridget Perkins |
| Room 2 - Y1 & Y2 | Ms Tania Norton |
| Room 3 - Y2 & Y3 | Mrs Margaret Kennedy |
| Room 4 - Y3 & Y4 | Miss Julie Choppin |
| Room 5 - Y4 & Y5 | Mr Michael Macdonald |
| Room 6 - Y5 & Y6 | Mrs Carly Davidson |
| Reading Recovery | Pam Berntsen |
| LSC | Jasmine Mattock |
| (Learning Support Coordinator) | |
| Teacher Aide | Mrs Stacey Carter & Ms Lorraine Chisnall |
| Office Administrator | Mrs Megan Corin |
| Caretaker | Mr Ian Schmidt |



Drop Off / Pick Up Zone:

Please note that the drop off zone is for drop off / pick up only. If you are wanting to park and come into the school grounds, please use the bottom car park beside the hall. The entrance gate is located opposite the hall which will bring you into the school grounds past the playground (do not walk up the driveway ramp). We have a strict 5km speed limit in both the top and bottom car parks. Please note that the top parking is for staff parking only.



School Bags:

Please pack daily your child's PE uniform, togs, towel, lunch box and water bottle.

Naming of Uniform:

The start of the year is always a good time to check your child's uniform labels and ensure all items are named. Named uniform is much easier to return back to their owner. Reminder that our uniform is available at The Warehouse Te Awamutu either in store or online.



Hats/Shoes:

Please remember that hats are part of our compulsory school uniform and must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4. This is part of our Sun Smart Policy. Any child not wearing a hat will have to stay in the shaded lunch area. Plain navy hats are available at either Postie Plus or The Warehouse. Plain bucket or wide brim navy hats are acceptable but please note that caps are not. Reminder for your child/ren to wear appropriate shoes to school which are plain black sandals as the concrete can become very hot.

Stationery:

Please have your child bring their named stationery along with them for day 1. Paper Plus in Te Awamutu has our stationery packs available behind the counter. If you require a stationery list, please let Megan know.

Lunch Boxes:

As Puahue School is an Enviro School, we do aim for 'nude food' in lunch boxes where possible. We have a healthy snack break at approximately 10am each morning where children can eat something healthy from their lunch box-Fruit/Veges. Do pack – a full water bottle, healthy snack, morning tea and lunch. Don't pack – lollies, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks.

Absentees:

If your child is absent from school please phone the office by 9.15am. The answerphone is switched on permanently so if Megan is away from the office or unable to answer the phone please leave a message. If you leave a message please state the reason for the absence. We are obliged to log all absences and the reason for the absence.(Eg sickness, funeral, etc).

Late Arrivals to School (after 8.55am):

Parents please ensure children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently. If children do arrive late they need to go to the office to be marked onto the roll. *Please be mindful that children should not be dropped at school before 8.15am*

Bus Notice:

Eligible bus tags will not be replaced this year. Please note replacement tags if required are at a fee of \$5.

The fee for Ineligible bus students is now of \$50 per term with full payment required by Friday 12th February as all bus students are required to have their tags by Wednesday 17th February. Failure to do so may result in not being able to use this service. Ineligible bus tags will be issued on receipting of payment.

It is also vital that you inform the office before 2.30pm if there is a change to your child/ren's bus schedule for that day. This is to avoid the bus being held up making the bus run late. If you have not yet replied to Megan's email regarding your child's bus schedule for Term 1, please do so.

Thank you.

Wheels Day:

Wednesday 10th February is our first Wheels day for the year. Students can bring a scooter, skateboard, or toy with wheels on it. Please note for bus children they cannot bring their scooters or skateboards on the bus, they will need to be driven to school.



Office Hours:

Megan is in the office from 8.45am – 3.15pm. There is a drop box available by the office door for any notices, messages or payments wanting to be left outside of these times.

Thank you.

Events Coming Up

*** Remember the calendar is available via our school app or our school website ***

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| Tuesday 2 nd February | Term 1 Starts |
| Monday 8 th February | Waitangi Day Holiday |
| Wednesday 10 th February | Wheels Day |
| Friday 12 th February | School Assembly |
| Wednesday 24 th February | Wheels Day |
| Wednesday 10 th March | Wheels Day |
| Friday 19 th March | School Assembly |
| Wednesday 24 th March | Wheels Day |
| Friday 26 th March | School Assembly |
| Friday 2 nd April | Good Friday |
| Monday 5 th April | Easter Monday |
| Tuesday 6 th April | Easter Tuesday |
| Wednesday 7 th April | Wheels Day |
| Friday 16 th April | End of Term 1 |
| Monday 3 rd May | Start of Term 2 |

Term 1 Assembly Schedule:

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| Week 2 | Fri 12 th February | Rooms 5 & 6 |
| Week 7 | Fri 19 th March | Rooms 3 & 4 |
| Week 8 | Fri 26 th March | Rooms 1 & 2 |

School Term Dates

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| Term 1 - Ends | Friday 16 th April |
| Term 2 - Starts | Monday 3 rd May |
| Term 2 - Ends | Friday 9 th July |
| Term 3 - Starts | Monday 26 th July |
| Term 3 - Ends | Friday 1 st October |
| Term 4 - Starts | Monday 18 th October |



Hi everyone!!! **MAD COW DRUMS** will be back in school very soon, so we want to get our future **ROCKSTARS** ready to start the new term off **WITH A BANG!!!**

This year we are offering the following instruments:

- **DRUMS**
- **GUITAR** (where available)
- **UKULELE** (where available)
- **PIANO - NEW AND EXCITING** (where available)

Lessons are **\$11.75 + GST/week** (running-in conjunction with the school term).

If you are interested in your child getting lessons, feel free to contact us on **0212020269** or via email at "**madcowlessons@gmail.com**" to register your child.

Please note: Our charges are based on a student for the term not individual lessons.



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