

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 10/16

14 Paengawhāwhā 2016

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Student Led Conferences

Great to see 43 children have SLCs booked for next term. Instructions for online booking can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Acknowledgements

A big, big thank you to everyone who has helped out in some way this term. Whether it be being part of the fund raising committee, donating resources, or helping with school camps and school trips, please know we really do appreciate your support.

We often have itinerant teachers and support agencies working in our school. For example, this term Sally Poole is here daily to teach reading recovery; Yvonne Wilcock is here for a short time each week to teach SPELD; Helen Gleeson is working in our school on a Tuesday for the next few weeks to support literacy learning with some children in the senior school. It is great having these people as part of the team. Sue Brown (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) is also a teacher with whom we like to work to support some of our children.

Richard Battersby from Project Energize is another person we love to have around to support physical activities across all of the levels.

Our social worker, Briony Kirk, works in our school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Families are very welcome to contact Briony directly and via the school (0272494197) if seeking support for a child or the whole family. We are currently working with Briony to develop a school-wide focus on children's positive peer relationships.

I would like to acknowledge everyone's support with our junior school transition into temporary spaces this term. I would like to particularly acknowledge the staff and the children for adapting so well to their different learning environments. Just recently the teachers, with Basil's help, have completely cleared Rooms 1 to 4 in readiness for the builders. Please see the Board's News and Views for an update on the building project timeline.

Desks for 'Sale'

We have some older style desks available to families to 'buy'. If you are interested in viewing them and making a donation, please let me know.

Transition to School Hui

This evening our school is hosting a 'transition to school' hui for teachers from local schools and early childhood education centres. We are working together as the "Raglan 0 to 8 Years Transition Cluster" to help improve procedures for transitioning children to school. We are very fortunate to have Ministry of Education funding and facilitators to support this professional development project. If you have a child due to start school within the next 2 to 3 months, you are most welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are interested (rachela@teuku.school.nz; 8255815).

Families leaving our community

We would like to wish our families leaving Te Uku School and the Raglan community all the best with their new ventures. I hope that your children will keep in touch with their school friends, and let us know what they are up to.

Term Two

We have got lots of exciting things planned for next term...Discovery Three camp, kapa haka with Shelley-Moana, cross country events, junior mud run, Māori traditional games cluster event as well as lots of challenging and inspirational learning opportunities.

Te Uku School Website – www.teuku.school.nz

Please remember that our website provides information about term dates, events planned for the year, the weekly newsletter and regularly updated notices. "Class Pages" are set up for each Discovery group. On these pages you can access newsletters, notices and a photo gallery. Some are now linked to a blog to keep you informed of Discovery happenings.

Nga mihi ki a koutou, **Rachel Allan**

BOARD'S NEWS AND VIEWS

CAR PARK SAFETY

The Board is working with the staff and neighbouring businesses to see how we can increase the safety for car drivers entering and exiting the school's car park. Ideally vehicles should not be parking on the yellow lines on the outside of the school's roadside boundary. As you will be aware, vehicles parked in these places significantly reduce visibility for those entering and exiting the car park.



EGG-CELLENT EGGS

EGG CUSTARD!

Custard is a good choice if you're having dessert.

- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp honey
- 1/4 tsp vanilla essence

Whisk all ingredients together. Stir over a very low heat until the custard coats the back of a spoon. Serve hot or cold with fruit.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

BUILDING PROJECT

We are now in the process of short-listing contractors for the classrooms upgrade project. We are on-track to start building work at the beginning of May.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS:

In June this year, schools throughout New Zealand will be holding Trustee Elections. Te Uku School seeks a Board of 5 Parent Elected Trustees and 1 Staff Trustee. If you are interested becoming a Parent Trustee on the Te Uku School Board of Trustees, I encourage you to find out as much as you can about what Boards do, and the roles and responsibilities of being a Trustee. It is a fantastic and rewarding way to be involved in Te Uku School: you learn a lot about the way a school functions and contribute to the achievement of every student here.

We will support you in finding out about the work of the Board by placing information in School Newsletters next term, and by sharing information and answering any questions you may have. Watch this space!

Should you wish to become a Board member please ensure you are nominated; our Returning Officer will call for nominations from May 6, 2016. Should the Returning Officer receive more than 5 parent nominations, an election will be held at which time, eligible parents will then vote through an election process. Likewise, should more than 1 member of staff be nominated by staff, an election will be held for staff to vote in a staff trustee.

Timeline:-

Friday, May 6, 2016	nominations called for
Friday, May 20, 2016	nominations close at noon
Wednesday, May 25, 2016	voting papers sent by this date
Friday, June 3, 2016	voting closes at noon
Thursday, June 9, 2016	count votes
Friday, June 10, 2016	Board takes office

If you would like to know more about being a Board Member, you are welcome to chat to either **Brenda Carter** (027 310 4945) or myself. Regards **Katherine Parrott**, Board Chairperson, 0276 225565

Grade 10 Soccer

Raglan 10th Grade Soccer (boys' team) is short of a couple of players. If you are turning 10 this year and want to play, please text Jenny, 0211844451.

Forthcoming Events

Last day of Term 1 – Friday 15th April

First day of Term 2 – Monday 2nd May

Discovery Three School Camp – Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th May

Student Led Conferences: **Wednesday 11th May** and **Thursday 12th May**

Option One: Book online - <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>, enter the code **r2sna**, follow instructions.

Option Two: Ring or see someone in the Office to make the booking for you.

Message from Shannon Kelly, Youth Engagement Advisor, Waikato District Council

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My name is Shannon Kelly, the Youth Engagement Advisor at the Waikato District Council. I am promoting the Youth Awards to our parents and young people in our district.

Nominations for the Waikato District Youth Awards 2016 are now open to recognise and acknowledge our amazing young people in our area. The award categories are:

- Sass/Swag: Young people who have made an outstanding contribution to their community in arts, culture, music, dance or performance.
- Like a Boss: Young people who have demonstrated great leadership in projects that have improved their community.
- Helping Hand: Young people who volunteer in order to improve their community.
- Champion of the Earth award (environment, natural, cultural, social, urban): Young people who have contributed to environmental projects in their community to improve protection, restoration, conservation and/or sustainability.
- Kia Kaha: Young people who have contributed in meaningful ways to their community not otherwise recognised in the other categories.

To be eligible, nominees must be aged between 12 and 24 and currently live, or have lived, in the Waikato District, in the past 12 months. Nominations close on Monday 2nd May 9am. Award criteria and nominations forms are available on our website: waikatodistrict.govt.nz/youthawards. Award recipients will be announced at an event on 27 May. You can fill the form in online or print it out and drop it in to the local Library. You can also pick up a copy of the nomination form from the school office, local Library or the Tuakau office of the Waikato District Council. For more information, contact Shannon Kelly, Youth Engagement Advisor on 0800 492 452 or email youthawards@waidc.govt.nz.