

Making Popcorn to Save Penguins

It may seem an unusual combination, but making popcorn was the way Room 7 at Waverley Park School raised funds to help the hoiho — the yellow-eyed penguin — at Forest and Bird's Te Rere

Reserve in Southland.

Hoiho is one of the rarest penguins in the world and is found only in New Zealand and its offshore islands.

The class spent a month studying the penguin, making

posters, paintings and displays around their classroom. The class then decided to do some fundraising and were looking for a local project to give the money to — Southland Forest and Bird's Te Rere penguin

reserve was the lucky recipient.

The pupils had studied Te Rere on the Southland Forest and Bird web site and knew all about the devastating fire that had happened a few years ago. Since the fire the main effort at Te Rere has been planting 1000 native plants a year and ongoing animal pest control. The money from the popcorn will be used to buy native plants for Te Rere.

— CHRIS RANCE, Southland Branch



Penguin conservation programme: children from Room 7 Waverley Park School show their yellow-eyed penguin posters. The children also raised funds for Southland Forest and Bird's Te Rere penguin reserve by making popcorn.



Left: William Gamble is the third generation of his family to work at Southland's Forest and Bird Te Rere penguin reserve. A celebration of 20 years' work on the project is to be held on Saturday February 19. Because of the difficult access, visitors should pre-register with Brian Rance telephone (03) 213-1161

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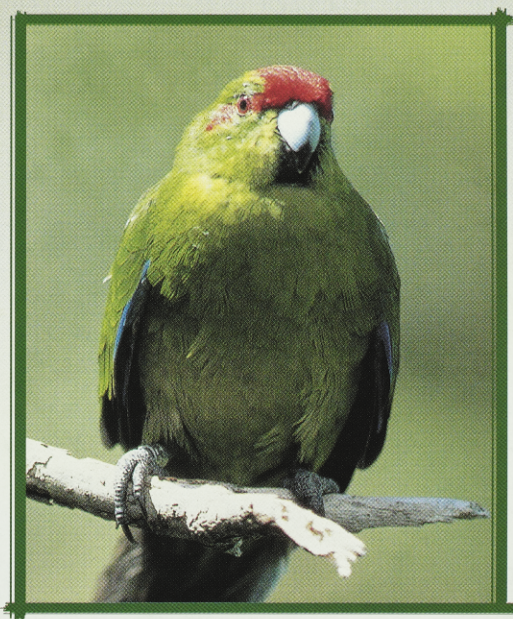
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