



Principals Comment

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to the following new pupils. Room 7: Ashlee Room 9: Te Awhio Room 11: Laivina Room 13: Rumaiti Our roll now stands at 284

Last Tuesday at 12.51 the school observed two minutes silence in memory of the lives lost in Christchurch. We were all very proud of the children for the respect that they all showed for the occasion. Congratulations children you continue to do us proud.

We also had a red & black day on Friday and held a coin trail to raise money for the people of Christchurch. The school raised \$1173.60 which was a tremendous achievement. It was especially pleasing to see so many children reach into their own pocket money to make a contribution. This money will be handed to Mayor Alan Livingston at a special ceremony by our newly elected School Council. The money will then be sent down to Christchurch.

The **School Council** for 2011 was announced at assembly on Friday and is as follows:

Starsha Bird	Allure Paraha	Matthew Berry
Jasmine Saunders	Arnica Marshall	Wiremu Jones
Deanna Heke	Ashton McDonald	Tayla Prutton
Hayley Smith	Bree Kendall—Year 5 Representative	

Congratulations to you all. We look forward to you being a responsible and hard working council.

We have also chosen the **House Captains** for 2011 who are as follows:

RIMU	TOTARA	POHUTUKAWA	KAURI
Tama Stables	Tumoana Awhitu-Ball	Pheonix Ngauma	Joey Mexted
Kataeya Pakau	Jack Whiteman	Eden Riley	Matthew Church

Congratulations to you all. We look forward to another intense battle between the houses again this year.

Our camp programme is underway with the Year 4 camp at Whakamaru taking place this week. As usual Mrs Flay ordered and got fantastic weather and from all accounts the children are having a great time. Next week our senior school are off to Pureora Forest in the King country. We hope you all thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Once again many thanks for the tremendous and continued support we receive from you all, over the past few weeks with the Christchurch fundraising and the camping programme we have enjoyed wonderful support. Thank you.

Yours in Learning

John Cubitt
Principal

Please Note, School Donation for 2011 year is set at:
\$50 Single
\$70 family
Invoices will be out soon....
\$20 Paper Fee per Child
Your help in paying these is greatly appreciated.

Some members of our School Council handing over the donation to the Mayor



Calling any parent/caregiver that would like to help with the fundraising committee—your valued and precious time is needed to help with just a few ideas during the year.

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Term Dates 2011

Term 1: 2 Feb - 15 April
Term 2: 2 May - 15 July
Term 3: 1 Aug - 7 Oct
Term 4: 25 Oct - 15 Dec

Upcoming Events:

March 31 Parent interviews
April 7 Mufti Day



Room 5 Penguins



Welcome to Room 5 Penguins Term 1 overview of learning.

We have been looking at our class rights, rules and responsibilities. We have created our own class treaty which we discussed with our families for their input. We have based our treaty around the 'Pekerau Way' and RESPECT.



We have a class mascot. Her name is Penny Penguin. She is a Little Blue Penguin. Penny has already had some trips around New Zealand. She has been on an aeroplane to Wellington and on a train as well. She has also been to Gisborne, Auckland and Raglan. I wonder where she will go next.



We have also been finding out about the different species of Penguin. We have all chosen one that we like the look of and are trying to make one out of paper mache. We have Little Blue Penguins, Chinstraps, Emperor Penguins, Gentoo and the Yellow Eyed just to name a few.

New Zealand Icons:

We have also been researching New Zealand icons. Towns and cities have icons and so do famous objects or foods. We are marking the icons on our map of New Zealand. There have been Vikings, kiwi, a Bull, crayfish and a large kiwifruit. See if you can work out what places they stand for.



Penguin Facts:

Penguins are part of the bird family. They lay eggs and have feathers. Penguins only live in the Southern Oceans but only two species live in Antarctica all of the time. Emperor Penguins can grow up to 1.2 metres and can weigh around 35 kg. The Little Blue Penguin only grows to about 35 cm and weigh about 1 kg.



Penguins can not fly but flap their wings when they are in the water which makes them look like they are flying. Their feathers are waterproof. Penguins eat krill, fish and squid. They can be eaten by sharks, whales and leopard seals.

