

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Christmas in the Park – Sunday 6th December

Notices were sent home on Wednesday to the children who will be performing kapa haka (about 6:00PM) at the Christmas in the Park event being held on Sunday. 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.

Cambridge Middle School

Yesterday everyone enjoyed a stunning and very high quality performance from Cambridge Middle School's Arts Academy students. We wish them all the very best with their 'coast to coast' tour. Many thanks to Nathan (Aish) for giving us the opportunity to see this talented group in action.

Some of our students reported: Yesterday Cambridge Middle School Arts Academy came to Te Uku school to perform dances, singing, music and drama. It was really inspiring to see them perform and we really enjoyed it.

They were also really creative and there was a big variety of items. Written by Boston and Kanika

Education Act Review

The government is currently in the process of consulting with the public to update the Education Act 1989. At our meeting on Tuesday, the board spent some time preparing our submission and we encourage our families to also participate in the consultation. The closing date for submissions is December 14th. They can be completed online (see links below).

Our Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata, has stated in the public discussion document called "Have your say about Updating the Education Act 1989" ...

Tēnā tatou katoa. Twenty-six years ago smart phones had not been invented, the World Wide Web was just a glimmer in a scientist's eye and corporal punishment had only just been abolished in New Zealand schools. A lot has changed since then, but the Act which sets the legislative framework for schools remains the same. It is time to take a fresh look at it. This is an important piece of legislation that shapes what happens in our classrooms and what skills our children take out into the world with them. That is why we are asking you, the public, for your input into the process. We want an Act and a system that puts children at the centre of learning. This discussion document outlines a number of proposals for raising educational achievement. Please take the time to read it and, if you would like to help shape the future of the education system, follow the guidelines for making a submission.

Ngā mihi Hon Hekia Parata Minister of Education

This full document can be accessed from:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/consultations/Updating-the-Education-Act-1989-A-public-discussion-document.pdf>.

Another link which supports the consultation process is https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/update-of-the-education-act-1989/consult_view (a video of the Minister introducing and explaining the consultation process).

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 assembly 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.

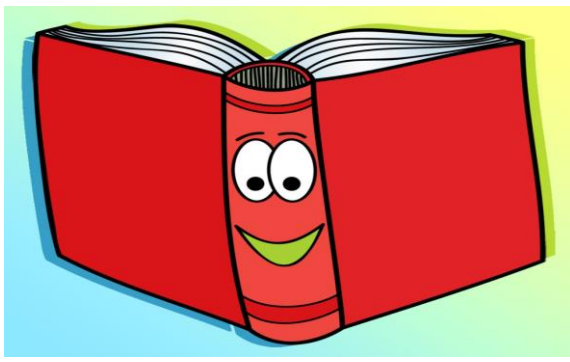
Important Dates for Term 4

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.

Nga mihi ki a koutou
Rachel Allan



Please return all library books ASAP

Our library stocktake is taking place next week, so all library books need to be returned to school asap. So to all our families, check under the beds! We would appreciate everybody's help in getting all the books back to school by next Monday 7th December at the latest. This makes our lives easier and your bills smaller. Thank you.

Kiwi Swim Safe Quiz

Take a water safety quiz with Swimming New Zealand and you could win \$100 towards swimming lessons in 2016 plus one of 20 spot prizes provided by Garnier NZ, supporter of Water Safety New Zealand's Save our School Pools campaign.

(<http://www.watersafety.org.nz/media/our-campaigns/save-our-school-pools/>)

All you need to do is click this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gettingpreparedforsummer>

then test your knowledge about water safety and win. Competition ends 5pm, 18 December 2015.

DECEMBER

at the Old School

BORN TO DANCE

Friday 4 December 6pm, Saturday 5 December 4.30pm and
Sunday 6 December 2pm

Coming of age tale told through the eyes of 'Tu', an ambitious young man from Auckland who dreams of being a professional hip-hop dancer.

Stuff - 4 Stars "With some truly world-class choreography, music and camerawork, Born To Dance emerges as a film that is more often than not a goddamn triumph."

Metro - 8.5/10 "Born To Dance will leave you fizzing with unanticipated joy."

**Drama, Romance | 1hr 36mins | PG | Coarse language & drug references |
Country of Origin: NZ**

<https://www.facebook.com/borntodancefilm/>

Delicious homemade snacks on sale

Adults \$11 Children \$6

Ph 825 0023 to reserve seats www.raglanartscentre.co.nz

Piano Lessons

Anyone interested in piano lessons? Jacqueline Barry has spaces available for lessons at her home in Government Road, Raglan. If you would like to enrol your child for lessons give Jacqueline a call 825 7427.

Due Back at School

All library books – Monday 7th December

Forthcoming Events

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