

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 11/18

13 Paengawhāwhā 2018

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Farewell Cerebration

A big, heartfelt thank you to everyone for the wonderful farewell yesterday. It was a special occasion full of entertainment and laughter which will remain in my memory forever. The kids performances were delightful ... the kapa haka group, the junior children, the senior children and the comperes. I am certain everyone enjoyed the staff's play, I certainly did!! It was lovely catching up with so many parents at the scrumptious afternoon tea; I have also appreciated parents popping in to see me.

Thank you for the lovely gifts...the garden seat is going to love being in my garden and I am going to love sitting on it and pondering life, and reading books!! It is very special as it was designed by staff and made locally by one of our parents, Dean Parkes. The mosaic garden art piece that the staff made for me is stunning, I love the fact I can hang it in the garden.

Thank you every one on the board, the staff and children for putting on this memorable occasion. My family who attended were really pleased to have been part of this special celebration.

My Last Day at Te Uku

This morning I was convinced the staff was playing a big trick on me when announced we had no power, therefore no water and a dysfunctional sewerage system. But it was true, so we quickly (and calmly) stepped into action. A fault at the roadside power pole was fixed by late morning, and everything thankfully was back on track!! I have enjoyed visiting all of the children this morning and thanking them for yesterday. It all feels a bit surreal, not driving out to Te Uku every week is going to feel so weird.

As I said at my farewell yesterday, "Being principal of Te Uku School has without doubt been the pinnacle of my career. Over the 12 years I have worked here, I have not wavered in my motivation and determination to develop a learning environment at the cutting edge, all for the benefit of the children. Over these 12 years I have worked with amazing teachers and support staff, fabulous children, supportive boards, families and people in our community.

Being a principal isn't always easy and nor should it be. School reform is not a walk in the park. So why have I stayed at Te Uku School? This school has a team of teachers who embrace change and who expect to be engaged in a constant process of change. Our mantra is '**If you always do what you've always done done, you will always get what you've always got**'.

I thrive in schools such as Te Uku where teaching practices are developed in response to proven, modern research. As teachers we need to be constantly searching for better, more effective ways, all for the benefit of learners. This is a staff which is prepared to question and challenge each other's thinking (including mine), whilst at the same time make changes that are purposeful and well considered. This is a staff prepared to invest its time and effort into transferring educational theory into practice for the purpose of improvement.

We know first-hand that the change process is messy... as Michael Fullan says...an organization is a living system, living systems must change and grow or they will die, living systems never change on a pure linear path. This amazing staff can be pushed to the extreme edge of confusion, instability and discomfort. Our vision is the glue that keeps us on track.

Parents, whānau...thank you for putting your trust into us as we have taken the courageous step of opening our classrooms into flexible learning spaces. We could have played it safe, stuck with what we can do with our eyes shut, teaching on our own in singular spaces. We have wanted a lot more than this for your children, and we have wanted to stay professionally alive and motivated.

Hopefully we have modelled to your children that there is always something new to learn, and that by working collaboratively we can create new ways of working, challenging the status quo for something better ... isn't this known as innovation?"

From the bottom of my heart, thank you everyone for making Te Uku School such a wonderful school. Thank you for your support, warmth and friendship. I will miss you all. I wish the school all the very best on its ongoing journey and development.

Warm regards, Rachel

Board of Trustees Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Sven Ladewig, 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 ten percent 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 the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Board of Trustees, Te Uku School, C/- Te Uku Farmers Market, Te Uku PDC 3266 **by: 10th May 2018**

For further details about becoming a Board member, please contact Board Chair, Kristi Daniel, 0220 959 139.

Powhiri on Monday 30th April

We will be welcoming our new principal Pip Mears with a powhiri in the school hall on Monday 30th April, 9:00AM. We hope that families will be able to join us for this important occasion. Staff and families are all encouraged to provide some kai for this. Please bring it to the staffroom before school. The effort we put into welcoming someone new into our school reflects our commitment to manaakitanga, let's make this another special event!

School Holidays

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Rachel Allan

Term One Events:

First Day of Term Two: Monday 30th April

Powhiri to welcome our new principal Pip Mears – Monday 30th April, 9:00AM

Student Led Conferences: **Tuesday 8th May:** 3:00 to 5:00PM; **Thursday 10th May:** 3:00 to 7:30PM

(NB Catherine Lynagh is unavailable for Tuesday and is offering **Wednesday** 3:00 to 5:00PM instead).

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday 22nd May, 6:30PM



Hi Everyone,
Reminder we have our Wednesday club nights running from 5.15pm to register, racing @ 6pm.

New riders first 3 club nights are FREE to register, must be fully covered eg. long pants, long sleeve top & covered shoes. We have bikes & helmets for hire \$2 each, for everyone riders on balance or pedal bikes

Kind Regards

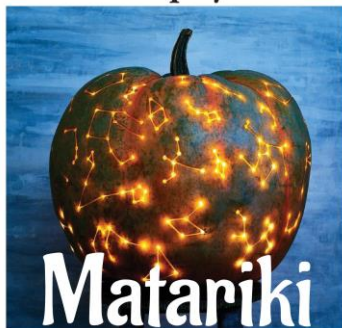
Lynda Arden

Hamilton BMX Club

Mobile: 027 3407120

Kids Clay Classes

Fun creative play with clay



Matariki Harvest Time

Monday, April 30 - June 25 | 3.30-5pm

Tuesday, May 8 - June 26 | 3.30-5pm

Thursday, May 10- June 28 | 3.30-5pm

5 - 12 years old | Bookings essential

\$80 per child | \$70 for additional siblings

Includes materials and firings

Raglan Old School Arts Centre | 825 0023 | info@raglanartscentre.co.nz



It's School Holiday Time!!
16th to 27th April 2018

Check out our active and fun filled
Holiday
Programme at our five fantastic
venues:

**Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te
Totara,**

Bankwood and Leamington Schools

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved



Programme and bookings

www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz

Phone Kim or Hine 07 839 9017

Text 022 0532425



Sacred Heart
Girls' College
HAMILTON

Open Day is Wednesday 9th May, 2018.

Students are invited to visit the school at 10am-11.30am or 12.30pm-2pm.

They will meet our Principal, tour our school and discover the benefits of Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton and a Catholic Education.

Registration is optional and can be completed on our website.

For more information

visit: www.shgcham.school.nz

Enrollment Packs are available on the school website, can be collected from school reception or will be available on Open Day. For preference students, a current signed Preference Card from their Parish Priest is required with their completed enrollment.

We request receipt of enrollments by Friday 29th June. Whilst we do accept enrollments throughout the year this is our key close-off date.

Transition meetings will take place following confirmation of enrollment.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon, 16th-Thur, 19th April

9am - 3pm \$50/DAY

Riding, Pony Care, Vaulting,
Craft, Yoga



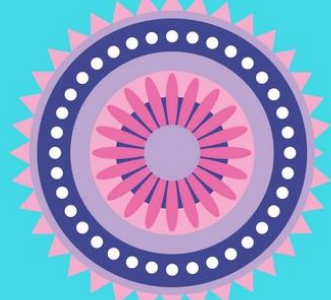
021-577115, FB or
spiritrides.raglan@gmail.com

Only 20 minutes from
Hamilton or Raglan

TE UKU YOGA GROUP

Mondays, 7-8.30pm

Te Uku School Hall



Yoga Based Exercises for all Levels
\$5 Koha to Te Uku School PTA

Lead by Irene from Circus Aotearoa
and Stephanie from SpiritRides

Join our FB GROUP

INSPIRE!
**HOLIDAY
MUSIC
PROGRAM**
17-19 APRIL

"INSPIRE! Was just that... Inspiring it's a great opportunity to give kids some all round exposure to MUSIC!!"

AGES 8-11
Limited Spaces
Available
Contact: ruf@pianopromoc.com

At the Raglan Old School Arts Centre. \$40