

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Community Information Session

We enjoyed having several parents/caregivers attending last Thursday's session about the modernisation of classrooms into open, flexible learning spaces. During the presentation, the Board talked about the purpose of what we are doing and gave a progress report. My presentation was an explanation of how we will organise the spaces, group the children and the underpinning teaching philosophy. If you missed the session, I am willing to offer a morning or afternoon session. Please contact me – rachela@teuku.school.nz. Our notes from the session are available on our website – www.teuku.school.nz (Parent Information, Modern Learning Environments Updates).

Staff Resignation

It is with regret that the Board would like to inform you that Tina Beckley is resigning from her Office Administrator's role at the end of this year. Tina has been on the staff for just over nine years during which time she has managed and run the office very efficiently. Tina has had a lot of involvement with children across the school with whom she has always developed a lovely rapport. Tina is exploring some options in Hamilton, including doing some more study. We will miss her!! We will farewell Tina at the farewell Assembly on Tuesday 16th December, 1:30PM.

**School Office Administrator
30 hours weekly, term days only
TE UKU SCHOOL**

We welcome applications from anyone who has an empathy for children, is approachable and friendly and is keen to join a collaborative, community focused staff.

Applicants are invited to submit:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Te Uku School Application Form
3. Letter stating their ability and experience in administrative, reception and general office duties.

Successful applicant to commence February 2nd 2016.

Application Pack is available from the School Office:
07 8255815 or rachela@teuku.school.nz.

Applications close 4:00PM Thursday 10th December 2015.

Email or post to

PRINCIPAL, TE UKU SCHOOL, C/- TE UKU STORE, TE UKU PDC 3266

End of Year Assembly

Rooms 1 to 4, Monday 14th December, 9:15 to 10:30 AM

Rooms 6 to 8, Monday 14th December, 6:30 to 7:45 PM

Families with junior children are still very welcome to come to the evening assembly. We decided to try running two assemblies to help alleviate numbers in the Hall in the evening.

The general format for each evening will include:

Junior Assembly: Welcome; performances from each of the 4 classes; junior singing; presentation of 2015 junior learning; farewell from the juniors to Y8 leavers. Families will be invited to join their children for a picnic morning tea following the assembly.

Senior Assembly: Welcome; senior/junior singing; presentation of 2015 school-wide learning which will include live presentations; kapa haka performance; farewell from the seniors to Y8 leavers.

Christmas in the Park – Sunday 6th December

Some of our children will be on stage at 6:00PM to perform kapa haka at the Christmas in the Park event being held in Kopua Domain on Sunday 6th December. We will send out more details about this in a notice next week. Local residents are all invited to bring a picnic and rug to join in the Christmas Celebration from 5PM to dark. In the event of wet weather it will be held the following evening.

Important Dates for Term 4

WEEK 7: Interschool Athletics – Friday 27th November

WEEK 8: Christmas in the Park, 5PM to dark, on Sunday 6th December, Kopua Domain, Raglan

WEEK 9: End of Year Reports and Learning Journals will sent home on Thursday 10th December

WEEK 10: End of Year Assembly – Rooms 1 to 4, Monday 14th December, 9:15 to 10:30AM; Rooms 6 to 8, Monday 14th December, 6:30 to 7:45PM, Te Uku School Hall.

Fundraising News

Here's a reminder that the Te Uku School Fundraising Committee has decided to do one last fundraiser for the year. If you like to cook or you're looking for a Christmas present for someone that loves to cook – this could be it. Nourish Magazine have put together a great Festive Feasts Bookzine, full of delicious recipes for Christmas. We will be selling the bookzine and also The Village Press Olive Oil which is used on Masterchef New Zealand. There are some great Olive Oil gift packs available. All pricing is on the order form and you can view a sample of the bookzine at the school office. Please complete the order form supplied with this week's newsletter and return the payment to the school office before 2nd December. Thanks in advance for your support, our school will get cash back on every order received.

The Fundraising Committee



Scholastic Book Club order forms have gone home this week and are due back on Tuesday December 1. You can return the order form to school or follow the instructions in the brochure to order online. If you would like any books kept aside for Christmas presents, please send a note to the office.

Information on hearing and vision checks in our school

The Vision Hearing Technician from Rural and Community Services will be visiting our school tomorrow. The objective of the vision is to identify previously undetected hearing and vision defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

Catch up screening for children who have not completed hearing and vision checks as part of their B4 school check and children absent from previous visit, require re-tests or follow up in special circumstances.

What tests are carried out?

Ears audiometry – hearing test

tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test colour vision tests (Year 7 boys only)

The Vision Hearing Technician will notify parents of all test results and enter results on ministry of education data base (ENROL). The vision hearing technician will obtain personal details from the school ie names, dates of birth, ethnicity. If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required. Community services may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care. If any parent or caregiver does not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a hearing or vision defect, they should let the technician know by leaving a message with the school.

Due Back at School

Scholastic Book Club orders returned – Tuesday 1st December
Orders for the Fundraising Committee Bookzine and Olive Oil –
Wednesday 2nd December

Forthcoming Events

Interschool Athletics – Friday 27th November

School Assembly – 9:15AM on Thursday 3rd December, hosted by Rooms 3 and 4

End of Year Assembly at Te Uku School Hall

Rooms 1 to 4, Monday 14th December, 9:15 to 10:30 AM

Rooms 6 to 8, Monday 14th December, 6:30 to 7:45 PM

Farewell Assembly for Ms Tina Beckley, Mrs Hansi Bennett and

Mrs Amy John – Tuesday 15th December, 1:30PM, followed by afternoon tea.

Last day of school – Wednesday 16th December; we will finish at the usual time of 2:45PM

