

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 01/19

14 Huitanguru 2019

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful summer break, enjoying time with family and friends, relaxing and recharging in preparation for a great year ahead. It was an absolute delight to see our students' smiling faces when they returned to school on the 7th February. Everyone seems to have settled back in to school life very quickly and we are well underway with our normal teaching and learning programmes. We have many exciting things planned for the year ahead and I look forward to sharing more about this with you over time.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Pip Mears

Mihi Whakatau and Welcomes

On Friday 8th February we officially welcomed our new students and their families to Te Uku School. We are delighted to have the following students joining us:

Tiki Circuit
Brayden Wright
Zac Lempriere
Joseph Park
Sarah Park
Peyton Eves
Mackenzie Hogg

Teaching News

From time to time we support trainee teachers in their professional learning development by having them on placement with us here at school. Chantal Behr, who is also a parent at Te Uku School, will be working alongside Mr Butler and Mr Johnson with our Y2-4 students throughout this year as she completes her teaching qualifications. We look forward to this mutually beneficial journey together.

I shared with you last year that we would have Mrs Semonne Hogg joining us as our Year Y7/8 teacher in 2019 and we are now super happy to have her on board with us. Semonne comes to us with many years of experience teaching young adolescence at Whatawhata School, with the Y7/8 level being her speciality. It is early days, but I know she already has exciting learning programmes both in and outside of the classroom planned for our lucky Y7/8 students. She is looking forward to meeting all of you.

Fees and Donations Letter

On Friday your child will be bringing home a letter outlining our fees and donation requests for 2019, accompanied by a personalised invoice. If you do not receive these, please contact Cheryl in the office.

Swimming

We are extremely thankful for our school pool in this hot weather! The students are currently enjoying formal swimming lessons with the coaches at 2 Focus, some class swims, as well as some free lunchtime swims. Our pool is in pristine condition thanks to the continued care and dedication of Jenny Bruce who has maintained the pool throughout the school holidays and onwards, ensuring our students have safe, crystal clear water to swim in. Thank you Jenny 😊

Board of Trustees

This year there are Board Of Trustee elections for all schools. At Te Uku School we will be wanting new members to join our board. Please find in today's newsletter a form that you can register your details if you are interested in becoming a Board member. This will provide you with support from the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA).

Te Ao Māori

The teachers and myself began our school year with a teacher only day focusing on our current schoolwide practices and teaching and learning programmes, relative to all things Māori. Lisa Rapana from Te Whai Toi Tangata – University of Waikato facilitated this day for us. We all learnt a great deal and have agreed that our schoolwide focus for term 1 will be on special people and places, culminating in our students presenting their pepeha. Keep an eye out for the new and creative ways these will be shared. As always, we are keen to learn more about our local environment and would welcome any contributions our community members may be able to offer here – please contact us if you wish to become involved.

Mix n Mingle BYO Picnic Evening - Meet the Teacher

We invite you to join us next week, on Tuesday 19th February for a Mix n Mingle BYO Picnic Evening from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. During this time there will also be an allocated time slot where you can meet your child's teacher and hear a little bit about the learning space they work in (Juniors at 5:45pm, Seniors at 6:00pm). If you need to have a 1:1 conversation about your child in particular, you are welcome to make an alternative time with the teacher to do this. We look forward to as many families joining us as possible. The more the merrier!

Upcoming Events: Term 1 2019

Friday 15 February:	Yr 7/8 Vaccination Information Session
Monday 18 February:	2Focus Junior Sessions
Tuesday 19 February:	Meet the Teacher 5.30pm
Thursday 21 February:	Year 5/6 led Assembly 9.15am

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

Superstar Cricket Academy is back in Raglan

The Superstar Cricket Academy is designed for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years, providing the first step on the Cricket pathway. The sessions focus on participation and skill development,

Ideal for beginners, and provides the chance to learn cricket while having fun. Working with Hamilton Cricket coaches, kids get the chance to learn the fundamental skills of cricket and play the game to get a taste of New Zealand's summer sport.

Thursdays
21st February- 28th March
Raglan Area School
5:30pm – 7pm

\$30 for 6 weeks

\$70 for 6 weeks inc cricket pack
(includes a plastic cricket bat, ball, backpack and a drink bottle).

Register online www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz
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