



# The Pukeko Call



Learning for the Future. Akoranga wa hou.

**Every child succeeding in an encouraging and stimulating learning environment.**

Tena Koutou

## Welcome

I would like to welcome Phillippa Innes and Stevie Douglas to our staff. Phillippa will relieve on a long term basis until we appoint Deb Kearns' replacement and Stevie Douglas will take over teaching Kea on a Friday as the Board has released me so that I can focus on the leadership and development of the school five days a week.

We are very lucky to have such competent, capable teachers to call on to fulfil these roles and look forward to working with both Phillippa and Stevie.

## CRE

At our last Board meeting in term one the Board decided that it would continue with Christian Religious Education for Years 3-6. This decision was made after considering many of the issues around CRE and was guided by the response from our survey last term. I would like to thank you for taking part in the survey. We had an almost 100% response which gives the board a good indication of the community's view.

We ask that you either opt in or opt out of CRE by returning the letter attached to this newsletter. We need all families to respond to this letter by the 5th May.

## School Pool Closed

Please return your pool keys to school.

## ANZAC

On Friday afternoon we will hold our annual ANZAC remembrance ceremony. This ceremony will be led by our student leaders and all children will be involved in the placing of white crosses in front of our memorial garden. All children will also plant a poppy in the garden. We invite you along on Friday afternoon at 2.15pm to join us in remembering those who have served our country.

## Turf

The following Friday we will have an event to mark the completion and opening of our new turf. This will involve a ceremony, some games of netball and soccer, a sausage sizzle and an opportunity for parents to get together socially.

## Working Bee

We intend to hold a working bee on Sunday the 21st of May. There are a number of jobs that need doing around the school that will help enhance our learning environment. If you can spare some time to help out we would be very grateful. I will publish a list of tasks we hope to complete in the next newsletter.

So the term is off and running with a number of activities planned. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of School life.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

## Term 2 2017 Dates:

May 1st. Mon. - Term 2 commences.  
 May 5th. Fri. 2pm - ANZAC Ceremony.  
 May 8th - 12th. - Road Safety Week.  
 May 12th. Fri. 2pm - Turf Opening.  
 May 12th. Fri. - PTA Meeting 3.15pm  
 May 17th. Wed. - Rippa Rugby Tournament.  
 May 21st. Sunday. - Working Bee.  
 May 25th. Thurs. 7pm - Board Meeting - Cottage.

May 26th. Fri. 2.30pm - Kea Assembly.  
 May 28th. June 2nd.- Book Week.  
 May 31st. - Book Week Open Day.  
 June 2nd.- Book Week Parade.  
 June 5th. Mon. - Queens Birthday Public Holiday.  
 June 9th. - Tui Assembly  
 June 23rd. Fri. - Piwakawaka Assembly.  
 June 29th. Thurs. 7pm - Board Meeting - Cottage.  
 July 7th Fri. - Takahe Assembly  
 July 7th Fri. Term two ends.



## **ANZAC Remembrance Ceremony**

Friday 5th May at 2.15pm

All parents and family are invited to share in our ANZAC Remembrance Ceremony.



## **Turf Opening Celebration.**

Friday 12th May at 2pm - 5.30pm

All parents and family are all invited to share in our Turf opening followed by a sausage sizzle, games and a chance to get together with other parents.



## School and Community Notices



### Reminders:

Important dates coming up:

**Anzac Ceremony.**  
**Fri 5th May 2.15pm.**

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

**PTA Meeting**  
**12th May 3.15pm**  
**Library**

**Working Bee**  
**Sunday May 21st**



**Kea hard at work in term one.**

**Solving problems and constructing.**



## Working Bee!

**Sunday 21st May.**

**Please put this date aside if you can.**

**Bring your tools and your knowledge there  
is always lots to do!**

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