

# TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 02/19**

**21 Huitanguru 2019**

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

A huge thanks to those parents and families that made it to our Mix 'n' Mingle Picnic Evening last night. It was a really enjoyable time and I appreciated the chance to chat and get to know many of you better. It was also encouraging to hear the positive feedback you had as a result of spending time with your child's teacher - finding out about the teaching and learning programmes and various events planned for this term and beyond. Based on the success of this event we will look to hold similar gatherings again in the future.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,  
*Pip Mears*



## Vision and Hearing Checks

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on 28<sup>th</sup> February. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects. Please see the attached information sheet for more details. If you **do not** want your child checked please contact us.

## School Pool

After several years of voluntarily maintaining our school pool through the summer seasons, Jenny Bruce has shared with me that this will be her last season. We are therefore looking for 1 or 2 dedicated parents who would be willing to assist the school with this important role, by taking over this task. Ideally you would live relatively close to the school, as during our swimming programmes (approx.six weeks in term 1, three weeks in term 4) the pool needs to be checked and maintained 2-3 times a day. Generally, the first and last check of the day can coincide with school pick up and drop off times. There is some maintenance required over the holidays, although this is far less frequent, as the pool is not required to be maintained to safe swimming standards during this time. The school will pay for our pool maintenance person/people to complete the relevant training course associated with this role.

## Contact Details and Student Portfolios (Educa)

If you have changed any of your contact details recently and have not yet updated Cheryl in the school office, please do so immediately. It is vital for the health and safety of your child that we have the correct information on file to get hold of you at any time.

In addition to this, for parents to have access to their child's online student portfolio it is essential that we have correct parent email addresses in our data system. Please ensure we have a current email address for you on file by contacting Cheryl in the office if you think yours may need updating. We will be uploading this data shortly and will then send out email invites for you to connect to your child's portfolio.

## Fees and Donations Letter

A letter outlining our fees and donations for the year was sent home last week with a personalised invoice for each child. Thank you to those parent/caregivers who have paid these promptly – this is a huge help to the school. If you need to discuss payment options, please contact Cheryl in the office.

### Upcoming Events: Term 1 2019

Thursday 28 February:	Vision & Hearing Checks
Friday 1 March:	Y1/2 Ready Set Go Whatawhata
Thursday 7 March:	Swimming shows; Juniors 9.30-10.30am Seniors 11-12pm
Friday 8 March:	Y7/8 Leadership Day
Wednesday 13 March:	Y5-8 Te Awamutu Pools
Tuesday 19 March:	Whānua Hui
Thursday 21 March:	Assembly – Juniors
Friday 22 March:	Inter school swimming 8+ years
Thursday 28 March:	Y7/8 Vector Wero
Thursday 4 April:	Assembly Y7/8
Friday 5 April:	Softball Y5-8
Monday 8-9 April:	Y5/6 Camp
Friday 12 April:	Last day term 1

### 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