

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 08/16

24 Poutūterangi 2016

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Easter Break

School will be closed for the Easter break – Friday 25th, Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March. School starts back Wednesday 30th March. Due to next week being only a three-day school week, we will not send home a newsletter.

Student Led Conferences (SLC)

Student Led Conferences are scheduled for:

Wednesday 11th May: 3:00 to 3:30PM; 3:30 to 4:00PM; 4:00 to 4:30PM; 4:30 to 5:00PM

Thursday 12th May: 3:00 to 3:30PM; 3:30 to 4:00PM; 4:00 to 4:30PM; 4:30 to 5:00PM; 6:00 to 6:30; 6:30 to 7:00PM; 7:00 to 7:30PM

What happens at a student led conference?

At the conference your child will have an opportunity to take a lead in sharing their learning successes and goals with you. They will do this by providing you with examples of their learning or by providing an explanation. The older students should be able to share deeper insights into their learning progress. At the SLC, we will offer a set of questions you could use with your child. 30 minutes is allowed for each conference; other families could be in the classroom having their SLC at the same time.

Why do we have student led conferences?

As part of their development as a learner, children are taught how to self-assess their learning based on a set of criteria. This helps them identify their next learning steps in order to achieve their learning goals. This process enables children to engage with their learning and the same time they become better able to talk about their learning in a confident and informed way. Children become very dependent on teachers and adults if they are always looking to them to tell them how well they are doing and what they need to be learning next. Learning how to learn is an important aspect of our school's teaching and learning philosophy. Of course, teachers have an important role in guiding children through this process and ensuring that their assessments and goal setting are relevant to their needs.

How can you support student led conferences as parents / caregivers?

Firstly, acknowledge and value your child/ren's capability to talk about their learning progress and achievements. Provide them with feedback about their successes, and offer advice on their next steps. Children quickly become deflated if their parents/caregivers focus only on what they can't do. Learning is not a competition with others; by engaging in a learning conversation with your child, and letting them take a lead to do this, helps them to grow as a learner. As we know it is very easy to see what is not going well and then give feedback which could be received as a criticism. As teachers, we always aim to use children's strengths to help overcome their challenges. Facing and overcoming challenges is a really important part of the learning process, so SLCs support our children with their growth as a learner.

How do you book your student led conference?

Option One: Book online - <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>, enter the code **r2sna**, instructions will follow.

Option Two: Ring or see Rachel in the Office and arrange for her to make you booking/s.

We would love to see a 100% attendance of families to the Student Led Conferences.

If these dates don't work for you, we are willing to provide a different date.

Board of Trustees 2016 Elections

Have you thought about joining the board of trustees? This is Board of Trustees election year, so a wonderful opportunity for you to consider being involved in school governance. Have a look below at some links which are helpful in providing information about the role of the board...

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school and is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and for ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

For more information go to <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

NZSTA has developed "A parents' guide to the role of the board of trustees" to provide information and advice for parents and caregivers on what they can expect from the board of trustees. For more information and to download the guide, go to <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/accountability/parent-place>. The booklet is also available in the school office. If you would like to talk to a current board member, you are very welcome to contact:

Kath Parrott (027 622 5565) or Brenda Carter (027 310 4945)

Nga mihi ki a koutou, **Rachel Allan**

Sushi is back on the menu!!

Orders for sushi will be resumed on Wednesday 6th April.

Looking for a perfect craft project for a wet Easter weekend perhaps?

Get your Creative Thinking-Cap On!

Create a model of your favourite room at home, using any craft materials you like. Write 2 or 3 sentences about why this is your favourite space, and enter into this very cool competition! Your creation will be on display at the Waikato Home Show and seen by thousands of visitors!

Entry Forms are available from the School Office.



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shoe box space
CRAFT COMPETITION at the Waikato Show



Be in to win an awesome craft pack!

It's your turn to design! To enter create your favourite room at home in a shoebox. You can use any craft materials you choose such as paper, cardboard, recycled materials, glue, paint and felt. We want to hear what inspired you, so as part of your entry we want you to include some writing about why your creation is your favourite place at home. Two or three sentences is plenty. We'll leave the inspiration up to you. Your creation will be put on display at the Ahead Home Products stand (No.45) in the HomeXPO Pavilion where we'll select the category winners.

ENTRY CATEGORIES
School Classroom/Group Sections: Primary School, Intermediate School
Individual Section: Age categories 5-8, 9-11, 12-14
Family Section: open

ENTRY COST \$5
Free entry applies for participants in the Schools Day Out Learning Event on Friday 8 April

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*****URGENT CALL-OUT FOR 12TH GRADE RUGBY PLAYERS*****

Raglan Junior Rugby are on the hunt for children eligible to play in the 12th Grade this year. To play in this grade, students must be:

12years old and less than 50kg, **or** 11years old and less than 60kg, **or** 10years old, open weight

Come and be part of a team, play some sport and have some fun! A last chance weigh-in will be held after 1st practise 31st March. Please contact Jolene ph 825 8023 to register your interest asap

Due Back at School

Bus fees – Friday 4th March (unless setting up an automatic payment).

Forthcoming Events

Easter Break – school will be closed Friday 25th, Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March

Last day of Term 1 – Friday 15th April

Assemblies for Term One

Junior Assembly in the Hall: Thursday 14th April, 9:15AM, hosted by Discovery 1

Senior Assembly in Room 8: Thursday 31st March, 9:15AM, hosted by Discovery Three and Discovery Four

Families and friends are very welcome to attend any of the assemblies.

**52nd Waimai Bush Sports
Easter Monday March 28th 2016.**

Held in John Reeves paddock, Waimai Valley Road, Te Akau.

9.30am is warm up time. Entry fee is a donation. Absolutely no dogs allowed – thank you. Food for sale on the day – sausage sizzle midday on. This is a fun, true country equestrian event, with a mixture of games and jumping events covering all age levels (from those little ones who can sit on a pony to the oldies who can still stay on!). No posh gears needed – just a riding helmet and boots!

For further information contact: Jamie Boyd 07 825 4770 or Sue Easter 07 8254433.