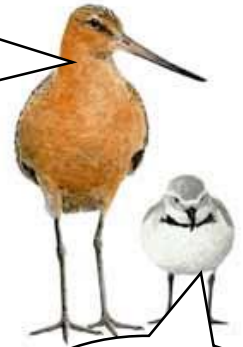


OUTREACH SESSIONS IN SCHOOLS

I fly non-stop from my breeding grounds in Alaska to NZ – that's over 11,500km!



I'm endemic to NZ and the only bird in the world with a bill that curves to the right!

At Pūkoro Mirānda on Tikapa Moana/the Firth of Thames an amazing story of ecological magnificence unfolds. The **bar-tailed godwit** and wrybill join other shorebird species to feed from the intertidal flats. A world without this diverse life is incomprehensible and yet with concerning international and land management choices we are faced with this possibility. Fortunately, local actions can also positively influence these ecological trends.

As part of our vision to further engage children in this action, we are now offering in-school sessions. Our primary school trained teacher can now be booked to deliver interactive sessions which are designed to engage children and pique their interest in learning more about the birds of Pūkoro Mirānda – free of charge, and in your own classroom.

The aim of our sessions:

- Engage students in learning about two key bird species (the bar-tailed godwit and wrybill) and their many adaptations for migration
- Build knowledge and skills in order to be able to identify key shorebird species
- Explore the migratory behaviour of the bar-tailed godwit and wrybill
- Consider the issues facing the birds and their habitats
- Empower students to participate in decision-making and action towards shorebird protection
- Encourage schools to consider a class visit to Pūkoro Mirānda

Typical session outline (1 hour)

- Introduction to identifying shorebirds / waders
- *The Wrybill* (Year 1-4) Interactive story-telling and activities exploring the adaptations and threats faced by the wrybill
- *The Godwit* (Year 5-8) Interactive story-telling and activities exploring the bar-tailed godwit's incredible migration story
- Practical session using binoculars to observe and identify birds (all ages) and read colour bands (Year 5-8)
- Introduction of the 'action' - how the kids can help by joining "The Flock"

The class will be left with one blank bird of "The Flock" to decorate in their own time with instructions to send it on its migration (by post or any other creative means) back to Miranda. We will 'track' its movements and update the class on where it ends up in New Zealand!



To book a session or make an enquiry please contact Krystal Glen on 027 354 8892 or pmnteducator@gmail.com.