



30 June 2017

Kia ora koutou katoa,  
Greetings Parents and Caregivers

## **STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES IN PLACE OF PARENT INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK**

We have tried something a little bit different this year in terms of Mid-year meetings with parents to follow up on the written mid year reports that came home a week or so ago. The main thing that came out of our very successful ERO report in 2015 was that we needed to help the children to fully understand more about themselves as learners- what they do well, where their areas of challenge are, and what they are doing to address the things they find hard to help them get better and make stronger progress. In current education speak this is referred to as learner agency.

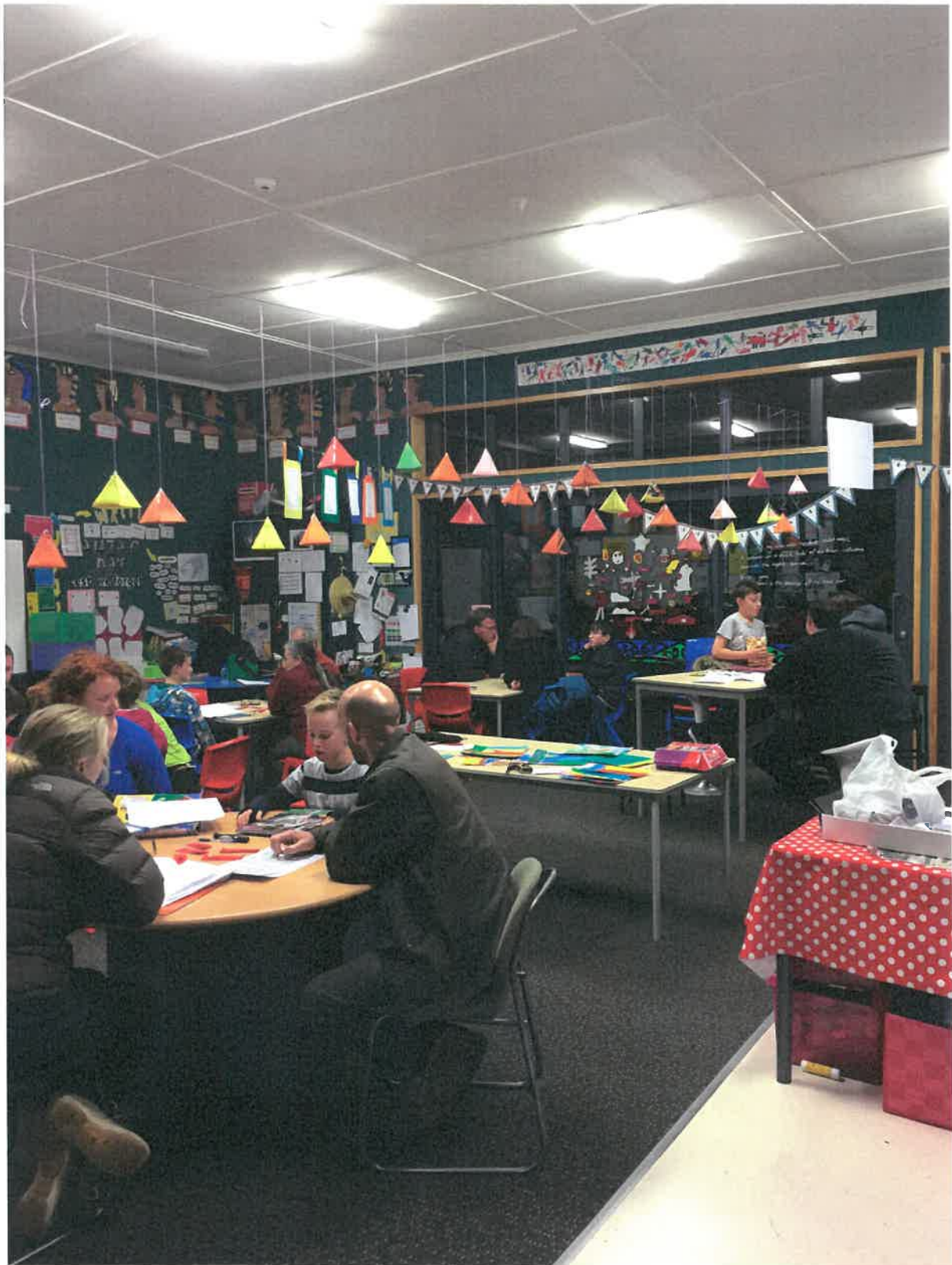
This year we wanted to put our children in the driving seat to share their learning with you, their parents at mid year interviews here at school, with the teachers in the room to provide support if needed and to help facilitate discussions. We have been working with the children so they know what they plan to share with you and teachers had a little prompt card to give parents as they arrived with some useful possible questions parents could ask the children.

We allowed 25 minute time slots so things wouldn't feel rushed and up to 4 children were talking with their parents individually in corners of the classroom at one time with the teacher or teachers circulating around the various groups.

We were pretty proud of how well most children did in sharing their learning. It was very interesting just to observe them sharing their work and discussing what they have been working on, learning to do, reading their work to their families and discussing their learning goals. Naturally this is easier for some children to do than others and this was the first time we have tried doing things this way. I would be interested in getting parent's feedback on how you think this approach worked in practice so would love to have a chat about this or drop me a quick email if that is easier on [principal@macandrewbay.school.nz](mailto:principal@macandrewbay.school.nz)

A big thank you to the teachers for the skillful way they worked with the children to help them plan and prepare what they wanted to say and to share. It is always hard trying new ways of doing things but there seemed to be lots of positives coming out of our trial of this new approach.

If any parents feel they also need a private chat with the teacher then please talk to your child's teacher and see if you can set up a separate time after school at a mutually convenient time. Teachers are very happy to do this if there are things you would like to discuss further.



Year 6 children talking with their parents about their learning at the Student Lead conferences in Toroa classroom on Tuesday.

### **BOT MEETING THIS MONDAY**

Our last BOT meeting for this term will be held at school on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 7pm.

### **TRIPS TO THE ALBATROSS COLONY -27, 28, 29 JUNE**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Albatross Colony with us this week. We had three trips down there on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and two or three classes spent the morning down at the Colony together each day finding out about the 'Saving our Seabirds' programme.

The children saw different things each day – Tuesday probably had the coldest weather but it was a great day for seeing Albatross on the wing, flying around the headland and flying in to feed the chicks. Wednesday had plenty of birds flying later in the morning and the still frosty conditions on Thursday meant that the birds weren't flying, though they did see big fat chicks on the nest and also the children enjoyed seeing Elke helping the Little Blue Penguins.



## **ART GALLERY TRIPS- 30 JUNE, 5,6,7 JULY**

As the term comes to an end all classes will be going to the Art Gallery for a visit and an Art Workshop with John Nuemegan, the Art Gallery Educator.

Toroa are going today- Friday 30 June in the morning

Tui are going on Wednesday the 5 July in the morning and Rata are going on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July in the afternoon.

Korimako are going on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July in the morning and Kakano are going on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July in the afternoon.

Karearea are going on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July in the morning and Kowhai are going on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July in the afternoon.

We will be travelling by bus to and from the Art Gallery. Parents are very welcome to come with us in on the bus and we would love to have some help with supervision. There will be plenty of room on the bus as only one class is going in at a time.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> of July is the last day of Term 2**

## **ROCKBOURNE HOUSE JEWELLERY FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to the Home and School Parents for organising this fundraiser held last night on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June and to all of you who came along. We had a very pleasant evening together and great to know the fundraising is going to help out Nic Hedley's family.

## **PASSION PROJECTS**

We are in the final week of a three week programme, where each teacher has planned and taught a series of three lessons in a subject that they are passionate about. We have worked as much as possible to put children who enjoy this subject in with them.

Mr Mitchell has done Music, Miss Brown- Kapahaka. Mr Direen -Science experiments, Mrs B-Art related creative activities, Mrs Ward –Art ( Fence Mural Painting), Mrs Wells-STEM ( Science Technology, Engineering, Maths), Miss Hutchison - Drama . The children are in mixed age groups. The Kapahaka group will be the children who are normally in Muaupoko and their learning will be the start of their Polyfest Preparation for the performance that is coming up next term.

## **WINTER WEATHER AFFECTING SCHOOL STARTING TIMES ETC**

It is very timely to remind families what might happen if the weather turns particularly nasty and snow or ice make the roads so dangerous that schools around the city need to be delayed till 10am or closed for the day.

In the event of very dangerous road conditions due to snow or black ice etc a blanket decision is made for the whole of Dunedin by Principals who live in the hill suburbs, after consulting Police etc. This includes Macandrew Bay School.



A decision is made on either a late start at 10.00am or to close Dunedin Schools for the day. It is very important that families listen to the radio if weather conditions are bad in town and particularly listen to the cancellation notices on local radio stations. It is usually on after the 7.30am news and again at 8.00am. The reason these decisions are made is that even if children can get to school the staff often live some distance from the school and up on the hills and we can't guarantee that we can staff the school even if the children can make it.

If you are in doubt please look up the School's website as we always post late starts or school closures on our Homepage: <http://macbayschool.edublogs.org> or just google Macandrew Bay School. Keep on looking as we can only do that once we have heard the city wide decision. It is great if you hear school is off that you let your friends and neighbours know too if their children also attend our school. We will also attempt to send all families an email so check your emails too.

### **POLYFEST AND STARS ON STAGE IN TERM 3**

Next term is going to be a busy and exciting term for many of our children with the Year 4 - 6 pupils all being involved in Stars on Stage ( a Dance performance at the Regent Theatre) and also Polyfest at the Edgar Stadium for some of our children in our Kapahaka group.

We are starting to prepare our Kapahaka group for Polyfest and this will amp up more next term in preparation for the Maori and Pasific Island Festival that is a wonderful occasion each year. The three schools on the Peninsula usually combine together to do Polyfest but this year we are all going it alone, though I would hope we might be back together next year perhaps.

We are taking the theme of the Jungle Book Story for our Stars on Stage theme and each Senior class will have their own section of the dance to prepare. This should flow on nicely from our focus on Animals this term. The Stars on Stage performances will be on at the Regent on the week starting the 4<sup>th</sup> of September but we won't know until closer to the time what night our Macandrew Bay children will be performing.

### **FUTURE ENROLMENTS AT MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL**

We need to have up to date information about children who are likely to attend our school in the future and so if you have a pre-school child or know of a neighbour or a friend with a child who plans to send them here in the next few years then please get them to ring or email the school with the child's name, date of birth, address and parent's contact phone number. That would be really helpful for us in planning for the future.

We are particularly keen to find out if there are any New Entrants likely to start in Term 4 this year as at the moment it looks like we don't have any children turning 5 then which seems rather unusual.

Children usually start coming along for valuable pre- school visits to the New Entrant classroom about 6 weeks before they are due to start and this helps them transition successfully to school. Get in touch with us here at school about 2 months prior to your child's birthday to get this all arranged.



### **JOSH SMITH- LUNCHTIME FLOW ARTS FUN**

On Tuesday this week the children enjoyed trying out the practice poi and staff that Josh came to school and demonstrated at Focus Assembly last week. We are buying our own



sets of some of this equipment. Here are some photos of lots of the children having fun giving things a go on Tuesday at lunchtime.



## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT SCHOOL TODAY**

Thank you to Wal O'Neill and I think Kerrie Elder too for cooking the sausages today for the children's sausage sizzle. We appreciate you coming along to school to do that for us!

## **CHEESE ROLLS - A warm winter lunch**

The remaining date for cheese rolls is: Friday the 7 July, the last day of term.

The cheese rolls cost \$1 each and are made with delicious wholemeal bread. **Could you please ensure that the correct money is dropped into the office in a named envelope with the money inside prior to the Thursday you wish to buy them. Please note your child's class.** If you wish to place one order for all or some of the future dates that is fine just include the details of what dates your order covers.

If you would like to pay by depositing the money into the bank account this is the account number: **Home & School 02 910 0056556 000**. Please put your child's name in as a reference.

The cheese rolls will be heated and ready for the children to collect in their lunch boxes to prevent unnecessary waste.

This will be a warm treat on these cold days. They have proved to be a very popular lunchtime choice in this winter term and there have been heaps of orders each Friday. Thank you to the Home and School parents who have come and heated up the Cheese rolls each Friday they have been available.

## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 29 JULY**

We are holding a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10 on Saturday 29 July from 10 – 4pm.

We need volunteers in the following time slots: 10 – 12, 12 - 2 and 2 - 4.

Everything is provided all you need to do it turn up and cook. Hellyers have again very kindly donated the sausages for this event.

Please complete the tear off slip and return to the Office. Or email Liz [ecameron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ecameron@xtra.co.nz) with your availability.

## **VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS**

Each year we ask for a Voluntary School Donation each term and this money is used to buy reading books, maths equipment, musical instruments, sports equipment, library books and to help provide Teacher Aide Support for the children in the classes. Being a Decile 10 School means our operational funds are not all that generous and the money that comes from locally raised donations makes a big difference to the resources we can provide in the classrooms for our students.

Our suggested School Donations amount this year will be the same as last year - \$25.00 per term or \$100.00 per child. You are more than welcome to pay these per term or for



the whole year – whichever suits you. Some parents have set up regular small direct debit contributions and that is fine. It is worth parents knowing that the receipt you receive for any donations made to school can be used for an income tax credit from Inland Revenue. You can pay school donations by internet banking but it is great if you also email and let us know you have done that and then Irene can keep track of all these payments. You need to state clearly your child's name and what the money is for in the reference information.

**Macandrew Bay School Bank Account:** 02 0900 0000233 00 Please remember to put your child's name in the reference. (Please note this account is only for School Donations, Stationery, Sports fees etc).

### **VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY DONATION**

The suggested Activity Donation again is \$10.00 per child per term, or you may wish to pay \$40.00 for the whole year. This money is used to help cover the costs of the children travelling to the Museum, Albatross Colony, Art Gallery, Sports Events and pays for visits to school by different performing groups etc. Please fill in the form below and return to the Office if you are able to contribute in this way.

Depending on your income you may be able to claim one third of your school donations back from the IRD by asking Irene for a receipt and completing a form IR526, sending it to the IRD. Further details and a link to the form are on the IRD website:

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits/donations-taxcredits/donations-taxcredits.html?tax%20credit%20for%20donations>

### **USEFUL APP FOR YOUR PHONE THAT HELPS WITH COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL**

Last year we signed up to a very useful app called PT Calendar or the Parent Teacher Calendar App. Once you have downloaded the free app to your phone you can go in and choose Otago as your region and Macandrew Bay School as your school. Once this is loaded you can then go on it to see what is coming up on the calendar, report that your child is absent (by phone, SMS or email), find contact email addresses for your child's teacher, read the latest newsletter, or read information about our school. It also allows us to send a text to any parents who are signed up to our school if we had something happen that we needed to communicate with parents about e.g. an early closing of the school if we were flooded or had some sort of emergency. We can also email all our parents in case of an emergency using etap our Student Management system, as long as we have your correct email addresses on our database.

Thank you to the local businesses who are advertising on the PTC Calendar app and helping bring this useful service to us at no charge.

## **NOTICES FOR NEWSLETTER**

Any notices for the newsletter should be in on Thursday afternoon please. It makes the compiling of the newsletter so much easier if they are in to the Office by then, either by email or by dropping a notice into school.

## **MAGIC KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPTION**

We are very lucky to have Magic Kids providing after school care based at the Macandrew Bay School Library five days a week. To book your child in, even for the odd day ring Magic Kids at 453 3266 or visit their website. [www.magickidsclub.co.nz](http://www.magickidsclub.co.nz)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM TWO**

3 July	BOT Meeting at school
5 July	Art Gallery - Tui - am
5 July	Art Gallery - Rata - pm
6 July	Art Gallery - Korimako - am
6 July	Art Gallery - Kakano - pm
7 July	Art Gallery - Karearea - am
7 July	Art Gallery - Kowhai – pm
7 July	Last day of Term
24 July	Term 3 begins

Bernadette Newlands  
PRINCIPAL

## **SPORTS**

### **Hockey**

The draw for Wednesday 5 July  
Mac Bay vs Kaikorai Blueb  
Mac Bay Gladiators vs St Leonards Sticks

**Grade:** Mini **PAV:** 4  
**Grade:** Kiwi **FAR:** 3

### **Netball**

The draw for 3 July - Year 1/2  
Mac Bay Seals vs St Clair Vixens  
Mac Bay Penguins vs Tainui Pulse

4.15pm BHS3  
3.30pm BHS2

The draw for 4 July – Year 3/4  
Mac Bay Miracles vs Carisbrook Shooters  
Mac Bay Marvels vs NEV Yr3/4

4.30pm EC10  
4.30pm EC11

The draw for 4 July– Year 5/6  
Mac Bay Magic vs Green Island School Green 3.45pm

EC16

## **NOTICES**

### **ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

**Can you help? - Local family seeking short term flexible rental accommodation.**

**7 June, 2017**



Local family seeking short term flexible rental accommodation while between houses (selling and moving in). Non-smoking, tidy, and very responsible. Accommodation needed from approx. Mon 10 July until at the very latest 31 August. We are open to all options, such as house sitting, or holiday style accommodation, etc.

### **Can you help ?**

Contact Kelly and Terry Hibbert,  
Email: [kandthibbert@gmail.com](mailto:kandthibbert@gmail.com),  
0212372866

### **HAVE YOU GOT A DONKEY? Are you fundraising?**

Otago Peninsula Trust is planning a Glenfalloch Gala Day for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the spirit of Glenfalloch in days gone past we are looking for a Donkey for Donkey rides (or just petting), musicians, entertainers, yacht races... and we'd love our locals to be involved. There's also the opportunity for fundraising stalls for local schools and groups for which there is no charge. The Gala will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 till 3.30pm. Please contact [glenda@albatross.org.nz](mailto:glenda@albatross.org.nz) 4761775 if you'd like to get involved in this fun celebratory event.

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 **GLENFALLOCH**

GLENFALLOCH WOODLAND GARDEN

GLENFALLOCH GREEN BIKES

GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT

[www.glenfalloch.org.nz](http://www.glenfalloch.org.nz)



**OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST ENTERPRISES**



## **BOOKS & GIFTS**

I have the books back again this term and can be viewed in the office. I get them for a fortnight each time and this lot will be returned to the provider on Thursday 22 June. They make great presents for birthdays and Christmas.

**THE PENINSULA PLAYCENTRE PLAYGROUP needs your support, we have worked hard and come so far, from near extinction to the bustling, busy centre it is today... but we need a little more help from the community to raise the funds to ensure we don't get closed down at the end of this year. This Meadow Farms Fundraising Event gives us so much hope because 5% of all sales from the day goes directly to us! Please come and buy this week's meat groceries, better still stock up your freezer for the rest of winter!! Even better than that.. Bring your family and friends to do their shopping too! Thank you.**



**FUNDRAISING FACTORY SALE**  
759 Kaikorai Valley Road, Dunedin  
*3 Hours Only*

**Saturday 1st July - 10am - 1pm**

Help support  
Peninsula Playcentres  
and join us for an  
Epic Three Hour  
Factory Sale.

There will be new products,  
all our standard products  
and  
*Fundraising Specials*  
that you just won't be able to resist.

**5% OF SALES GOES TO THE PLAYCENTRE**

Students bring your Student ID and get 10% off your purchases



PENINSULA PLAYCENTRE PLAYGROUP

## **MACANDREW BAY PLAYCENTRE**

Macandrew Bay Play Centre are currently looking for a new Educator.  
If this is a position you might be interested in finding out more about please email [macbayplaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:macbayplaycentre@gmail.com)

Rebekah Gray

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS – Bank A/c 02 0900 0000233 00**

**\$25.00 per term per child or \$100 for the 4 terms per child**

Name of child/children \_\_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITY DONATION – Bank A/c 02 0900 0000233 00** -This helps pay for school trips, performances and education outside the classroom.

**\$10.00 per term per child or \$40.00 for the 4 terms per child**

Name of child/children \_\_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHEESE ROLLS – Bank A/c 02 0910 0056556 000**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Cheese Rolls@ \$1.00ea: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ART GALLERY TRIP**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I can come and help – Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be coming on the bus \_\_\_\_\_ I will be going in my car \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT MITRE 10 - SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help at the following time:

(Please circle) 10.00am – 12.00, 12.00 – 2.00pm, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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### **POTENTIAL NEW ENTRANTS – ENROLMENTS 2017,2018,2019 and BEYOND**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Caregivers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Albatross Colony Photos from our Trips this week:**







