

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 33/19

14 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2019

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

As busy as term 4 is, with many things yet to look forward to, it is also an important time for preparing and planning for the following year. This term we have had a lot of enquiries from families about Te Uku School as a schooling option for 2020, and several new enrolments have started with us already. If you know that your circumstances re: attending Te Uku School are changing, please let us know so we can manage our student numbers and class sizes appropriately. With everything ticking along so well, we are looking forward to everyone continuing their learning journey with us next year. On that note, we are reassessing our 2020 term dates and will confirm those with you after the Board meeting tonight. Our last day for term 4 this year is Friday 20th December.

An exciting change for parents/caregivers in 2020, is that we will not be requesting the traditional school donation at the start of the year. As a decile 5 school we are eligible for the newly announced government donation funding scheme, which the Te Uku School Board of Trustees has agreed to trial. We pride ourselves on offering a high-quality education programme, that is rich in experiences beyond the classroom and well-resourced to meet the needs of our students. As a small school, making available funds stretch far enough to allow for all this is a challenge at times, and we are always thankful for the support we receive from parent/caregivers who support us in our endeavours with time and/or financial contributions. Attached to this newsletter is a 2-page flyer from the Ministry of Education that outlines what you need to know about the new donations scheme.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Pip Mears – Principal

Tabloids

Te Uku School hosted the annual Tabloids Day for junior children from our local Western Cluster Sports Schools. Over 300 children from eight schools participated in a fun filled day. There were 14 different activities led and organised by the senior students from our school. The rain cleared just in time for our start. A big thank you to all the children who took on different leadership roles during the day, parents/caregivers who came to help and watch, Mani for leading our welcome, the teachers from our school who helped organise the day, our local farmer who provided the paddock for parking, the fundraising committee who provided yummy food for lunches, Melissa from Project Energize who gave leadership training with the seniors, and to all the children for their positive attitude and willingness to give the activities a go. A great day was had by all and as a school we have received a lot of positive feedback from teachers, parents and children from the schools that attended the day.





Athletics

On Thursday 21 November, starting at 9.15am, 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. Students have been training hard in running, throwing and jumping activities. This day will also be used to help select students to go to the inter-school athletics at Porritt Stadium on Monday 2 December.

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 - Friday 20th December

Upcoming Events: Term 4 2019

November

- 15 Y7/8 Assembly
- 21 Athletics
- 22 Y5-8 Cricket Festival
- 28 Y5/6 Assembly

December

- 2 Western Cluster Athletics
- 3-4 Y7/8 Camp Raglan
- 6 Disco 6 - 8pm
- 12 Y2-4 Assembly
- 13 Picnic in the Pines
- 18 Junior Assembly – 9.30am
Senior Assembly – 6.30pm
- 19 Y8 Leavers Dinner

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

MALAYSIAN FRIED RICE

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 c cooked rice
- 1 c mixed frozen veges
- 1/2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 Tbsp toasted sesame seeds (optional)
- 1 – 2 Tbsp spring onions, thinly sliced

Heat pan over medium heat, add oil. Pour in beaten eggs. As eggs cook, break them into smaller pieces using a fork. Add rice when the egg is partly (70 – 80%) cooked and stir. Add mixed veges and soy sauce and gently mix. Add sesame seeds and spring onions, gently toss to coat. Serves 2.

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