

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 10/17

6 Paengawhāwhā 2017

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Student Led Conferences (SLC)

SLCs are scheduled for the first week of Term Two.

Tuesday 2nd May: 3:00 to 3:30PM; 3:30 to 4:00PM; 4:00 to 4:30PM; 4:30 to 5:00PM

Thursday 4th May: 3:00 to 3:30PM; 3:30 to 4:00PM; 4:00 to 4:30PM; 4:30 to 5:00PM; 6:00 to 6:30; 6:30 to 7:00PM; 7:00 to 7:30PM

How do you book your student led conference?

Option One: Book online - <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>, enter the code **w7vkp**, instructions will follow.

Option Two: Ring or see Rachel in the Office and arrange for her to make your booking/s.

*We would love to see a 100% attendance of families to the Student Led Conferences.
If these dates don't work for you, teachers are willing to provide a different date.*

What happens at a student led conference?

At the conference your child will have an opportunity to take a lead in sharing their learning successes and goals with you. They will do this by providing you with examples of their learning or by providing an explanation. The older students should be able to share deeper insights into their learning progress. At the SLC, we will offer a set of questions you could use with your child. 30 minutes is allowed for each conference; other families could be in the classroom having their SLC at the same time.

Why do we have student led conferences?

As part of their development as a learner, children are taught how to self-assess their learning based on a set of criteria. This helps them identify their next learning steps in order to achieve their learning goals. This process enables children to engage with their learning and at the same time they become better at talking about their learning in a confident and informed way. Children become very dependent on teachers and adults if they are always looking to them to tell them how well they are doing and what they need to be learning next. Having children learning 'how to learn' is an important aspect of our school's teaching and learning philosophy. Of course, teachers have an important role in guiding children through this process and ensuring that their assessments and goal setting are relevant to their needs.

How can you support student led conferences as parents / caregivers?

Firstly, acknowledge and value your child/ren's capability to talk about their learning progress and achievements. Provide them with feedback about their successes, and offer advice on their next steps. Children quickly become deflated if their parents/caregivers focus only on what they can't do. Learning is not a competition with others; by engaging in a learning conversation with your child, and letting them take a lead to do this, helps them to grow as a learner. As we know, it is very easy to see what is not going well and then give feedback which could be received as a criticism. As teachers, we always aim to use children's strengths to help overcome their challenges. Facing and overcoming challenges is a really important part of the learning process, so SLCs support our children with their growth as a learner.

This Week's Bus Service Update

This week we have been contacting families to see if they were interested in Possibility One bus service now that it can be used part-time with a ticket system. Joanne from Go Bus has confirmed this bus will stop at two bus stops, Manukau Rd and Norrie Street near the water tower. The following is the latest information we have about what service our families want to use. The Board will notify our families by Monday next week if we are chartering a bus or not. If a decision is made to **not** charter a bus, Possibility One will be the service put in place.

Possibility One (use current bus with spare seats for 'ineligibles'):

(Two bus stops only; can be used on a part-time basis; cost per trip will be \$1.60)

- More families are now seeing this as a favourable option. So far 11 families (19 children) would like to use this bus

Possibility Two (charter a bus with seating capacity for 60 children, \$45,080.00 per year)

- Fewer families are considering this bus option now, which means the bus fee will increase. The \$45,080.00 cost to charter this bus will get divided by the number of children wanting to use it.

Sabbatical Leave

Next term when I am away on sabbatical leave, Bernard (Butler) will be taking over my principal's role. He will still continue to do some teaching in the Junior Discovery. Alison (Hewett) who is currently teaching three days a week in the Junior Discovery will become a fulltime teacher (5 days per week) to take over Bernard's teaching role. During my sabbatical I will be working on a "Transition to School" research project to help improve our procedures. I plan on visiting pre-school centres in Raglan as well as in Auckland and Tauranga to see how they transition children to school. You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions you would like any clarification on the plans we have put in place for term Two.

Nga mihi ki a koutou, *Rachel Allan*





Construction Equipment Needed for Senior School

The Senior School would appreciate any donations of your second hand construction equipment for example lego, meccano, knex, wooden playing blocks, marble runs and toy cars etc. Your donations would be very much appreciated.

Oli and Bev

Book Club Orders

We received two book club orders with no name on the form. The items are waiting at school for their owners to claim them. Please see Catherine Lynagh or contact the office if you think this might be your child's order.

Mountain Bike Event - 12th April 2017.

The individual Champs and the teams event have been absolutely awesome and enjoyed by everyone in the past. The mountain biking event is heaps of fun no matter what your skill level. You can enter online at www.redevents.co.nz

Raglan School's Cricket Festival Day

Due to miscommunication, we have only just received an invite to the cricket festival being held at the rugby grounds in Raglan on Wednesday 12th April, from 9.30 – 2pm.

This fun day is designed for years 4-8 school students, though teams can be made up of younger players if need be. The festival day will involve a series of fun short duration, 8 a side games.

Teams will be guaranteed three games of fast, fun filled cricket on the day. Teams will be of 8 players, but it is recommended that a reserve be included in the team.

All equipment is supplied on the day, so we just need to turn up with a team. Because of the late notice however, school staff are unable to facilitate taking a team to the event, and registration of entry must be made no later than tomorrow.

Is there a parent/s who would be willing to organise a team and transport to this event?

Please contact the Office asap if you are willing and able to take responsibility for this.



Yr 5/6 Tee Ball and Yr 7/8 Slow Pitch Softball

Tomorrow's tournament has been cancelled.

Term One Events

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

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

SpiritRides
Autumn Holiday Program

WEEK 1: Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st April
WEEK 2: Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th April

For children aged 5-13. \$60/day.

Learn all about Horse and Pony Care, Vaulting, Riding, (incl basic dressage, jumping) Natural Horsemanship and Communication, Horse Massage, Fun Games and much more. Make new friends and enjoy time with our safe and happy ponies and horses.

Day Option ONLY, unless otherwise arranged! (Please contact me, if you wish for your child to stay the night with us. Very limited numbers for this, \$60/night incl. food)

We also offer:
- Pony Rides: \$30/30min.
- Riding lessons: \$40/30 min. - All ages and levels
- Vaulting (Gymnastics on Horseback): \$60/hour for up to 4 vaulters. All ages

021-577115 or waitetuna@hotmail.com
www.spiritrides.website or FACEBOOK

Due to popular demand for **Equestrian Vaulting** (gymnastics on horseback) I am starting an afternoon of Vaulting Fun for children and teenagers!

We will be spending time on the vaulting block and the horses, but also play games and train to build up strength, flexibility, get fitter and more confident. All in a fun and supportive team environment. And what's best- we do it with horses!!

Suitable for total horse novices as well as children that have been riding or doing gymnastics already.

Check out this clip to learn more about **SpiritRides** and Equestrian Vaulting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbEMiXFmDs>

Vaulting is a sport that is quickly becoming more popular here in New Zealand. Demand is higher than availability, so let's make a great start building our teams here in the Waikato!
Group 1 Juniors (5-7 year olds): 3.30pm-4.30pm; only 5 spaces!
Group 2 Seniors (8-16 year olds): 4-5.30pm; only 7 spaces!
10 week course (5th May-7th July) only \$120

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Wastewater Rates are Rising in July

The Waikato District Council is making changes to reduce the risk of wastewater spills into our environment.

This means the single district-wide wastewater rate of \$752.68 we planned to introduce in 2017/18 will rise, starting in July.

If you have a septic tank, and do NOT pay a wastewater rate, this change does not affect you.

If you pay a wastewater rate you will receive a consultation document in the post by 13 April. It outlines three options for you to consider. Come to a drop-in session in your area to find out more. Details are on our website.

Make sure you have your say.

Submissions close at 9am on Monday 15 May 2017.

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/annualpl



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