



# The Pukeko Call



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

Tena Koutou

2017 has certainly got off to a very busy start. With music, Cricket and Life Ed programme all underway and our teachers working hard to establish classroom routines and relationships with their new children.

In the first part of the first term teachers will deliver a programme that emphasises our School Values. This is why we have shifted our Life Education programme to the start of the year. Chris from Life Ed planned his programme to reflect our values and emphasised them throughout the two days of his visit.

This morning Gael Adamson lead our assembly and spoke about the value of respect. It is fundamental to the well being of all of our children that we all respect not only each other but ourselves and the school around us.

At the beginning of last week I sent home a letter lamenting the lack of respect being shown to our pool and our school. This is an example of how our whole community can buy into our School Values.

Parent info evening is tomorrow night and our school Picnic at Martins Bay is the following week on Thursday. I look forward to seeing many of you at these two events.

We will be sending specific 'Instructions for Picnic Day' out this week to ensure that all children and as many parents as possible are able to enjoy this long held tradition at Kaipara Flats.

Nga mihi nui  
 Gary O'Brien  
 My e-mail address is: [garyo@kaiparaflats.school.nz](mailto:garyo@kaiparaflats.school.nz)

## Reminder! Parent Info Evening!

### Tomorrow Evening 6pm in the Library.

At the parent info evening there will be presentations by the Board, the PTA and the staff of the school. We will share with you the school's vision and values and also provide you with some detail about the work we have been doing to develop our school reading programme. We hope you will go away with some ideas that you can use to help your children with reading. We will also break into class groups so that you can meet your child's teacher and they will spend some time outlining the programme in their classrooms.

#### Term 1 2017 Dates:

Feb 14th Tues. Parent info evening  
 Feb 23rd Thurs. Picnic Day  
 Feb 24th Fri. PTA AGM  
 Feb 24h Fri Celebration Assembly - Takahe.  
 Feb 28th / Mar. 1st Parent interviews  
 Mar 10th. Fri Celebration Assembly - Kea  
 Mar 24th Fri. Celebration Assembly - Tui

Mar. 15th. Wed. Omaha Beach Trip  
 Mar. 21 Tues. Swimming Sports.  
 Mar. 26th. Sun Weetbix Triathlon  
 April 5th. Tues. School Duathlon.  
 April 7th. Celebration Assembly - Piwakawaka  
 April 13th Thurs. Term one ends

#### Term 2 2017 Dates:

May 1st Term 2 commences

## School and Community Notices



### Picnic Day Thurs Feb. 23rd.

Our annual picnic day is always a wonderful event. The whole school travels directly to Martins Bay. Everybody is welcome and we often not only have parents but grandparents as well. We hope that you can wangle a day away from the daily grind to join us. If not then we can arrange transport for your children.

### Free Autism Workshop

Topics: boosting your child's self-esteem, learning to problem solve and good things that come from learning about making friends & getting on with others.

Both workshops will be facilitated by Arletta van den Bosch.

1. SOCIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES OF TEENAGERS WITH ASD

Monday 13 Feb 7-9pm, The Hub, Henderson

2. SOCIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN aged 2-12 years

Wednesday 29 March 7-9pm,

Freemans Bay Community Centre.

Interested? Please contact Gary at School.

### Reminders:

Important dates coming up:

**Tues. 14th Feb.  
Parent Info Evening.  
Library 6pm**

**Thurs; 23rd. Feb.  
School Picnic Day  
Martins Bay.  
Travel Direct to Martins Bay.**

**Fri. 24th Feb.  
PTA. AGM.  
3.15pm Library**

**Parent Interviews  
28th Feb and 1st March**

### After School Care

After School Care is available at School. It is based in the library but during the summer months the children will spend much of the time outside. Children will be provided with the opportunity to do homework or have a quiet reading time in the library.

Children should be provided with something extra in their lunch box to eat while at after school care. We can provide care up until 6pm each evening.

To book either fill out the form outside Jan's office or ring Jan direct.

After School Care is charged out at \$8.00 per hour per child or part thereof for children who are booked in by 9am on the day care is provided and \$10.00 for any last minute bookings. There is a \$45.00 max per family per day.

Jackie Dawson who is a long term well known member of our community will provide the care. Please ensure you book children in as early as possible as Jackie is operating on an on call basis as there are some evenings we have no requirement.

### Respect:

Students, Teachers and Parents will respect each other, their beliefs and their right to a voice in the school.



# P.T.A. AGM.



**Fri 24th Feb. at 3.15pm in the Library.**

**This is a very important meeting as we still need to fill the roles of Chair and Secretary. If you are contemplating taking on one of these roles I urge you to speak to myself, Phillippa Wech, our current Chair or one of the other officers. I can not emphasise enough how important our PTA is to the school. It plays a significant role in not only raising funds but building and perpetuating all that is good about our Community.**

## **Mahurangi Junior Rugby Club Registration**

Registration days Thurs. 9th Mar 4-7pm & Sat 11th Mar. 11am-3pm.

All welcome, boys & girls, Ripa rugby (non-contact) for ages 4-7 & girls, tackle rugby for ages 8-13.

Free drink bottle and rugby ball with each paid registration. Fees \$75.

(Rugby balls handed out in Term 2 when season starts).

Details on [www.mahurangirugbyclub.co.nz](http://www.mahurangirugbyclub.co.nz)

## **2017 Hockey Development sessions**

### **Primary Age Players**

Sessions run by Premier Auckland coach Jared Wrigley and Black Stick player Danielle Jones.

Sunday 5th March 10am-12pm

\$25 per student

### **Secondary Age Players**

Wednesday 1st, 8th and 15th March

Year 7-8: 6pm - 7pm

Year 9-13: 7pm - 8pm

\$45 per student for all 3 sessions

Register your child's details with Mahurangi College:

[sports@mahurangi.school.nz](mailto:sports@mahurangi.school.nz)

All sessions are held at Warkworth Hockey turf

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## **Kaipara Flats Netball Club AGM**

Thursday 16th February, 7pm at the KF Sports Club.

All Welcome

Queries to Jeanette Sanderson 094224971.

## **Yummy Stickers**

**We are collecting the Yummy apple stickers again this year. Thanks to everyone who helped us receive over \$400 worth of free sports gear last year.**

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