



# The Pukeko Call



Learning for the Future. Akoranga wa hou.

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

## Turf Opening Celebration

Our Turf opening day will be held this Friday. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of people and it seems fitting that we mark the occasion and celebrate our wonderful community effort.

- We will start the day with our whole school participating in a Tabloids event at 1.20pm.
- At 2pm we will have a short opening ceremony on the court with everyone on the court itself.
- This will be followed by a children's netball game and a Board v PTA game of Netball. Donna Wech is the Captain Coach of the Board Team and Philippa Wech is the coach of the PTA team. Contact Donna or Philippa to sign up. (The teams are mixed teams.)
- The official programme will end at 3pm but we invite you to bring a blanket and a chilli bin, provide your own refreshments and mix and mingle. There will be a free sausage sizzle for the children who stay on after 3pm with their families.



- On Friday, as a school, we will be supporting the BRAKE Trust who support those families who have been affected by car accidents. All children are asked to dress up in bright clothes and donate a gold coin. We invite all parents to join us and dress up for the opening, particularly if you are lucky enough to have been selected in one of the netball teams, we also invite you to donate a gold coin.

# Road Safety Week.

This week is Road Safety Week nationwide. You should find a pen attached to this newsletter. Our Year 5 and 6 Travelwise student leaders are Blake Ryburn, Eden Healey, Jonas Anderson and Ruby Wech. Last term they took part in a Rural Student Leaders workshop and came up with the slogan:

## *Take time to look.*

This features on the pen along with our school name.

Another important message for us as drivers is: "Either way it's 20km." You can help to keep our children safe by keeping to this speed limit when passing stationary school buses on either side of the road.



## The safety message is: Slow Down!

**Kids are unpredictable.**

**SLOW DOWN TO 20KM  
WHEN PASSING A STOPPED  
SCHOOL BUS.**

**It's the law. Please keep our kids safe.**

Auckland Transport delivers a Road Safety Programme in rural schools that teaches students about bus and pedestrian safety in rural environments.

For more information, please visit [AT.govt.nz/ruralschools](http://AT.govt.nz/ruralschools)





## School and Community Notices



Tena Koutou

Thank you to all those that attended our ANZAC Ceremony last week. I was very happy with the way the children organised and ran the ceremony, they did a great job on this very important occasion.

On Friday we will be celebrating the opening of our new turf, the details are on the front page please feel welcome join us at any stage of the afternoon. It would also be great if you were wearing bright clothes in support of our Road Safety Week.

Please invite anybody along who has been remotely connected to the turfs development as this has certainly been a community effort.

The school is looking to develop a garden to table programme, the first step of which is to develop a garden here at school. I have some ideas and we have a kick start with the great competition win last term. I would like if possible for this to be a parent driven project. I have already had several parents say they would like to be involved and so we will be holding a meeting on Tuesday the 16th straight after

school in the library for those parents or community members who are interested in being involved.

We now have an established PTA leadership group;  
Joint Chairpeople: Clare Dill and Mary Hamilton.  
Secretary: Sarah Weatherall  
Treasurer: Nikki Swanerton

Thank you so much to all of you for taking on those roles, I am very excited by some of the ideas being discussed and know that our PTA's future is in good hands.

Our PTA will meet briefly on Friday at 3.15pm after the turf opening to get things moving for the year. Please take this opportunity to go along and become part of this most important group within our school.

Nga mihi nui  
Gary O'Brien  
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# Working Bee!

## Sunday 21st May.

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

#### Term 2 2017 Dates:

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

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