

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 20/19

25 Hōngongoi 2019

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Welcome back everyone! We are in for a busy and exciting Term 3.

On Saturday 3 August we have our official TREEmendous day. We would love as many as possible of our Te Uku families to come along and join us. Mazda Foundation - the major sponsors and providers of our \$10K, will be here on the day along with Project Crimson Trust. We intend to start at 9am and finish around 12:30pm with a sausage sizzle –bring your gumboots and gardening equipment. I wish to formally thank Dean Parkes and Marion Wright who have put in a great deal of time and effort to get our overgrown section looking as fabulous as it does now. But we need a lot more people to help finish it off and make it a truly magnificent outdoor learning space for all. The following week, Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on the 6th and 7th of August. Please see further details included with this newsletter about how to book your interview time. At this time, we will also be celebrating Book Week with a fun Character Day on the 8th of August. The term continues with many exciting sports trips, a kapa haka festival, a ski trip for our Y7/8s, as well as a fabulous Open Day, where we will be celebrating the amazing learning that has been happening in all our learning spaces around the United Nations Sustainability Goals. Please refer to the 'Upcoming Events' section of this newsletter to see these and the many other happenings on offer this term - we look forward to you joining us for as many of them as you can.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Pip Mears – Principal

Book Week

Book Week kicks off next Thursday with a visit from New Zealand author James Russell. He has written The Dragon Brother trilogy of picture books, and The Dragon Defenders novel series. The following week, our Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday to Thursday. The book fair will be open both nights of the parent teacher interviews, with lots of great books for sale. If any parents are able to help out on Tuesday or Wednesday night, please contact the office or email catherinel@teuku.school.nz. To celebrate our Book Week, we will be having a character dress-up day on Thursday 8 August.

School Interviews

We encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning progress and to set goals for the remaining two terms. The interview time is for 15 minutes.

Interview Dates and Times:

Tuesday 6th August (3.30 to 5.30 PM)
Wednesday 7 August (3.30 to 5.30 PM)
Wednesday 7 August (6.00 to 8.00 PM)

Booking an interview: Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the Event Code **k66wy**. Press GO. Fill in your name and child's name (if you enter your email you will receive a confirmation email)
Select your teacher and then select your time. If you are unable to book online please call the office 825 5815.

If you are unavailable for these dates and times, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternative arrangement. We would like to have had the opportunity to meet with all families/whanau at this time.

Bus Travel

If your child travels on the school bus please ensure that they have a valid ticket to present at each time of travel. The school bus is funded directly via the sale of tickets and each ride costs \$1.60. It is important all rides are accounted for as the school is unable to finance this service.

School Photos

Thank you very much for your patience while we get this new system up and running. The email direct from Photopilot will be sent out today to enable you to order prints from a secure webshop. The prints will be delivered in bulk to our school. Please note, you do not have to pick up the prints in Hamilton. We will advise when all the prints are ready to be collected by parents. Orders can be placed from today until the 16th of August.

Pool Upgrade Fundraising

The school pool needs an upgrade with the cost of works being \$47,000 (excl GST). The school doesn't get funding from Ministry of Education for the pool so has to fund the works itself. Megan Wood and Clare Lempriere have been applying for grants, with success to date having been awarded \$9,000 from the Meridian Te Uku Community Trust, and more funders being applied to. The Te Uku School Fundraising Committee is also fundraising to contribute to the pool upgrade, which started with a sausage sizzle last term. The next school fundraiser is a raffle with the prize being 5 x family passes to different attractions including Skyline Gondolas, Hobbiton and Hells Gate - look out for more information about the raffle next week. If you're able to help with fundraising to get the school pool back into action, please contact Megan on 021 407 754. Thanks heaps!

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 3 2019

July

26 Mihi Whakatau – All Welcome

August

1 Author Visit - James Russell 1.30pm

2 TREEmendous Welcome Riley & Ruud

3 TREEmendous The 'BIG' Day (Come Along)

5 - 9 Book Week

6 - 7 School Interviews

8 Assembly Y2 - 4

8 Book Character 'Dress Up Day'

12 Get Wise Financial Literacy Programme

16 Rippa Rugby Y5 - 8

22 Assembly Y1

23 Junior Football Tournament Y1 - 4

September

5 Assembly Y5/6

5 - 6 Ski Trip Y7/8

9 - 13 ERO Visit

6 Netball Tournament Y5 - 8

18 Open Day Exhibition – UN sustainable Goals

19 Assembly Y7/8

20 Kapa Haka Festival – Whatawhata

26 Speech Competition Y5 - 8

