



The Pukeko Call

Learning for the Future. Akoranga wa hou.



Tena Koutou

Thank you to all those parents, caregivers, grandparents and whanau who came along to our open afternoon during book week. It was also heartening to see so many people in our bookshop. It is very important to have books in the home and even more important to read to and listen to your children read regularly. We can only do so much at school and it is certainly clear to us that support around reading at home is very important if children are to progress.

I also want to say thank you to all of our support staff. Jan, Carol, Karen and Barry do an outstanding job in all of their roles.

We are just so lucky to have such talented people working in our school. They so often help us out by going beyond their job descriptions and help create the "encouraging and stimulating environment" we are trying to achieve. Last week we had teacher aides dressed as pirates, caretakers reading to children and our office administrator successfully applying for funding for our playground. Surprisingly

none of these activities are itemised in job descriptions.

Issues around pay for support staff have been in the media lately and I want to swing in behind those supporting a pay rise for support staff in schools. Their work is very important and without them a teachers job would be next to impossible. They are often asked to deal with some of the most challenging situations in schools and often do this with an extraordinary amount of skill.

It is however vital that a pay rise and better recognition of the role our support staff play is matched by increased funding to schools. Our support staff are largely paid for out of our operating grant. So I implore you to both support this claim if you can but also to support and lobby for more funding for our schools.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

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Term 2 2017 Dates:

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

May 31st. - Book Week Open Afternoon. 2pm.

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

June 2nd.- Book Week Parade.

June 5th. Mon. - Queens Birthday Public Holiday.

June 6th. Dental Clinic at school.

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.

Every child succeeding in an encouraging and stimulating learning environment.

Takahe's Autumn Collage!



A Limerick by Holly
Takahe

There was a new teacher from Ireland
Who lived over at Snell's by the sand
The Principal came in and broke something cheap
And said, "Why on earth did it beep?"
Then shook the new teacher's hand

A Limerick by Isabella
Takahe

There was a new teacher who wore a silly hat
Who loved to bring her big fluffy cat
The Principal came in and saw a wee pool.
And said "Oh no! That is not cool."
Then fell over on the big new mat.



Pirate Jackie



School and Community Notices



Mobile Dental Van

The Mobile dental vans visit has been delayed until the first three weeks of term three.

If you wish to discuss further, please ring your local Dental Clinic (Pakiri Niho Mobile Clinic) Phone: 09 4222714

Important dates coming up!

School Disco
Saturday June 10th
Kaipara Flats Hall

Tui Assembly
9th June 2.30pm

Dust off your dancing shoes..
For the Kaipara Flats School
Disco
Saturday 10th June

6 – 8pm

Kaipara Flats (Ranfurly) Hall
\$3 each or \$5 for family of 3+ kids
door sales only

Sausages, glow items, drinks can be
purchased on the night
Photo booth \$2 a photo

Siblings welcome
Children must have adult supervision for
duration

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