

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 13/16

12 Haratua 2016

Tena koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Board Elections

A reminder that nominations close in eight days time, Friday 20th April.

Board Elections 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 **Katherine Parrott**, Board Chairperson, 0276 225565.

Student Led Conferences

Great to see lots of families here this week for the SLCs. Altogether 103 children have had SLCs booked. If you were unable to come in this week, please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange a time within the next week or two. You are welcome to email the teachers directly or contact the Office, 8255815.

Discovery Three Camp to Te Kauri Lodge

On Wednesday Room 6 and 7 went on an amazing trip to Te Kauri Lodge for our Discovery 3 camp. We went for a long tramp and saw amazing wildlife. We learnt about native and exotic life. We stopped off at a freezing cold river that had amazing creatures in it. We got soaked on the way up, we slept in dorms and had the best dinners and puddings ever, thanks to Vicki. On the way back we stopped off at Kawhia to have lunch. We played a game of touch rugby. After we had lunch we got back into the cars and drove back to school. Thank you to all the parents for taking part in this event. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you Vicki for making the best dinners and puddings ever and thank you Daniel for teaching us about all the exotic and native wildlife. And sorry we forgot to mention, it was the best camp ever!

Report written by Harrison and Louis.



The girls sitting in their waterproof, home-made bivouac!



Breakfast time at Te Kauri Lodge!



Getting ready to tramp!

Bus Fees

Fees are now due for Term 2. Please make these payments by **Friday 27th May** at the latest. Alternatively, contact the Office if you want to set up an AP. Our Account Number for internet payments is **03 1558 000954300**; the reference is your child's name. It is important that bus fees are paid, or a payment plan in place, to retain your child's seat on the bus.

Bus Waiting Lists

Due to both the Water Tower and Raglan West bus lists being full, a waiting list system is now in place. Please read the information below about the plan we follow. Please note, casual users will only be able to use the bus if there is a space available on the day they would like to travel.

Waiting List Priority Plan

The current 'loading capacity' of each bus is: Water Tower Bus Capacity – 53; Raglan West Bus Capacity – 45.

The Priority Plan for bus usage is as follows:

PRIORITY ONE (in MoE bus zone)

Children who live in the 'eligible' MoE bus zone have first priority.

Pre-schooler siblings of eligible children also have first priority.

PRIORITY TWO (paying users, not in MoE bus zone)

Siblings of current paying users of both buses.

Children of staff members.

PRIORITY THREE

Full time users of either bus.

PRIORITY FOUR

Part-time users of either bus (priority will be according to number of days part-timers are booked in for, that is, 4 days has priority over 3 days, etc).

Part-timers (starting with the users of the least number of days) may be asked to stop using the bus if seats are required for Priority One, Two and Three children.

Bus Fees

Bus fees must be paid in full either at the beginning of the term or by automatic payment (AP) by the end of each term.

Parents / caregivers of children with unpaid bus fees will be notified in writing by the principal of their ineligibility for the bus the following term. The principal may use her discretion in making this decision. For example, if an AP is in place and a small amount of money is still owing, the child/ren may be allowed to continue using the bus.

Children who become ineligible for the bus due to unpaid fees will be required to join the waiting list; their eligibility will be reinstated when the outstanding bus fees are paid and when a place becomes available.

Written by the Te Uku School BoT on 14 March 2012

Head Lice

We have recently issued a few class notices for head lice being present. Please be vigilant with checking your children's hair on a weekly basis. We have enclosed an Information Pamphlet in this week's newsletter.

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

2016 Gwynne Shield trials- Panthers

Sunday 15th May & Sunday 22nd May at Swarbrick Park. 9:15-1:15pm. Calling all skilled rugby players yrs 6-8 and 60kg or under. Please bring: boots, mouth guard, drink bottle, smile and determination and a great attitude. You must attend both trial dates. For more information contact Sandra Jennings kiwifem@gmail.com

Piano Lessons for Beginners

Piano lessons with Jacqueline Barry. Lessons are for beginners. Grade references ATCL London. If interested contact Jacqueline Barry 825 7427

Forthcoming Events

School Cross Country – Wednesday 18th May, starting at 9:30am

Kapa Haka with Shelley-Moana is starting up again – Wednesday 25th May

Interschool Cross Country – Friday 27th May (Waitetuna School)

