

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 36/16

17 Whiringa-ā-rangi

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

End of Year Assemblies

As a result of surveying our community, we have made the decision to hold the End of Year Assemblies as separate junior and senior events, both on the same day. Your survey results showed 74% of families are in favour of separate assemblies. Nearly half of our families completed the survey.

Junior Assembly: Tuesday 13th December, 9:15AM to 10:30AM, in the Te Uku School Hall

Senior Assembly: Tuesday 13th December, 6:30PM to 7:45PM, in the Te Uku School Hall

Families who have children only in the junior school or the senior school are welcome to attend both assemblies. The Year 8 children do perform and get given a special farewell from the juniors at the junior assembly. We will be recording the performances of both assemblies.

2016 Community Questionnaire Results

Thank you to the 36 families who completed the questionnaire this term. The Board and staff are using your feedback to finalise our 2017 goals. The results with your comments are available at the office.

1. What is your overall impression of Te Uku School?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
39%	47%	11%	03%	0%

2. Do you feel comfortable and welcomed coming into the school?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
44%	44%	06%	06%	0%

3. Do you find the school is effective in reporting on your child /ren's achievement?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
14%	36%	22%	19%	03%	06%

4. How satisfied are you with the progress and achievement of your child/ren?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
19%	42%	22%	06%	0%	11%

5. In your opinion, does Te Uku School provide a safe and secure emotional environment for children?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
28%	36%	17%	13%	0%	06%

6. In your opinion, does Te Uku School provide a safe and secure physical environment for children?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
22%	53%	19%	03%	03%

7. In your opinion, does Te Uku School provide a cultural environment that embraces and includes all of the cultures within our school community? For example, tikanga and te reo Māori.

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
25%	42%	19%	03%	03%	08%

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports will be sent home on Thursday 8th December.

Term Dates for 2017

- Term One: Tuesday 31st January to Thursday 13th April (Easter falls at the beginning of these holidays)
Term Two: Monday 1st May to Friday 7th July
Term Three: Monday 24th August to Friday 29th September
Term Four: Monday 16th October to Thursday 14th December

Thanks to Hanna family and parent helpers

A big, big thank you to all of the parents who have helped with covering library books and also the Hanna family for recently donating a box of Scholastic books to our school library. Your generosity and support is really appreciated. Our children always love discovering new books to read in the library!!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Rachel Allan

“Wheels Week starting Monday 28 November”

All students are permitted to bring their own **roller blades, roller skates, skateboard or scooter** to school to use during the lunch hour in the week starting Monday 28 November. A permission notice will go home next week.



Round The Bridges Kids 2km run 2016 - Race Reports

The Round the Bridges event had 800 kids! Altogether, 27 kids from Te Uku, and about 6,000 people together competing in the 2km race, the 6km race, or the BIG, 12km RACE. The kids from Te Uku all entered for the 2K race. It was incredibly challenging. Especially for me. Halfway into the race I got an extremely painful stitch. And with that stitch and a bunch of semi-strong wind made me lose breath and feel like I could collapse and faint on the spot. I had to keep going or I would've had to stop mid race to rest for a while until I could catch breath and probably end up at the back of the pack. So the way I kept on going was to do some mindfulness and keep persevering. And at the end... I couldn't believe I made it. I was handed a silver medal designed by a student from a Hamilton School. I wanted to collapse into my mum and dad's arms. I was so tired that I couldn't even go onto a bouncy slide and obstacle course. **Written by Ezra**

On Sunday we went to the 2016 Round the Bridges. Fun fact: did you know that there were 800 kids in the 2 km run? At the end, each person got a shiny silver medal for participating. Here's how Grady felt. "It was extremely hard running with 20 other people all trying to get to the front. I felt good at doing the run but at the same time I was exhausted. But it was a great ". Here's how Levon felt. "I felt excited but as soon as I started I got a really bad stitch it hurt the whole time. I encourage other people to do it because it's a lot of fun. It's hard but it's a really good for your body and good for others too". **Written by Grady and Levon**

It was an exciting day for all of the round the bridge runners. There were 800 kids who entered the run. Can you believe it, it's a new record! At the start when you're waiting it gets really squishy because of the huge crowd. But then when it's your turn to run, it starts to open up. The run is 2 kilometers, and if you think about it it's quite a long way to run. In the end you will probably be super exhausted. But you should be proud of yourself, because I know I was. It's a great challenge to set yourself, so why not give it a go next year! **Written by Joshua.**

On the 13th of November 2016, 27 kids from Te Uku school participated in Round the Bridges. We had to wake up really early because we had to get there by 8:00am. It was very bunched up at the start but later on in the race you got more space. It was very fun but quite tiring when we really got into it. There were lots of kids with different speeds. There were heaps of parents cheering when we ran past. At the end we got a medal, a cup of water and a banana. Overall the fun run was very fun and we felt very good. We recommend this race for kids 7 years old and above. **Written by Louis and Alby**

Hamilton Weetbix Tryathlon 2017

Te Uku School has registered as a school team in the Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon 2017, 19th February 2017 at Waikato University. The Special School Group entry price is \$37 for earlybird and \$41.25 after that (as opposed to \$46.50). You can register by clicking on the URL available on our school website that will link your entry to our school. The school co-coordinator is Oli Ryks email: olir@teuku.school.nz. We look forward to your entries!!

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Forthcoming Events

Whānau Hui – Friday 18th November, 9:00AM

End of Year Assemblies – Tuesday 13th December (Junior – 9:15AM; Senior – 6:30PM).

Last Day of 2016 – Friday 16th December

School Assemblies

School Assembly, hosted by Discovery Three – Thursday 1st December, 9:15AM