

Bus Survey



The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the families who have completed the bus survey. The Board is now discussing the survey results, and will let the community know early next week what arrangements will be put in place for Term 2.

We have investigated the cost of chartering a bus from two other providers, one of whom said it would not be viable for their company to run one bus in our area. The other provider (a local company) quoted \$50.00 per child, per week (\$500.00 per term).

Survey Results:

No. of Respondents (as of 23/03/17):

- Possibility One (use existing bus with 57 spare seats)
- Possibility Two (charter bus for our school)
- Use private car instead of bus
- No response as yet

35/54 out of 'ineligible' families

YES = 1 family (2 children)

YES = 26 families (48 children)

4 families (8 children)

19 families (20 children)

Families who attended the Bus Info evening will possibly recall that the Go Bus chartering cost will vary according to the size of the bus we choose. Therefore, bus fees will vary according to the bus size and the number of children wanting to use it.

For example:

- a) Bus with a seating capacity for **80 children** (3 to a seat) will cost \$52,220.00 per year. **If 80 children use this bus, the fee per child per term will be \$164.00.**
- b) Bus with a seating capacity **60 children** (3 to a seat) will cost \$45,100.00 per year. **If 60 children use this bus, the fee per child per term will be \$188.00.**

We are in the process of contacting the 19 families yet to respond to the survey so that as a Board we will be able to select a bus service which offers the lowest bus fee possible. Do not hesitate to contact Rachel (8255815 or rachela@teuku.school.nz) if wanting to get any further details.

Thinking about joining the Board?

The Board is very interested to hear from anyone thinking of joining the Board. You are welcome to contact Katherine Parrott (027 6225 565) if you would like to find out more information or arrange to attend the next Board meeting to find out how it operates. We recommend the New Zealand School Trustees website to get some really good information about being on the Board, including a 4-minute video providing an overview of a trustee's role, "Becoming a Trustee" ... <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/representation/board-of-trustees>. We have put this link on the Notice Board on our website to make quick access available to you.

Regards, Te Uku School Board of Trustees

Waitetuna Bus Service

A reminder that bus tickets for the Waitetuna Bus Service can be purchased from the Office before the end of term. The minimum that can be purchased at one time is a ticket with 10 trips, cost of \$16.00.

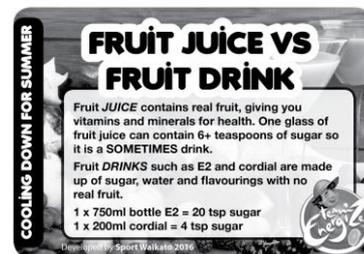
Student Behaviour Management Information Evening

Thank you very much to our 16 families who attended last evening's information session. We had some really good discussion about what we do as a school, and why. We plan on developing an information pamphlet to give to parents on enrolment as the means of improving our communication to our families about our practices. Over the next few weeks, we will provide some information in the weekly newsletter about how we use restorative practices. You may like to use some of the same strategies at home. We will upload the presentation onto the website. Any families interested in this session being run again during the day (9:00AM or 2:00PM), please contact me.

Using a restorative approach...when investigating an incident, avoid asking, 'Why did you do that'? Instead, engage your child in a conversation requiring them to be accountable for exploring and repairing the harm that has been done, using the following questions. You might be surprised with the outcome!!

- What happened? Who do you think has been affected by what happened? In what way? What could be done to make things right?

Nga mihi ki a koutou, *Rachel Allan*



Discovery 4 Camp



How to make a fire with Flint and Steel

Want to know how to make a fire the old fashion way? I bet it's for roasting marshmallows. Anyway to do this get the following, Flint and Steel, dry leaves and branches and I guarantee you'll be roasting marshmallows in four easy steps. Firstly, get thin branch sticks, as thin as 2mm thick. Build a small 12cm high tipi, out of them. Grab 2-3 cotton balls and place them under the small tipi where no wind can blow the flame out.

Now here is the best part... igniting it. Grab your Flint and Steel, place the steel near the handle of the flint. Quickly scrape the flint against the steel, while applying pressure. Light the cotton balls with sparks from the flint and steel then... voila, you've made your fire. (See if you can light the cotton ball in one strike.)

Blow gently on the flame to make it bigger. While it's burning quickly run and get some nikau palm. Grab the fronds off it and put them in the fire. (Make sure the nikau palm is dead.) The fire should be at least 1 metre high by now. Fun fact nikau palm can also be used as a splint for a broken arm or leg. Now you're ready to roast some marshmallows.

The Tree Expedition!

Well, I'll just say, it didn't look so high when I was under it. There I was on the highest point of the tree, wind whipping my face and hair (not really) it was rather a pleasant day, but still!

Beautiful sun light streamed through the leaves making elegant patterns on the on the leaf strewn floor of the forest I love.

As my class mates climbed the two Rimu trees, I picked the hardest one (I'll just say now that it isn't harder) Only one person ascended the harder one before me but he took an unbelievably long time. When my class mate FINALLY came down I hooked myself in, it didn't look so high!

As I put my foot on one of the many cut branch stumps the butterflies kicked in. I pulled myself up, and as I climbed ever higher I noticed how the little rays of sun light shone all across Whaingaroa and mount Karioi. As I reached the mid-point of my climb I looked down, mistake, I was so high it was unbelievable! I was so high I felt like I was in the CLOUDS! I was scared, but with motivating words from down below I agreed to climb a bit higher.

I climbed higher and higher I even climbed higher than my chosen spot! I finally reached the top, the view was supposed to be of the roots of mount Karioi. There was one tree, one tree in the way of me seeing mount Karioi. Oh well, I made it up, that good enough for me!

Discovery 4: WPCA Community Service

As part of the William Pike Challenge Award (WPCA), Discovery 4 students will be working to create a school garden where the old school house used to be. The students will have the support of Charlotte Pearsall who is an expert on permaculture.

Permaculture is a way of being that works towards a fair share for all, caring for people, and caring for the environment. The students are very excited about the opportunity to create a wonderful learning place for all.

If there are any adults out there who might like to support the students, once a fortnight, Discovery 4 would love to hear from you. Feel free to call in and see us, or Mrs Clarkson can be contacted by emailing leec@teuku.school.nz.

Term One Events

Friday 7th April – Cluster softball, Years 5 and 6, Raglan Domain

Friday 13th April – contact the Board by this date if you would like a by-election held

Friday 13th April – last day of Term 1

Monday 1st May – first day of Term 2

Piano Lessons for Beginners

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



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"Get Financially Fit for 2017"
Parents!
Learn about managing your money better!
Share ideas, Save money for the new school year - uniforms, shoes, stationary, Reduce your debt, Plan for the future.
6 Sessions - Starts Wednesday 29th March
(9.00am - 10.30am) at **Te Uku School**.
(refreshment provided)

All welcome to attend. To register contact **Tony @ The Raglan House**, 07 825 8142 or email budget@theraglanhouse.co.nz