



The Pukeko Call



Learning for the Future. Akoranga wa hou.

Every child succeeding in an encouraging and stimulating learning environment.

Tena Koutou

Our congratulations go to Deb Kearns who has won a new job at Mangawhai School starting in Term 2. While Deb is a huge loss to our teaching staff this move will be a real positive for Deb and her family who live in Kaiwaka. We will miss Deb's lovely nature, superb sense of humour and excellent teaching skills but wish her all the best for her future career.

We are now putting plans in place to ensure that our new entrant class will continue to provide the wonderful nurturing environment that Deb and Gael before her have provided.

The Education Review Office (ERO) visited us on Monday and Tuesday last week. This was the final visit of series of visits that were triggered by our 2014 review.

ERO reported their findings back to the Board on Tuesday and I am pleased to say that we have succeeded in meeting all of our goals and the report was very positive.

We now await their final written report that will be forwarded to us in about a months time. I am very optimistic that the report will reflect well on all the hard work that the Staff and Board have put in over the last two years.

We had a wonderful day last Wednesday at Omaha beach where the surf life saving guards provided us with the Beach Ed programme. Thank you to all those parents who came along with us and got in the water so our children could do the water activities.

Our year 5 and 6 Ultimate frisbee team attended the Hibiscus Coast tournament last Thursday. Our children performed admirably against much bigger schools with a win over Gulf Harbour and two very competitive games against Orewa North and Silverdale. Well done Kids.

Thank you so much to Philippa Wech, Cherie Innes and Melissa D'Urban Burgess for their help looking after and transporting the children.

This week has kicked off with a wonderful visit from the Trillion Trek Rally. Gael gets a massive bravery award for being lifted 9 storeys into the air on a fire truck extending ladder. What a wonderful career teaching is!

Our senior children are off to the inter school swimming sports today, good luck to you all.

The Akarana Caravan Club will be occupying our school grounds over the next weekend. They will come in on Friday evening and will depart Sunday. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to them if you are around the school over the weekend.

Last week we won the More FM competition for a raised vegetable garden from Tumbleweed Garden Centre. This is a wonderful way to kick off the garden to table programme we have planned to introduce this year and representatives from More FM and Tumbleweed will visit the school next Monday to discuss the location of the Garden.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

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Term 1 2017 Dates:

Mar. 24th Fri. Celebration Assembly - Tui

Mar. 20th Mon. Trillion Trek visits our School.

Mar. 21 Tues. Swimming Sports.

April 5th. Wed. School Duathlon.

April 6th. Thurs. Board Meeting 7pm Cottage.

April 7th. Celebration Assembly - Piwakawaka

April 13th. Thurs. Term one ends.

Term 2 2017 Dates:

May 1st. Term 2 commences





School and Community Notices



LOST

Child's prescription goggles.
Black goggles in a blue hard plastic case.
Lost on Omaha Beach Day.
Please call Mary 422 5483.

Reminders:

**Celebration Assembly
Tui
March, Friday 24th, 2.30pm**

**School Duathlon
April 6th Wed.**

Beach Ed at Omaha Beach.



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