

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 18/18

14 Pipiri 2018

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

You may be aware of the nationwide issues regarding recruiting and retaining teachers. While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On **Monday 25th June**, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on **Monday 25th June**, to attend their paid union meeting in Hamilton.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child/ren up from school **by 12.00pm** on Monday 25th June (no school buses will be running at 12.00pm, however the normal bus service will be available at the end of the day). If you are unable to pick your child/ren up then, please advise us so that your child/ren can be supervised until 2:45pm, as per the normal school day. Please note we will have very few staff available on that afternoon and therefore classes will not be running as normal, but supervision will be provided for students who are not able to be collected earlier.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

We ask that forms be returned to the office no later than **Friday 15th June**.

Yours sincerely

Pip Mears

Principal

Early Before School Drop-Offs

We have noticed the number of children arriving at school early, is on the increase again. Unless a prior arrangement has been made, students are not to be dropped off at school before 8.30am. The exception to this rule applies to the small group of children who travel to Te Uku School on the Ohautira bus.

This time in the morning, is essential preparation time for our teachers, and does not leave them available to supervise children in and around the playground. Your understanding is very much appreciated.

Ruben the Road Safety Bear

Ruben will be joining the Junior Discovery tomorrow, Friday 15 June 2018, to talk road safety and awareness with the students. This happens annually, and is always informative and entertaining.

Wheels Week

A notice came home earlier this week concerning our next Wheels Week. All children are permitted to bring their own **roller blades, roller skates, skateboard** or **scooter** to school to use during the lunch hour on the designated days below. It is not permissible for children to share their 'wheels' with others. Wheels will be kept in the school hall during the week, and will not be able to be taken home on the school bus each day.

Place: School playground

Days: Monday 18 to 22 June

Time: 12:40 to 1:10PM

Safety: Parents/Caregivers are required to complete and sign the form that came home, in order for their child to participate.

Scholastic Book Club

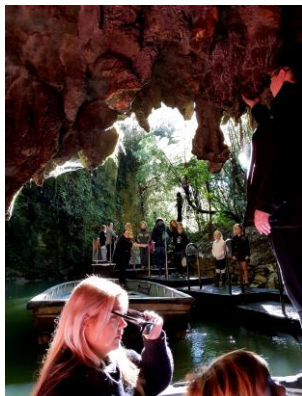
Orders are due back at school by 21st June 2018.





Junior Discovery Waitomo Caves Visit

A massive thank you to all the parents and whanau who made this trip possible last week. If it wasn't for your support, we would not be able to offer such amazing learning opportunities to your children. We hope you enjoyed the adventures as much as we did!



Term Two Events:

Wheels Week: Monday 18th June – Friday 22nd June

Vision and Hearing Checks: Wednesday 20th June

Scholastic Book Club: Due back Thursday 21st June

Next School Assembly: Thursday 21st June, 9.15AM

Next Board Meeting: Monday 25th June, 6:30PM

Ki-o-rahi Tournament: Friday 29th June

Te Uku Students Succeeding Outside the Classroom

Last weekend, Xzavier took the field with College Old Boys Rugby League Under 9's for the very first time! It must have been an awesome debut, because he took home Player of the Day for his efforts!

Well done Xzavier, your Te Uku whanau are very proud of you!



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

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It's School Holiday Time!!
9th to 20th of July 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
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Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps
 These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps.
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