

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 33/18

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

15 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2018

In my last newsletter I referred to two community meetings that we would be holding on Tuesday 20th November. You will find more details about these below. An invite to all parent/caregivers also went home yesterday for our final Whānau Hui of the year which is part of this evening, as well as permission slips for our kapa haka students, who we hope will be able to perform between each of the meetings. We thank you for your support with this.

The second meeting to be held on this evening will be to share information about our Year 7/8 teaching and learning programmes for 2019. I am also delighted to now be able to share with you that Semonne Hogg will be the Year 7/8 teacher next year. Semonne brings a wealth of experience to this level of our school, as she is currently the team leader of the Y5-8 team at Whatawhata School. We will be sharing a little more about Semonne with you at our meeting and in the future. For now, we are super excited to be welcoming her to Te Uku School in 2019.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Pip Mears

2018 Community Survey Results: This year 20 parents/caregivers completed the survey, thank you for taking the time to do this. The results, along with the comments provided, will be discussed at both a Board meeting and with the teachers as we plan for 2019.

1. What is your overall impression of Te Uku School?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
15%	70%	10%	5%	0%	0%

2. Do you feel comfortable and welcomed coming into the school?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
40%	40%	15%	5%	0%	0%

3. Do you find the school is effective in reporting on your child /ren's achievement?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
5%	40%	50%	5%	0%	0%

4. How satisfied are you with the progress and achievement of your child/ren?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
5%	60%	30%	5%	0%	0%

5. In your opinion, does Te Uku School provide a safe and secure emotional environment for children?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
15%	65%	10%	0%	10%	0%

6. In your opinion, does Te Uku School provide a safe and secure physical environment for children?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
20%	65%	10%	0%	5%	0%

7. In your opinion, does Te Uku School provide a cultural environment that embraces and includes all of the cultures within our school community? For example, tikanga and te reo Māori.

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Other
10%	55%	20%	5%	0%	5%

Bus Notice

We currently have an agreement with Raglan Area School to allow our students to get off the Go Bus, in the afternoon, in the designated bus bay area at the front of the school. This is helpful for students who have after school commitments at Raglan Area School, as well as for those who live close by. The convenience of this for many families means it is something we wish to maintain.

However, due to health and safety issues this agreement has never included the option for parent/caregivers to park in the bus bay or immediate surrounding area, as there simply is not enough room to do so safely. We ask that all Te Uku School parent/caregivers adhere to this rule, in respect of the arrangement we have agreed to with Raglan Area School.

Athletics Notice

Next Friday (23rd November) starting at 9.15 am we will be holding our School Athletics day. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend and support the event. We plan to have the activities finished by 10.30 am.

Tuesday 20th November – Meetings and Events

On Tuesday 20th November we invite everyone to join us for three important events as follows:

5:30pm Whanau Hui - An opportunity to share and discuss whānau aspirations for our children, as well as find out a little more about our future focus on Te Ao Māori. We are keen to also hear about the ways we can strengthen the connection between whānau, community and school.

6:00pm Kapa Haka Performance - A chance to see our outstanding Kapa Haka repeat the performance shared at the Western Cluster School's Festival

6:30pm Year 7/8 Information Evening - For those who wish to hear a little more about the organisation and planning for the Year 7/8 teaching and learning programme next year at Te Uku School.

You are welcome to join us for all, or just one or two of these events. We are hopeful for a great turn out.

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

Upcoming Events: Term 4 2018

Tuesday 20 November:	Whānau Hui Y7/8 Info Evening
Thursday 22 November:	Assembly – Y5/6
Friday 23 November:	School Athletics
Monday 3 December:	Inter School Athletics
Thursday 6 December:	Assembly – Y7/8
Thursday 13 December:	Final Assemblies Jnr 9:30am Snr 6:30pm
Monday 17 th December	Last day for 2018