

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 30/18

18 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2018

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

What a great first week back it has been so far. The sun is shining and our students seem very happy to have returned to school after their holiday break. The staff are all well rested also and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

This term we begin to look at our organisation and planning for next year and the changes that lie ahead. We congratulate Anna Woolston who has won a teaching position at Horsham Downs School, beginning in 2019. Anna has decided to make the move back to Hamilton in order to allow her to spend more time with her eldest son, who will be starting at the same school as her next year. Due to this vacancy we are currently advertising for a new staff member to join us in 2019. When our staffing for next year is finalised, we look forward to sharing with you the class teaching arrangements and a little bit more about our teaching and learning programmes for next year.

To assist us with our future planning we will be sending home two surveys in the near future to gather parent/caregiver feedback about what we do here at Te Uku School. The first of these is coming home today – please see the Health Education Community Consultation Survey information included with this newsletter. Please complete the form and return to the school office by Friday 26 October. We really value your input and look forward to hearing what you have to say. It would be great to have 100% participation with this.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Pip Mears

Welcome

We are very happy to welcome Cheryl Circuit, our new Office Administrator, to the Te Uku School team. As shared with you earlier, Cheryl lives locally and has been working at Bizworx prior to joining us. As you can imagine there are a million and one important things for our Office Administrator to do and we thank you for your understanding and patience as Cheryl becomes familiar with not only all our fabulous families and students, but also the many other aspects of her role that keep things running smoothly here at school. Cheryl will be formally welcomed to our school this Friday at the Powhiri, as will Malakai and Caleb who joined us in Year 1 last term.

Tabloids 2018

The interschool junior tabloids are being held at Te Uku School on Friday 2 November. All children from the Junior Discovery will be participating in a range of fun activities along with about 300 junior children from local schools. Te Uku School will have 8 teams. Each team requires a parent/caregiver helper who will be able to stay with the team and help them move quickly and safely from one event to the next. If you are able to help on the day (from 9.30 am to 1.30pm) could you please email Scott Johnson scottj@teuku.school.nz

Library and Scholastic Books

A 'Little Library' has recently been installed at the front of the school, beside the old Te Uku School gates. This has been made by prisoners at Springhill Prison, in partnership with Waikato District Council. The library contains a selection of reading material for adults. Parents and others from the wider community are all welcome to borrow and/or exchange books from the Little Library.

In other library news, we have recently acquired some great library shelving and given our school library a revamp. The children and teachers are enjoying the spacious new layout. Feel free to pop in and check it out.

Scholastic order forms have gone home this week, with orders due by Thursday 1 November. If you would like books kept aside as gifts, please tag the gift button if ordering online, or write a note on the order form. Your orders are much appreciated, as they help us purchase new books for the school library.

Upcoming Events: Term 4 2018

Friday 19 October:	Powhiri 9am
Monday 22 October:	Labour Day School Closed
Thursday 25 October:	Assembly Y2-4
Friday 26 October:	Junior school A&P Trip Y7/8 TUFF Challenge
Friday 2 November:	Tabloids Day

Term Dates 2019

Term 1:	Thursday 7 Feb - Friday 12 April
Term 2:	Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Term 3:	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Term 4:	Monday 14 October - Thursday 20 December

Waikato A&P Show

As you may already know the Waikato A&P Show is on Friday 26th October to Sunday 28th October and a key part of the weekend is the Friday Calf Club/ Ag day.

This year while the decision has been made to not have calves onsite, we will be having an Ag day for Lambs and Kid Goats and we would love for any students who are interested to be involved. Any child from a primary or intermediate school may enter and there is no pre-requisite to enter and no requirement to have been in a Calf Club/Ag day before.

This year we have also invested in more entertainment for kids and families over the weekend, such as inflatables, the Farmyard, Pony rides, award winning Face Painting, Carnival rides, Magic Shows, Wonky Donkey performances and many more.

Please ask at the school office for the Waikato Boys & Girls Agricultural Club schedule, which has the details for the day and how judging runs, and a pre-registration form.

