

# Important School Bus Service Meeting

## Thursday 16th February, 6:30PM in our school hall

Go Bus (who took over the running of school bus services in this area at the end of last year) has informed Te Uku School that there will be changes to our bus services starting Term 2. The changes will have an impact for everyone who pays for their child/ren to travel on the Water Tower and Raglan West services. The Board invites everyone to a meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30PM in our school hall. You will be informed of the proposed changes and we will discuss some possible solutions. Please come along to be informed and to have your say.

In the meantime, Go Bus has recently made these changes to their service:

- Waitetuna Service – some of the bus stops on the Waitetuna run have been changed for fee paying students.
- Raglan West Service – the bus has been changed to a smaller size, it can now only carry 32 passengers. As a result, the Raglan West bus has now reached full capacity (thank you to the families who were able to transfer their children to the Water Tower bus). This means that children will not be able to use the Raglan West bus on a casual basis. Any new families wanting to use this bus will have to go on a waiting list. The Water Tower Bus, however, can carry 67 passengers. It still has spaces available.

Thank you for your support and patience with these recent and unexpected changes. The children who are entitled to travel to school on a Ministry of Education funded service, are not affected by these changes. At our meeting next week, the Board will explain why some families are entitled to a free service.

The Board is fully committed to keeping a bus service in place for our community. If you require any further details before we hold our meeting next week, please contact Rachel ([rachela@teuku.school.nz](mailto:rachela@teuku.school.nz) or 8255815).

Kind regards, Te Uku School Board of Trustees

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

### **School Tryathlon – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30AM**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 9.30AM, we will be holding our tryathlon event in two age categories: Junior Discovery and Senior Discovery (D3 and D4). Everyone can choose to compete in either a team of three or as an individual. Individuals will complete the same course. We will encourage every child to take part; teachers will help the children to create teams and practice for the event, including how it will be run on the day. Whāea Lisa will tailor the event for the Year 1 children, if required (for example, they may only need to complete in one or two of the activities if feeling overwhelmed).

Junior Discovery Event:

- Run: one lap of farm paddock
- Swim: (swim/walk/flutter board) 4 lengths of the school pool
- Bike: 2 laps of the school field.

Senior Event:

- Run: two laps of farm paddock
- Swim: 8 lengths of the school pool
- Bike: 4 laps of the school field.

We will provide an opportunity for children to practice with their bikes on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, so bikes can be brought to the school hall that day where they will be locked overnight for the trythlon on Wednesday. Families are welcome to cheer the teams and individuals on and help with marshalling and transitions. If you are able to help, please email Bernard - [bernardb@teuku.school.nz](mailto:bernardb@teuku.school.nz)). Parking will be available in the paddock next to the staff driveway.



## Fundraising Committee

The FRC would like to thank the supporters of fundraising during 2016. Thanks to your efforts, a new pool cover was installed at the end of 2016. The teachers and children are really pleased to have this in place for the new school year. **Thank you!!**

The FRC is looking for a completely new fundraising committee. The parents involved in 2016 are happy to organise a meeting with new members and answer any questions and provide help and support along the way. They will also be there to help/support at any events they can. If you would like to join the FRC, please email or phone Rachel in the Office – office@teuku.school.nz or 8255815. Ideas for fundraising this year are already being talked about.



## Te Uku School 3Rs

The values that we embrace at Te Uku School are: **Resilience, Responsibility and Relationships**. Te Uku School has developed the 3Rs to enable students and teachers to live, learn, work and contribute as active members of their community. Opportunities to develop the 3Rs occur in all classroom learning programmes and school events.

This term our school-wide focus is on **relationships**. At our assembly this morning, the children were invited to take photographs which show people engaging in positive relationships. Today's photos have been submitted by Indie from Junior Discovery who has enthusiastically taken these photos after assembly to show children engaging positively in their Tinkering Time activities.

Keep an eye on the website, we will place some of the children's photos on the Homepage.

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



## Give your kids a 'head start' with FREE early childhood education

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old not involved in early childhood education?

Do you want to access free early childhood education so your child has a 'head start' before starting school?

Kōwhai will support families to:

- Access early childhood education within Waikato District
- provide support with transition to school
- Provide resources to help learn at home

If you would like to know more about this **free** service, please contact a Kowhai Fieldworker on:

Phone: 0800 323 543 (Option 1)



## Term One Events

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – trythlon starting at 9:30AM

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Weetbix Tryathlon

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Junior Discovery overnight camp

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Senior Discovery trip to Te Awamutu pools

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Te Uku School Swimming Gala

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Cluster “Get, Set, Go” day for Years 1 and 2 at Whatawhata School

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Discovery Four Camp

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Cluster swimming sports in Ngaurawahia

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Cluster softball for Years 5 and 6 at Raglan Domain