

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 20/16

30 Pipiri 2016

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Te Uku School Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an elected trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill a vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wished the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Te Uku School, C/- Te Uku Store, Te Uku PDC 3266 by 28th July 2016.

Matariki

Discovery Two has been learning about matariki. They have found out that Matariki celebrates the Māori New Year in June. Matariki is a time of year when all of the seven sisters come out (they are represented by stars). The seven sisters only come out once a year, in June. The stars are very bright. Matariki is a time for all of your family to come together, to have a feast and to set new goals. Matariki is a Māori word that can be translated as tiny eyes or eyes of God. The old stories tell us that when the stars shine brightly, the year will be warm. Interestingly, Maui followed matariki to get to land.



Teacher-led Innovation Fund Application

We are really pleased to announce that our school was successful in its application to the Ministry of Education for funding designed to help lift student achievement. We are using this funding to support our research project on “Developing a growth mindset for effective teaching and learning in writing”. The University of Waikato is supporting us by providing an interviewer to interview teachers (for data collecting) and helping with data analysis. As Lead Teacher of the project, Lee Clarkson will be contacting some families to get permission to interview their children about their attitude to writing. Although our focus is in the curriculum area of writing, we will apply strategies we develop to all other curriculum areas.

Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews – Term Three

We have scheduled the interviews for the 3rd week of term 3. We expect Discovery One and Discovery Two to be back in their learning spaces by then. It is likely that Discovery Three will use both Room 6 and the library for their interviews due to the building project still being in progress. At the interviews, teachers will provide detailed information about your child’s learning progress in not only literacy and numeracy but also other learning areas. Together you can discuss the learning goals for your child for the next 6 months, including how you could support your child’s learning at home. We encourage all families to book an interview time or contact the school to arrange an alternative day/time.

Interview Dates:

Tuesday 9th August (3:30 to 5:15PM)

Thursday 11th August (3:30 to 7:45PM)

Booking an Interview (you can ring the Office (8255815) to book an interview if you are unable to do this online):

Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, enter the Event Code **vgg88**.

Press **GO**. Fill in your name and child’s name (if you enter your email you will receive a confirmation email).

Select your teacher and then select your time.

Technology Challenge

Just recently Mrs Turilli took two teams of senior students into Hamilton to compete in an inter-school technology challenge for Years 7/8 students. Several other schools participated in this exciting event. The children had to use a range of equipment to solve some challenges, and of course team work was really important. Mrs Turilli was very proud of the performance of both teams.



Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Rachel Allan



Two days ago we went to star-turf soccer (indoor). First we played a warm up game. Then we went into the final. When we started Alby crossed to Harry and Harry scored the first goal. Pipiri, Harry and William all scored one goal and Alby scored three goals (or a hat-trick). One of Alby's goals was from their goal kick. Their goalie was going to take a kick then Alby ran up and deflected it into the goal. Then Pipiri tried to do a backflip kick or (bicycle) but missed the ball by an inch. Then Harry ran out of goal and tried to shoot as goalie but missed but the final buzzer went. We won 6-0. All of us were so happy. We received our shiny golden medals. After that they gave us a trophy to hold in the picture but the trophy stayed there. The other team got a certificate.

Written by Pipiri, Harry, Alby and William

From our Fundraising Committee

*****Stocktake – Change of Date ... Sunday 3rd July ... please read below*****



Parents We Urgently Need Your Help!!!!

Te Uku School has been offered an amazing fundraising opportunity by Raglan Four Square to help with their stocktake on:

.... Sunday 3rd July, from 1:00PM ...

If you can spare a few hours of your time please phone or text Debs 021 0275 7073 to volunteer.

This is a great opportunity to help fundraise for all the cool things that will make your child's school experience more FUN!!

FOR ALL MUM'S & LADIES - COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GREAT FUN!

Hamilton BMX Club is supporting the Cougar Camp Hamilton 2016 which is being held at our track on the 6th August 2016 10am to 4pm.

This camp will be aimed to get new and existing ladies over 30 years on their bikes and on the track with a great bunch of supportive people.

No BMX licence/experience required - gear can be provided!

Come join the cougar group - for more information please email tonisjames76@gmail.com or hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz

To RSVP by 30th July 2016 with completed registration form.

Piano Lessons for Beginners

Piano lessons with Jacqueline Barry. Lessons are for beginners. Grade references ATCL London. If interested contact Jacqueline Barry 825 7427

Drum Tuition Available

Experienced drummer – tutor. One on one. \$25 per ½ hour lesson weekly. Rock, pop, blues, disco. Learn to read drum music. Ph/text Malcolm Boyd 021 152 3747

Forthcoming Events

Ki-o-rahi tournament for Years 7/8 at Horotiu School – Friday 1st July

Last Day of Term – Friday 8th July (at the usual time of 2:45PM)

First Day of Term Three – Monday 25th July

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 2nd August, 6:30PM