



## INVITATION

from Te Uku School Board of Trustees

### *INFORMATION EVENING*

Classroom Modernisation Project

DATE: Thursday 19th November

TIME: 6:30PM to 7:30PM, followed by supper

VENUE: Te Uku School Hall



### **Round the Bridges**

Well done to the 30 children who entered the Round the Bridges last Sunday (in the rain!!). A great effort made by all of you.

The following report is written by Jodie and Cassidy from Room 6...

“On Sunday morning 30 kids had to wake up super early, for the round the bridges fun run. By the time we were ready to run we were all pumped because Project Energise gave us some groovy dance moves to get us warmed up. The 2km fun run was a great success. Even though it was raining, all the kids loved it. They all definitely deserved their medals. Overall it was a great morning, and all the participants should be very proud of themselves”.

I would like to make special mention of Jonah from Room 4 who not only entered into RTB but also supported the fundraising initiative introduced as part of the event this year. Jonah decided to fundraise money for the cancer society because “I lost my pop and my great nana to cancer. I built a supporter’s page with a link to my page. I raised \$1,200.75”. Not only did Jonah set this up, he also wrote a personalised thank you email to every person who made a donation. Jonah said he feels “very, very happy” about what he did. Jonah’s said his parents thought he did very well to achieve a place as one of the top and youngest fundraisers; they are also very proud of Jonah doing the run (not his favourite activity!!).

### **Farewell Assembly for Staff**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a farewell assembly for Mrs Hansi Bennett and Mrs Amy John both of whom will not be returning in 2016. Hansi is expecting her first baby and Amy’s fixed term position finishes at the end of this year. Everyone is welcome to come to the assembly then join staff for afternoon tea at 3:00PM. If you cannot make it to the assembly, you are still very welcome to join everyone for afternoon tea. We would love to see you!

### **Staffing and Classes for 2016**

To start the year in 2016, we will be placing children in groups that are equivalent to two classes, with two teachers, as we prepare to work in open learning environments; however the Years 7 and 8 will be allocated to one teacher. This means that from the beginning of the year the children will be working with both teachers during the day. We have already been working in this way throughout this year therefore the transition will be made easier with the teachers and children already being somewhat familiar with this approach. We will talk about this more at our Information Session this evening.

The three teachers in the senior school (Years 5 to 8) will be:

Mrs Lee Clarkson – Yrs 7 and 8 – based in R5

Mrs Bev Turilli and Mrs Oli Ryks – Yrs 5 and 6; the children will be allocated to both Rooms 7 and 8

The four teachers in the junior school (Years 1 to 4) will be:

Mr Bernard Butler and Ms Victoria Cooper - Yrs 3 and 4 – the children will be allocated to both Rooms 3 and 4

Ms Catherine Lynagh and Mrs Lisa Wheeler – Yrs 1 and 2 – the children will be allocated to both Rooms 1 and 2

This information about class placements and teachers will be in the children's End of Year Report which they will be receiving on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Welcome Back Mrs Lee Clarkson**

Lee will be returning to school next week having completed her Study Leave. We look forward to her return and finding out more about her university studies.

### **William Pike Challenge Award Ceremony**

Room 8 would like to extend an invitation to the community to their William Pike Challenge Award Ceremony. Over the year, they have been working on challenges, community service and passion projects as part of the William Pike Challenge Award. At the ceremony they will be sharing their passion projects, and receiving their WPCA award. This is happening in the school hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM.

### **Important Dates for Term 4**

**WEEK 7:** Interschool Athletics – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**WEEK 9:** End of Year Reports and Learning Journals will sent home on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**WEEK 10:** End of Year Assembly – Rooms 1 to 4, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9:15 to 10:30AM; Rooms 6 to 8, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30 to 7:45PM, Te Uku School Hall.

Nga mihi ki a koutou, Rachel Allan

### **Fundraising News**

The Te Uku School Fundraising Committee has decided to do one last fundraiser for the year. If you like to cook or you're looking for a Christmas present for someone that loves to cook – this could be it. Nourish Magazine have put together a great Festive Feasts Bookzine, full of delicious recipes for Christmas. We will be selling the bookzine and also The Village Press Olive Oil which is used on Masterchef New Zealand. There are some great Olive Oil gift packs available. All pricing is on the order form and you can view a sample of the bookzine at the school office. Please complete the order form supplied with this weeks newsletter and return the payment to the school office before 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Thanks in advance for your support, our school will get cash back on every order received.

### **The Fundraising Committee**



### **Due Back at School**

All school accounts to be settled – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Orders for the Fundraising Committee Bookzine and Olive Oil – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### **Forthcoming Events**

Building Project Information Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30 to 7:30PM, Te Uku School Hall

Interschool Athletics – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

School Assembly – 9:15AM on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, hosted by Rooms 3 and 4

End of Year Assembly at Te Uku School Hall

Rooms 1 to 4, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9:15 to 10:30 AM

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