



The Pukeko Call



Learning for the Future. Akoranga wa hou.

Every child succeeding in an encouraging and stimulating learning environment.

**Ahoy
land lubbers
Book Week is on
the horizon!**



The Treasure map to help pirates find the joy of reading!

When: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd of June.

What's Happening:

Tuesday: Buddy Reading after Lunch

Wednesday: Open afternoon 2pm - 3pm. (All welcome to come and read with children in the classrooms)

Friday: Book Parade at 9.15am (Dress up as a Pirate)

Every Day: Mystery read aloud after morning tea.

Every Day: Our Book shop is open in the cottage. This is an opportunity to purchase books for your family or to donate books to our school. All purchases made result in a portion of the cost coming back to the school to enable us to buy more books.

Book week is a great opportunity for all pirate parents to read to their little pirates as often as possible!!!!

Tena Koutou

Thank you to all those parents who turned out on Sunday at our Working Bee. We achieved a great deal on Sunday. The stuff we did would have taken us an age and a lot of Money to complete without your help.

Also thanks to those parents who turned out for a court opening on Friday, it was a fun afternoon and lovely to be able to publicly acknowledge those people who have put enormous time and effort into the project.

The netball game was a load of fun and congratulations to the PTA on their narrow win.

In this newsletter is the first report from our Garden Group. Last week a group of parents met and started to formulate plans for a garden to table programme here at school. The plan is for this to be a parent lead initiative that will eventually integrate into classroom programmes.

I am very excited by the potential for fabulous authentic learning based around this programme.

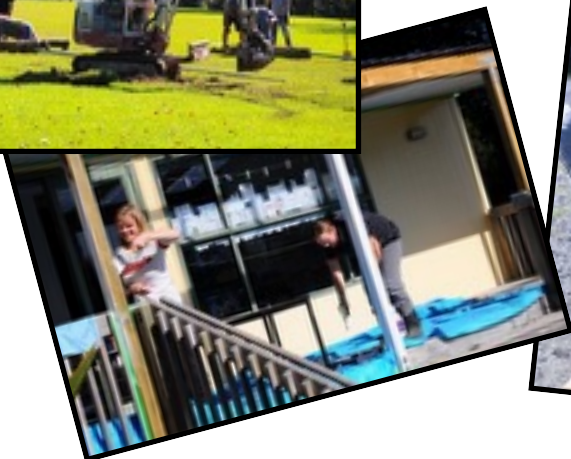
Also please note that we have a PTA meeting on Friday. Please come along and get involved.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

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Thank You!



Term 2 2017 Dates:

May 26th. Fri. 2.30pm - Kea Assembly.

May 28th. June 2nd.- Book Week.

May 31st. - Book Week Open Day.

June 1st. Thurs. 7pm - Board Meeting - Cottage.

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.



School and Community Notices



**PTA Meeting
Friday 26th of
May at 3.15pm.**

Important dates coming up!

May 26th. Fri. 2.30pm
Kea Assembly.

May 28th. June 2nd.
Book Week.

CALLING ALL KIDS WHO DON'T EAT THEIR VEGETABLES, AND ALL PARENTS WHO ARE TIRED OF TRYING TO MAKE THEM!

Listen up families, yes the rumours are true! The Kaipara Flats School vegetable garden is in the early planning stages, thanks to the collective horticultural genius of a small but keen group of parents.

The four raised garden beds (courtesy of Tumbleweed Coastal Plants Matakana) are just the beginning of an exciting initiative, starting with the planting and nurturing of vegetable seedlings, and culminating with the harvesting, preparation, and cooking of the resulting crops.

Think yummy pizza, with tomato sauce made by the kids, fresh basil pesto, crisp radishes and baby carrots, summer melons (yes, I know summer is just a memory....) the list goes on. Don't think this sounds too good to be true, it is happening right now in other schools in NZ, and can happen here too! The name of the scheme is 'Garden to Table', and will involve every child in the school, with the support of teachers and hopefully, families and the wider community.

We are lucky in Kaipara Flats to have such a depth of knowledge and practical skills so generously given to the school. As the plan for our school garden evolves and grows (no pun intended!), we will be needing some help from those who are able to contribute. Watch this space, we all know that 'Mighty oak trees from small acorns grow', and the seed has finally been planted.

Last but not least, we would like the children to decide on a special name for the school garden, details of this to follow soon. Start thinking, kids!

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