



The Pukeko Call



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Tena Koutou

Welcome back to Term 3 after a pretty wet, cold holiday period.

Great to see all the children back at school filled with the stories of their adventures experienced during the holidays. The motivation gained from real life adventure is always evident in both the children's talk and their writing on the first day back.

School Topic

Our school wide topic for the first half of this term is storytelling and so this is an ideal opportunity to focus on reading or indeed telling stories to your children. Children love it when you make up stories for them and never seem to tire of hearing the same story over and over again.

Thank You

Thank you to those parents and whanau who came into school over the holiday break and gave Barry a hand to distribute the 8 metres of mulch kindly dropped inside our gate by Tree Scape. Thanks to Bryce Skinner for arranging the mulch for us. Barry assures me that our plants are very grateful.

100 Day Party

We have a busy term ahead starting with our 100 Day party on Friday. As part of our maths programme our Junior children in particular count down each day grouping into tens as they go giving an understanding of the decimal system. Yesterday was our 100th Day at school this year and we will be celebrating that with a shared lunch and Onesie dress day on Friday.

Please send your child along with something that can be shared at lunchtime and if possible dress up in a onesie or some other warm silly dress up. Please feel free to drop into school and join us at lunchtime as we celebrate 100 days.

Country Show Day

This term is the lead up to our country show day on November the 4th. The first of August marks the day that lambs and calves need to be born after for our show day competitions. Despite the weather last year there was a really good turn out of lambs and calves and for me this is the highlight of the day and I am looking forward to see our children and their animals perform again this year.

School Donation

As our school grows we inevitably face a number of challenges and managing our finances is one of those. This is made easier by the number of our families that make the school donation. Thank you to all those that have already contributed this year.

Dental Van

We were due to have the dental van at school for the next two weeks, however the ground is just too wet for them to park their vehicle near the power outlet for the truck. They will be back at a dryer time of year.

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Brien

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School and Community Notices



PTA Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who attended the PTA social evening on Saturday 1st July. It was great to see some new faces and get to know each other better. The only downside was the rugby score!

Also big thanks to Sarah Hansen who provided the fantastic platters. She is available for private catering including platters or a variety of burgers with fries.

You can contact Sarah on plattersandmore@gmail.com

Parent Interviews

Our three way conferences will be held on August 1st and 2nd. You should have received a letter yesterday enabling you to book your interviews. Please ensure they are returned quickly!

A creche for younger children will be available during the afternoon slots enabling you to focus completely on your discussion with the teacher. Please leave your younger children in the library!

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 that is in the foyer outside the office. Walkers will get to put leaves on a tree each week, if they have walked.

We will finish the week off with a gumboot celebration????

Country Show Day! Saturday 4th November.



Show Day 2016



Term 3 2017 Dates:

July 24th. Mon. - Term three begins.
July 28th. Fri. 100 Day Party.
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.

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