



The Pukeko Call



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Tena Koutou

2018

Christine Wilson has been granted a years leave of absence starting on January 28th 2018. Christine requested refreshment leave late last term and this was granted by the Board. I will obviously not be at Kaipara Flats when Christine returns in 2019 and I would like to acknowledge the fabulous work she has done with our year 5 and 6 children over the last three years while I have been Principal and obviously the years prior to that.

Christine is a tremendous teacher and her contribution to Kaipara Flats School has been really valued by all those who have passed through her hands. I know that Christine will take full advantage of her year off and will return in 2019 full of enthusiasm to continue the great work we have come to expect.

We have advertised for a replacement teacher for the 2018 year and hope that we will be able to advise our community who that will be within the next couple of weeks.

As you will be only too aware our school is consistently growing. Tomorrow we will enrol our 105th pupil, we are fast approaching the maximum number of children that we are resourced for. To that end we have two teachers operating in Piwakawaka each morning to ensure that the children are getting the best deal we can provide during that very important first year at school. We have applied for extra staffing and an extra classroom for next year and are waiting for the ministry's response. Our role should start at about 95 next year but will quickly grow to the level we currently find ourselves at. While the ministry has

committed to an extra classroom for next year the timing of it's arrival is uncertain.

Stardome

Tomorrow our year 4 - 6 children take a trip to the Stardome just as our junior children did last week. Thank you to all those parents who came along to supervise. I apologise to those that missed out however logistics determines that we cannot take all those that wish to come. If you are unsure if you are coming or not please ring the school.

Show Day

Show Day is just around the corner now. Please keep the goodies coming our container is filling up. Thank you to all those people who have contributed.

PTA

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday the 30th of October at 7pm in the Library. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Tina

I know you will all join with me in expressing our condolences to Tina on the passing of her mother last week. Tina will be away for the remainder of the week as her mums funeral is on Friday. We will try to maintain as much continuity as we can in Tui during this time.

Our thoughts are with Tina, Charlie and Len during this always difficult time.

Nga mihi

Gary O'Brien

My email address is: garyo@kaiparaflats.school.nz

**Country Show Day! Saturday 4th November.
11 Days to GO!**



Tui and Takahe Working Together.



Term 4 2017 Dates:

- Oct. 23rd Mon. - Labour Day Holiday
- Oct. 25th Wed. - Senior School Trip - Stardome.
- Oct 26th Thurs. - Board Meeting 7pm Cottage
- Oct. 30th Mon - PTA Meeting.
- Nov. 4th Sat. - Country Show Day.
- Nov. 6th Mon. - Big foot in Kea
- Nov. 7th Tues.- Puberty Ed. Parent meeting 5.45pm

- Nov. 15th Wed. - Mahurangi College Orientation.
- Nov. 27th Mon. - Teacher Only Day.
- Nov. 30th Thurs. - Board Meeting 7pm Cottage
- Dec. 6th - 8th - Year 6 Camp
- Dec. 13th Wed. - Prize Giving 1pm.
- Dec.15th Fri. - Final Day of School Year.

Term 1 2018 Dates:

- Feb. 1st Thurs. First Day of Term 1.

11 DAYS UNTIL COUNTRY SHOW DAY 2017

THIS WEEK...

Please drop in your **MYSTERY BOX DONATIONS AND FOOD ITEM FOR THE RAFFLES IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY.**

ALSO IF YOU HAVE DONATIONS FOR ANY OF THE OTHER STALLS PLEASE DROP THESE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Items can be left **IN THE FOYER BY JAN'S OFFICE IN A TIDY PILE** please.



NEXT PTA MEETING MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 7.00PM

NEXT WEEK

CAKE STALL CONTRIBUTIONS

We ask each family to contribute a cake / biscuits /sweets for the cake stall. A plate for each family will be sent home next Tuesday (31 Oct). Contributions can be left on the table beside Jan's office at any time on the Friday (3rd Nov) before Show Day or brought to the stall on Saturday morning. All contributions are wrapped prior to sale, so if you want to use an alternate container that is no problem. If you would like more plates, please let us know. We really appreciate everyone's help!

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