

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 38/16

8 Hakihea 2016

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Fun Day – Thursday 15th December, 9:00 to 11:00AM

On Thursday, we are running a fun outdoor activities programme for the whole school during the morning. Families are very welcome to come along to join in or help and perhaps stay on for morning tea at 11:00AM. The Fundraising Committee is running a sausage sizzle. Please return your order form by Tuesday.

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports are being sent home today. If you would like to book a time to meet your child's teacher, please contact the Office (office@teuku.school.nz or 82558150) or your child's teacher directly. Alternatively, a time could be made to meet early in the new school year. You will receive a 2017 Calendar of Events with your eldest/only child's report. As a result of community feedback, we have booked all of the senior camps and the junior school's overnight camp date. We have included some cluster and school event dates as well.

Staffing and Student Grouping Plans for 2017

Staffing: Welcome to Alison Hewett

In 2017, Alison will be joining the teaching team as a part-time teacher. We look forward to working with Alison who will be here three days a week, Wednesday to Friday.

Introduction from Alison: Kia ora! I live in Raglan with my husband and two children. I am originally from Scotland but have been in New Zealand for over 12 years with about half that time spent in beautiful Whaingaroa. I have a wide range of teaching experience both here and in the UK. I enjoy walking, reading, travel and spending time with my family. As a teacher my main goal is to motivate students to do their best and achieve their full potential. I believe students have a right to be in an effective and positive learning environment where their individual learning styles and needs are addressed. I am very excited to be joining the Te Uku team and looking forward to getting to know all the students and their whānau.

Class Arrangements for 2017

Juniors (Years 1 to 4): Next year we plan on all of the children using the whole junior space more widely. However, new children starting will initially spend most of their time in the first space nearest to the staffroom as they transition into school. The teachers who will be working full-time in the junior school are Lisa Wheeler, Catherine Lynagh, Scott Johnson and Bernard Butler (Junior School Leader and Deputy Principal).

The children will be grouped according to their learning needs in literacy and numeracy and will work with one of the teachers. The children will be placed in mixed aged groups to work with all of the teachers in the other learning areas such as science, music, etc.

Seniors (Years 5 to 8): The senior school is also planning on grouping the children into multi-levelled groups for some of their learning. At other times, the Years 5 and 6 children will be learning in the 'new spaces' with Oli Ryks and Bev Turilli (Senior School Leader) and the Years 7 and 8 will be learning with Lee Clarkson in Room 5.

Other Staffing Provisions and/or changes for 2017

Two part-time teachers, Carol Carlson and Alison Hewett, are being employed by the Board to provide some extra learning support in the junior school. This learning support will be provided in a variety of ways, including releasing Catherine and Lisa to work one-to-one with children who would have otherwise had Reading Recovery. Carol will continue to teach Years 7 and 8 technology.

Rachel Allan has been granted Sabbatical Leave for Term Two to complete a research project related to the successful transition of children to school. Bernard Butler will be released from some of his classroom role by Alison Hewett (who will be working fulltime in the school for Term Two) so that he can fulfil his Principal's role.

Victoria Cooper will be returning from her Parental Leave mid-year. She will be replacing Scott Johnson when she returns to the junior school.

Fundraising Committee

A huge thank you to the hard-working, committed group of parents who have worked so hard this year to raise funds for our school. Next year we would encourage some new parents to join this group; it is helpful if lots of our parents could take their turn to help out, and be part of an enthusiastic group keen to support the school.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Rachel Allan

Forthcoming Events

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

Fun Day – Thursday 15th December

Last Day of 2016 – **Friday 16th December**

First Day of 2017 – **Tuesday 31st January**

Bike Week - 12th and 14th December

Richard from Project Energise will be teaching children (Year 1 - 8) about bike safety on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th December. Children will need to bring their bikes in for these two days and they can be stored at school. Children will need their helmets and closed toed shoes to participate - no jandals please. The programme includes a bike safety check, games, bike skills and confidence building. Please note that bikes are not to be transported on buses. Bikes can be stored in Room 6 from Monday to Wednesday that week.



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Bone Carving Youth Workshop

Youth Bone Carving workshop, Sat. 10 Dec. 2016, 10.30am – 2.30pm at Toi Hauaauru studio, Main Rd, with Simon and Ruban Te Wheoro. Learning the Basic techniques how to use the carving tools, polishing and completed with weaved thread. Limited spaces. Contact to register: Maryann Tuao mob 021 251 4676, maryann.tuao@gmail.com

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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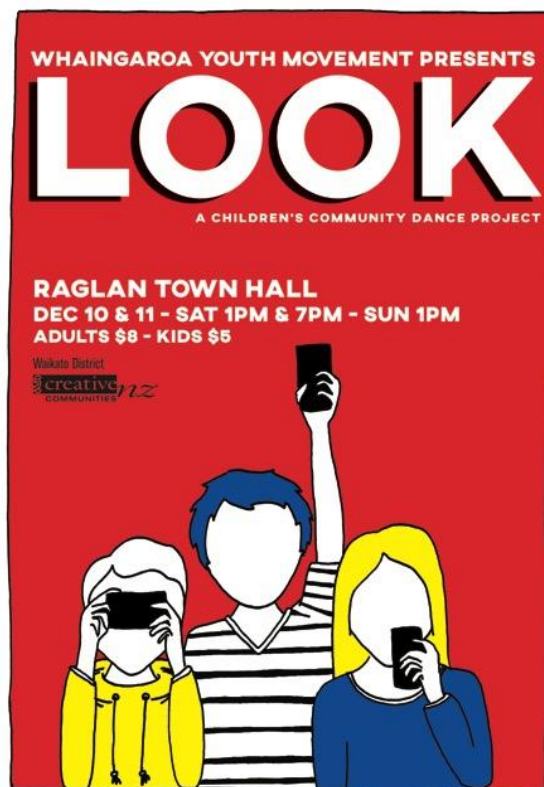
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