

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 36/17

16 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2017

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

William Pike Challenge Award Passion Projects

Discovery Four children have been involved in the William Pike Challenge Award this year. As part of this programme they have all been working on a passion project, for their home learning. A group of children met with me this afternoon and talked to me about what they have been working on. It was really clear that they have loved doing their projects, telling me the following things:

“It is fun learning something new. When you learn something new, you might find out you have a real passion for it and it could then become your future job or hobby. You can work on your project when you like but you do have to be committed and organised. Completing a project successfully shows your learning capability of being organised, self-motivated and resilient in the face of challenge. If you don't put in the effort it will tell when you present your project to the rest of the class, you will end up feeling embarrassed. It is really fun, doing things you love to do, like training your dog (for homework!!), and learning new skills to present your work (by video, speech, poster, or live demonstration). It pushes you out of your comfort zone, and having a year to spend working on it means that you can try out different approaches to solve problems you encounter. There is both a good side and bad side to doing your project (eg scootering injuries) but if you persist and keep going to improve, you will end up feeling really proud of yourself. Finally, they said it is really cool sharing your learning with your class, and that there is no need to get all nervous about doing that. Everyone's project is different and really interesting”.

Thanks seniors for sharing your thoughts with me today, I have been really encouraged by your enthusiasm and your love for learning new things.

Parents, come along to next week's assembly to find out more!!

Principal's Appointment

It has been fantastic receiving detailed and thoughtful responses to the letter we sent out last week asking for your feedback about the qualities and characteristics you wish to see in our new principal. If you haven't yet responded, we are happy to receive your ideas tomorrow. Our consultant will be collating the feedback over the weekend to complete the Application Pack being sent out to the applicants. The Board is on track for appointing a new principal to start at the beginning of Term 2.

Staffing for 2018

We have been finalising our staffing for 2018, and as you will see there will be three teachers teaching in both the junior school and senior school. In the junior school, Catherine will be the new entrants' 'reception class' teacher.

Junior Discovery teachers: Catherine Lynagh, Scott Johnson and Bernard Butler

Senior Discovery teachers: Anna Woolston, Lee Clarkson and Bev Turilli

Year 7/8 Technology: Carol Carlson (Carol teaches the Years 7 and 8 technology programme)

Classroom learning is also supported by our teacher aides Maioha Kelly and Jo Wallis.

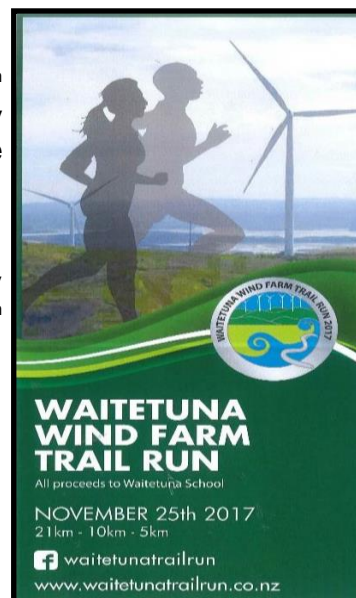
End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports and Learning Journals will be sent home on Thursday 7th December. We have changed the format of the report so we will be very interested to get your feedback about the quality of the comments. You are welcome to book a time to meet with your child's teacher after receiving the report.

School Athletics

All of the children have been practising their athletic skills; you are all very welcome to some along on our school's athletics day being held on Tuesday 28th November.

Nga mihi ki a koutou,
Rachel Allan



Term Four Events

School Disco – Friday 17th November, Te Uku School hall, 6:00 to 7:30PM

School Assembly – Thursday 23rd November, 9:15AM, hosted by Discovery Four

Te Uku School Athletics Day – Tuesday 28th November

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 28th November, 6:30PM

School Reports sent home – Thursday 7th December

Interschool Athletics Day – Friday 8th December

End of Year Assembly – **Junior Discovery** – Tuesday 12th December, 9:15 to 10:30AM, Te Uku School Hall

End of Year Assembly – **Senior Discovery** – Tuesday 12th December, 6:30 to 7:45PM, Te Uku School Hall

Farewell Assembly for Lisa Wheeler, Alison Hewett and Victoria Cooper – 2:00PM, Wednesday 13th December

Last day of Term Four: Thursday 14th December

First Day of Term One, 2018: Tuesday 30th January



Raglan Theatre Academy present
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Saturday 25th November 1pm & 7pm
Sunday 26th November 1pm.
Presale tickets available
from raglantheatreacademy@gmail.com



Te Uku School Disco

Friday 17th November
6:00-7:30pm

Come dressed as anything you like

\$3.00 per person

Home baking \$1-\$2; Sorbet juices \$3;
Bottle of water \$2; Mixed lolly bags \$1

Donations of baking for the disco can be dropped off to the staff room before 3pm on Friday 17 November.



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- Edventure Great Outdoors Camp Jan 29 - Feb 2



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Pick up from Te Uku School Hall **Thurs 23rd Nov 3pm - 3:30pm**

Te Uku Yoga Group

We meet every Monday 7-8.30pm at the School Hall.

The Group is currently being lead by Irene Goed from Circus Aotearoa and Waitetuna Circus Classes and Stephanie Kennedy from SpiritRides and SpiritRides Equine Yoga. Both have a vast knowledge of exercise, training and body work and have been practising yoga for 8 years and been leading a local Group for two years.

We are excited to be offering an affordable and low key/relaxed way to get people in the area motivated to discover yoga with yoga based exercises. All proceeds go to Te Uku School- \$5 koha/class. Children from 9 years welcome but must join in!



Last meeting 2017 Monday, 4th December
Starting again Monday. 29th January 2018.