



The Pukeko Call



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Every child succeeding in an encouraging and stimulating learning environment.

Farewell!

It is with great sadness that we farewell Deb Kearns from Kaipara Flats School. After four years of service Deb and her family have moved their life north to the Kaiwaka region and Deb has secured herself a job at Mangawhai School. In the 2 years and 1 term that I have worked with Deb she has shown herself to be a dedicated professional who cares very deeply for the well being and success of the children in her care. Deb builds very strong relationships with children and shows a great deal of empathy for her students needs both emotionally and academically. She has always thrown herself into the events surrounding the school and supported everything we do enthusiastically. Debs creative talents and brilliant sense of humour will be sadly missed in the staffroom and Mangawhai School will be the better off for her presence there. I wish Deb and her family all the very best for the future and thank her for the influence she has had on the many children who have passed through her classroom in the time she has been here.



Nga mihi nui
Gary O'Brien
Principal

**PTA Special Meeting Wednesday 12th
April at 8.30am in the Library.**

Term 1 2017 Dates:

April 12th Wed. 8.30am Library. PTA Meeting.
April 13th Thurs. End of Term Assembly 2.15pm
April 13th. Thurs. Term one ends.

Term 2 2017 Dates:

May 1st. Mon. Term 2 commences
May 17th Wed. Ripa Rugby Tournament
July 7th Fri. Term two ends

Tena Koutou

The effort our children make to complete our annual duathlon always impresses me. All of our children give of their best to complete the course. Well done to everyone and thank you to Travel Wise who supported our event this year.

As I have highlighted on the front page Deb Kearns leaves our staff at the end of this week. The process of finding a permanent replacement is well underway and we already have a number of applicants. Interviews and the appointment will take place in the second week of next term. In the meantime Phillippa Innes will teach in Piwakawaka.

This busy term has flown by, it has had many highlights with it stuffed full of extra curricular activities and events. Next term kicks off in a similar vein with our ANZAC ceremony to be held on the first Friday of the term and a planned opening event for our fabulous new turf the following week.

We are also planning a Working Bee for next Term. There are a number of jobs that need doing around the school that are outside the scope of Barry our "super caretaker," in the limited time allocated to him weekly. We have earmarked Sunday May 21st for our working bee this year. Please put a circle around it on your calendar.

This Term will end with a final assembly on Thursday at 2.15pm in Kea. All parents are welcome to join us.

During the holidays we are planning to add verandah roofs to our Takahe and Kea Classrooms and so you will see contractors on sight during the break.

Our pool will remain open through the holidays but swimming at school will end with the end of the first term.

I want to thank you all for your continued support of our school in so many ways. In particular the volunteers who come in on a regular basis and work in our reading club and in our classrooms. Your input is valued greatly!

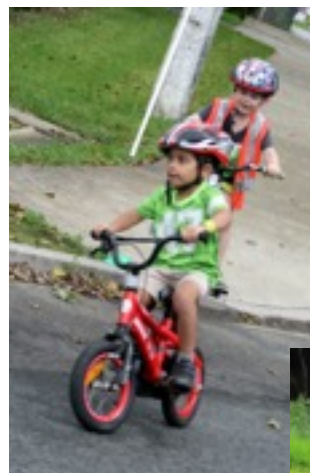
Finally I would like to thank our hard working staff. We are very lucky to have a group of people who both know how to laugh with each other and enjoy their daily work but who also know how to knuckle down and get the job done. I am privileged to be leading such a very fine group of professionals.

I wish you all a safe and fun filled break and look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

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Our Littlest
Athletes.



School and Community Notices



Reminders:

Important dates coming up:

**End of Term assembly
Thursday 13th April.
Kea 2.15pm**

**Term One Ends.
Thursday 13th April**

**Term Two Starts
Monday May 1st.**

**Anzac Ceremony.
Fri 5th May 2pm.**

**Turf Opening Ceremony
Fri. 12th May 2pm.**

**Working Bee
Sunday May 21st**

Hockey:

If there is enough interest we will have practice for both junior & senior teams on Thursday this week, to start from around 3:15pm.

We will also look at having practices during the holidays if there is enough interest. Please let Lisa or Toni know ASAP if interested so we can confirm.

If any Yr0-2 students are interested in trying hockey, there are fun skills based sessions run at the WW turf each Saturday. Cost is \$35 for the season.

For more info contact Lisa Berger on 02122752 or lberger@wave.co.nz

Yogi Kids class

Kaipara Flats Hall at 10.30am on Wednesday 26 April.

\$15 per child or \$25 for 2 children.

Bring spare change for **face painting** and a **sausage sizzle**.

To book contact Clare Dill - Clare@zestcomms.co.nz



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