

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 31/16

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope everyone managed to get some relaxing time together as a family over the break. We have decided to send out a newsletter today as we have several events happening this week.

Powhiri

We will be welcoming out new children and their families to our school on Friday 14th October, 9:00 in the school hall. This term we are inviting whānau of Discovery Three children to provide some food for morning tea. The sharing of kai or food, following a powhiri removes the tapu or sacredness from the manuhiri, so that the two sides may complete the coming together. As in all cultures the sharing of food also signifies a binding together. We welcome your support and involvement in our powhiri.

Raglan Girls and Boys Agricultural Days

Te Uku School and Raglan Area School Agricultural Day: We have 22 children entered into our Raglan and Te Uku School Agricultural Day being held on Thursday 13th October. The competition starts at 10:00AM. We would like all competitors to be here by 9:30AM. Parking is available in the paddock next to the staff driveway.

We welcome help with setting up on Wednesday afternoon, in particular, mowing the 5 pens. Basil (caretaker) is mowing them today so will need a 2nd mow Wednesday afternoon. Tim and Sue Brown will be bringing all of the Group Day gear to school by about 3:15PM.

Raglan Boys and Girls Agricultural Group Day: We hope that all of the school-aged children taking part on Thursday will also enter into the Group Day (interschool event) being held here on Saturday 15th October. The competition starts at 10:00AM and parking will be available in the paddock next door. The fundraising committee is running a food stall on Saturday.

Families are very welcome to attend both days, it is a special time seeing children working alongside their pets.



Fundraising Committee Request for help: The fundraising committee would really appreciate donations of baking which they will sell at Group day on Saturday. A donation of fresh eggs would also be appreciated. If you can help out, please bring your donation to school on Friday morning (to be put into the Social Workers office next to the Principal's Office).

Te Uku School 2016 Cupcake Decorating Competition



This year we are running a cupcake decorating competition (not a whole cake). Children are welcome to enter up to three cupcakes (as separate entries). The theme 'animal' can represent a real animal or it can be completely imaginary!!

Date: Thursday 13th October (the same day as our school's Agricultural Day)

Categories: Junior Competition for Discovery One and Discovery Two
Senior Competition for Discovery Three and Discovery Four

Theme: Animal

Judging Criteria: Originality in design, eye-catching and represents a real or imaginary animal.

Cupcakes need to be decorated at home and brought to school (MP Room) first thing on Thursday. Please write your name on the Registration Form and collect a number to be displayed with your cake when you arrive in the multi-purpose room. Judging will take place during the morning. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place-getters will be announced at the prize-giving assembly at approximately 2:15PM.

2016 Community Questionnaire

Please find enclosed the 2016 Community Questionnaire which we are sending out in an envelope with this newsletter. Could you please return your completed questionnaire to the Office by Friday 28th October. The Te Uku School Board of Trustees and staff hope that this questionnaire gives you the opportunity to feedback to us your thoughts or feelings about your overall impression of our school. Please feel free to comment on any aspect of your or your children's involvement with the school. We value your positive input, as well as any suggestions for improvement. This information is really helpful with our planning for the following school year. We will publish the results later in the term.

Kapa Haka Festival

This year a group of senior students is going to Horotiu School to participate in the kapa haka festival. This is being held on Friday 21st October. A notice was sent out yesterday to the families of children attending, to request help with transport.

Tabloids Day

Every year Te Uku School hosts the inter-school Tabloids Day. This is being held on Friday 28th October, starting at 9:30AM. Seven other schools take part in this event: Raglan Area, Te Mata, Waitetuna, Rotokauri, Te Kowhai, Whatawhata and Horotiu. The event is for Years 1 to 4 students who compete in a rotation of physical activities which are led by our seniors.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Rachel Allan

Forthcoming Events

Te Uku Agricultural Day - Thursday 13th October

Group Day at Te Uku School - Saturday 15th October

Board of Trustees meeting – Tuesday 18th October, 6:30PM

Kapa Haka Festival - Friday 21st October

Tabloids Day - Friday 28th October

Rippa Rugby Tournament – Friday 4th November

Round the Bridges – Sunday 13th November

ROUND THE BRIDGES 2016

We are excited to announce that Te Uku School will be participating in the *Round the Bridges 2km Kids Challenge* which is taking place Sunday 13 November 2016 in Hamilton.

Delivered in conjunction with Sport Waikato's Team Energize, the 2km Kids Challenge is designed for seven to twelve year olds and attracts over 700 children each year. Although it may seem a long way off, the entry fees are much cheaper the sooner you enter. Entry price is \$6 between now and August 31st, then it goes to \$8 up to the 6th October then \$10 after that up until the 8th November.

How to Enter

Any children wishing to take part must be entered by their parent / guardian using the Round the Bridges online entry system. To enter your child online, you will require a valid email address and contact number as well as a debit / credit card capable of making an online payment.

To enter your child online, follow the steps below:

1. Visit www.roundthebridges.co.nz and click 'Enter Online'
2. Choose a username and password and complete the information required
3. Select '2km Kids Challenge' as the distance from the menu provided
4. Select 'Yes' when asked 'Are you part of a team?'
5. Select 'No' when asked 'Are you creating a team?'
6. Type **Te Uku School** in the field provided and select
7. Enter the team password **TUS2016** where prompted
8. Complete the remaining information required
9. Confirm and make payment



If we have more than 10 entries as a school and your entry has been completed and paid for by 5.00pm, Friday 28 October, your child's race number will be couriered to Te Uku school. We have 9 children registered and hope to have as many as possible!

An advertisement for Owl Farm Public Open Day. The top left features the Owl Farm logo with a stylized owl and the text 'Providing knowledge'. Below it are logos for St Peter's - Cambridge, New Zealand and Lincoln University. The top right has a blue box with white text: 'Owl Farm Public Open Day Saturday 15 October, 11am - 4pm'. Below this is a green box with white text: 'From our grass to your glass, how your milk is made!'. The right side of the ad shows a black and white cow in a field. At the bottom, there are logos for OPUS, LIC, PGG Wrightson Seeds, DairyNZ, Ballance, and W.