



The Pukeko Call



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Tena Koutou

The term has once again got off to a busy start. Thank you to all of you for supporting our 100 Day party. It was a lovely way to finish the first week.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next two days at our three way conferences. Please remember to bring your reports from last term. The main objectives during these conversations should revolve around, "how we move each child on with their learning.

Please feel free to drop in and see me in Jan's office during the interview time. Also note that during the afternoon sessions a creche will be available for younger siblings in the library.

Our reading club starts today for this term and I just want to say thank you to our parents and friends who come in each week and play this very important role.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

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Getting to School !

Winter Walkers

During the next three weeks one of our focuses will be on how we get to school. Our objective is to make our community aware of the benefits of using alternative methods of travel aside from private vehicles. From our own personal fitness through to the fitness of our planet there are many benefits to be gained by walking to school, riding a bike taking the bus or a combination of these methods. If your children arrive at school by any combination of these methods, during the next three weeks, they will earn a leaf that they can place on our **Travelwise Tree** that is suspended in our corridor at school.

This morning I parked my car and walked up to school with one of our parents, her dog and her son. It was a far better way to start the school day than sitting in my office answering E mails. It also gave me a different perspective on our school seeing children and parents arriving. Our Winter Walkers Programme will continue for three weeks culminating in a gumboot parade and walk from the sports club. On the 18th we will ask the bus to stop at the sports club and we will all walk in our gumboots to school. There will be small prizes available for best decorated gumboots.

Lateness

It is very disruptive to a teacher's programme if children arrive late to school. We understand that there can be events beyond your control that mean your child will be late to school and we accept that but consistently being late interrupts the programme in the classroom affecting other children's learning. Please do everything you can to ensure your children are at school by 9.00am each day.

Process

If you are late to school then please come to the office and check in with Jan first as we need to update our online register. If the office is unattended then proceed to the classroom. This may happen on a Wednesday when Jan is not at school. If your child is ill please try to ring the school before school to let us know. If we have not had a phone call or Email we will contact you!



School and Community Notices



PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting will be held in the Library.

Friday 11th of August

3.15pm

The main topic on our agenda will be organisation for Country Show Day.

See you all there!

Daffodil Day

Support cancer research.

We will be supporting daffodil day on the 25th August with a crazy hair day for the children. Children who have crazy hair on that day should also donate a gold coin. Daffodils will also be available from our office for a gold coin donation. All funds will be forwarded to the Cancer Society.

This is a an initiative run by our House Leaders.

Year 6 Parent Meeting.

Year 6 and parent meeting with Mahurangi College assistant Principal Christina Merrick.

Where: Our School Library.

When: August 7th 2pm

Winter Walkers

As part of our travel wise programme we are launching our winter walkers programme in week 2. We are encouraging parents to drop the children off a short distance from school and for them to walk to school. Parent may like to walk with them, particularly the younger children. When they reach school the children can then stick a leaf on our travel wise tree located in the foyer outside the office. Walkers will get to put leaves on the tree each day if they have used a sustainable method of transport.

Country Show Day! Saturday 4th November.



School Cross Country.

Aug 15th 1.30pm.



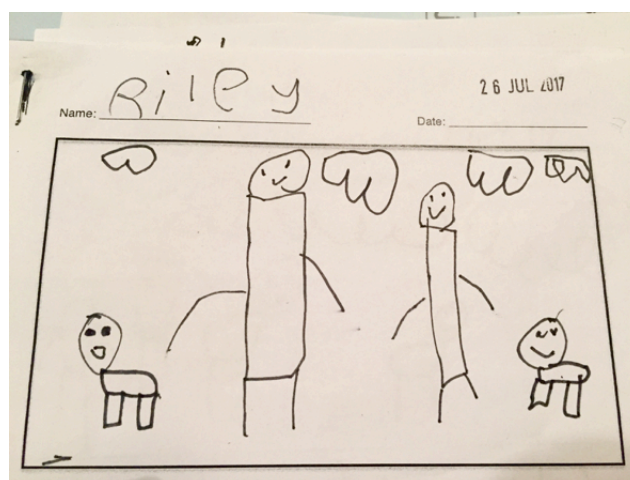
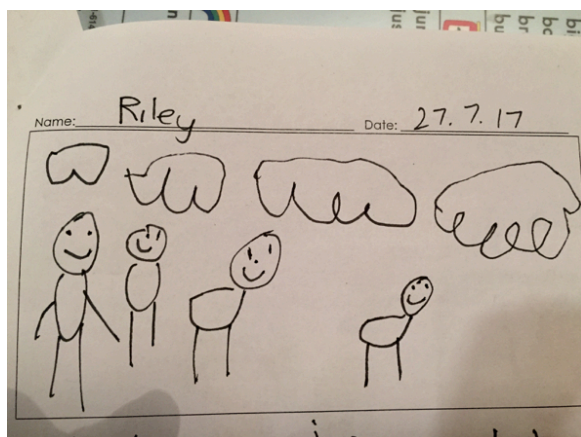
A Story from Riley Skinner Year 1.

Me and my brother were having a walk.

We saw the cows eating grass and the lambs running round the paddock.

All the cows were fluffy.

The lambs were chasing the rams.



Term 3 2017 Dates:

Aug. 1st and 2nd. Tues, Wed. Parent interviews.

Aug. 7th Mon. Year 6 and parents meeting 2pm

Aug. 11th Fri. Tui Assembly 2.30pm

Aug. 15th Tues. School Cross Country. 1.30pm

Aug. 22nd. Tues. Inter school Cross Country.

Aug. 23rd. Wed. Open day at Mahurangi College.

Aug. 24th. Thurs. - Board Meeting 7pm.

Aug. 25th Fri. Takahe Assembly 2.30pm.

Aug. 31st. Thurs. HBC Cross Country.

Sept. 8th Fri. Kea Assembly 2.30pm

Sept. 12th. Tues. Inter School Hockey.

Sept. 22nd. Fri. Piwakawaka assembly 2.30pm.

Sept. 29th Fri. - Final Day of Term 3.

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