

# TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 01/17**

**01 Huitanguru 2017**

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

## Opening of Classrooms

We had a very special start to our school year with the opening of the classrooms early yesterday morning. Fantastic to see some of our families and children making an early start to join us! We all enjoyed a delicious shared breakfast following the ceremony. A big thank you to parents and staff working behind the scenes to help plan the opening and with helping on the day. And a big thanks to Mani who joined us in the morning then returned after his bus run for our powhiri to welcome our new teacher Alison and two new children. It truly was a magical first day back!!



## School Picnic Tea

We hope lots of families will join us for a school picnic tea Wednesday evening next week (8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5:30PM). This year we thought it would be a good idea to have a *shared tea* so we will set up some tables on the junior deck area as a place for families to put some food. At 6:00AM we will invite everyone to come and help themselves; please bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks. Parking is available in the paddock next to the staff driveway (on the Hamilton side of the school). Our seniors will meet and greet families arriving, and if required help carry your things round to the field. During the evening, seniors will take a lead in running some games.

## Family Contact Details

Please let the office know if you change any contact details for your child, for example, phone numbers and emergency contact people and phone numbers. We are very reliant on this information always being up-to-date. Please contact Rachel in the Office (office@teuku.school.nz) if you would like a copy of what we currently have for your child/ren on our network.

## School Buses

Fees are now due for Term 1. Please make these payments by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at the latest. Our Account Number for internet payments is **03 1558 000954300**; reference your child's name. Remember to always keep us informed of your children's bus plans. The following is a reminder of the costs:



### Raglan Buses:

**1<sup>st</sup> child:** \$150.00 per term; **2<sup>nd</sup> child:** \$100.00 per term; **3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> child:** No cost; **casual users:** \$2.00

Waitetuna Bus:                   \$50.00 per term

## Overdue Fees from 2015

Bus fees outstanding from 2015 need to be paid immediately. Unfortunately, non-payment of bus fees will result in children not being able to continue using the bus service and, if necessary, being put on the waiting list if the bus has reached its loading capacity. Parents concerned will be contacted by me about this matter next week. The Water Tower Bus has capacity for 67 children and the Raglan West Bus has capacity for 32 children.

## Bus Service

This morning one of the buses ran late. Understandably this causes an issue for parents and children not knowing what time the bus will arrive. Go Buses apologises for this delay and their lack of communication to the school. Joanne Burman, Go Bus Branch Manager, is happy for you to ring her in the event of this happening again. Her contact number is: 021 747 191. Joanne will also contact the school in the event of a delay so that we can provide you with information if you ring here instead.

## Overdue Library Books and Readers

It's great to see some library books and readers are being returned to school. We still have a number of missing books, and we'd appreciate it if families have a look at home for these.

## 2017 Calendar of Events

At the end of last year we sent home a copy of the **2017 Calendar of Events**. Please note the change of date for the School Swimming Gala (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, not Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> march). Additional events have been highlighted.

Nga mihi ki a koutou,

Rachel Allan

## Junior Discovery Overnight Stay

Please note that the correct date for the Junior Discovery overnight stay is Thursday 23 February. Sorry for the wrong date that was given in our Junior Discovery newsletter on Tuesday.

## 2017 Calendar of Events

### Education Outside the Classroom, Cluster (interschool) Events and other Te Uku School Events

#### Term One 2017: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

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2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Seniors Swimming coaching (5 lessons per child), 2Focus swimming coaches
10 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Juniors swimming coaching (5 lessons per child), 2Focus swimming coaches
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February:	Family Shared Picnic Tea and Organised Games at school, 5:30 to 7:00PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February:	Te Uku School Tryathlon Event at school
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February:	Weetbix Tryathlon Event
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February:	Years 1 to 4 overnight camp at school
<b>CHANGE OF DATE:</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Te Uku School Swimming Gala ( <u>not</u> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Cluster “Get, Set, Go’ Day for Years 1 and 2 at Whatawhata School
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March:	Discovery Four camp at Kopua Domain in Raglan
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Cluster swimming sports for 8 to 13 year olds, in Ngaruawahia
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April:	Cluster softball at Raglan Domain for Years 5 and 6

#### Term Two 2017: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	School photos
Wednes 10 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	Discovery Three camp at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May:	Te Uku School cross country
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May:	Years 1 to 4 day out (venue to be confirmed)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:	Cluster cross country at Waitetuna School for 5 to 13 year olds
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June:	Cluster ki-o-rahi tournament at Horotiu School for seniors

#### Term Three 2017: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

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Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> July to Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> August –	Book Fair
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> and Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> August:	Interviews (parents/caregivers, teachers and students)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August:	Years 1 to 4 day out (venue to be confirmed)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August:	Cluster junior football tournament at Bremworth Park for Years 1 to 4
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August:	Cluster speech contest for Years 5 to 8, at Te Uku School
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September:	Cluster kapa haka festival, hosted by Te Uku School (at Waingaro Marae)

#### Term Four 2017: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

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Te Uku School and Raglan Area School Agricultural Day will be held in the first week of Term 4. Families will be notified of Agricultural Day competitions (eg cupcake competition) end of Term 3.

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November:	Cluster tabloids event for juniors, at Te Uku School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November:	Cluster rippa rugby at Swarbrick Park for Years 5 to 8
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November:	Years 1 to 4 day out (venue to be confirmed)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November:	Te Uku School athletics sports
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December:	Cluster athletics at Bremworth park for 8 to 13 year olds
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	End of Year Assemblies (Juniors – 9:15 to 10:30AM; Seniors – 6:30 to 7:45PM)

*Please note, school event dates can be accessed from the School Website Calendar, [www.teuku.school.nz](http://www.teuku.school.nz).*

#### Piano Lessons for Beginners

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

#### Hamilton Weetbix Tryathlon 2017

Te Uku School has registered as a school team in the Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon 2017, 19th February 2017 at Waikato University. The Special School Group entry price is \$41.25 (as opposed to \$46.50). You can register by clicking on the URL available on our school website that will link your entry to our school.

The school co-coordinator is Oli Ryks email: [olir@teuku.school.nz](mailto:olir@teuku.school.nz). We look forward to your entries!!