

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

### **Bus Stop Safety**

This week teachers have been visiting the Water Tower bus stop to see how safely children are getting off the bus and crossing Norrie Ave. Please read through the following points and talk to your children about the importance of improving safety at the bus stop:

- Children to move on to the footpath when getting off the bus.
- Parents / caregivers to wait at actual the bus stop.
- Please keep off the grass verge alongside the road.
- Be mindful of the other people trying to use the footpath.
- Cross the road at the bus stop, after the bus has departed. It is really important that we ‘train’ the children to cross at the place shown on the map. Please set this example as adults.

Dean from Raglan Police has also observed what is happening at the stop. He strongly recommends crossing the road at this specific place. He also emphasises the importance of our parents setting this example. There have been reports of ‘near misses’ and teachers have also observed children running out on to the road.

For your interest, vehicles passing a parked school bus are required to reduce their speed to 20KM per hour.



We are going to contact the WDC to see if they will paint a zebra crossing at the bus stop. Dean and Matt from NZ Police are going to be invited to come to school and teach our children about safety at the bus stop.

It is important that we all actively support safety at the bus stop. We achieve this best through our own actions. The school and Dean do think that this is a suitable bus stop as long as we all use it in the same way.

### **Growth Mindset Project**

Over the last 18 months, the teachers in the senior school have been involved in a Growth Mindset research project as part of their professional learning to improve student writing. The teachers in the junior school have now joined this professional learning programme. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be putting some information in the newsletter to inform you of the sorts of things we are doing as a result of our learning. We hope that you will not only find it interesting but you will also be able to use some of the same strategies at home.

In October, three teachers will be presenting our research project findings at the ULearn Conference being held in Hamilton in the October holidays. We were excited to find out that our submission to present had been accepted. We look forward to sharing our learning with other teachers to help them understand how better results in writing can be achieved with the children in their school.

### **Interschool Speech Contest**

This morning we held the interschool speech contest here at Te Uku School. Six schools participated; the standard of speeches was really high. All of the contestants can be congratulated for making it to the finals, well done. The research and practising were evident in all presentations. Lovely to see teachers and families from other schools attending this event.

Today’s results are:

	<b>Years 5 and 6</b>	<b>Years 7 and 8</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Cooper Miller (Rotokauri)	Ella Kells (Rotokauri)	Liam Townsend (Rotokauri)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Cole Viljoen-Thomson (Rotokauri)	Matthew Roughton (Te Uku)	Magnus Grant (Waitetuna)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Eva Kanellis (Te Mata)	Philippa Houston (Waitetuna)	Ezra Lucas (Te Uku)

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

## Junior Football Tournament – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Last Friday 40 junior children and 4 seniors attended the Junior Interschool Football Tournament. We had fantastic weather and the children represented Te Uku School really well. We saw some impressive football skills and great sportsmanship. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported with transport, managing teams and positive encouragement from the sidelines. Below are a few comments from some of the children who attended.

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August some of the juniors took part in a soccer tournament at Bremworth Park. There were 7 rounds and it was a tiring day. Four D4 students also went as refs. Everyone did very well. - *Keira, Jodie, Jack & Kanika*

Last Friday some kids from the Junior Discovery went to a football tournament at Bremworth Park in Hamilton. The weather was nice and hot. Our team played roughly seven teams from other schools. We were allowed to bring money to the tournament to buy food and drinks. The lines were ginormous! Our team won four games, tied twice and lost once. It was awesome!! - *Oscar and Indie L*

## Term Three Events

School Assembly – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 9:15AM, hosted by Junior Discovery

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 6:30PM

Kapa Haka Festival – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, hosted by Te Uku School at Waingarō Marae, starting at 9:30AM with a powhiri.



## Kids Clay Classes

Fun creative play with clay



Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays | 3.30-5pm

Monday - October 16 - December 11

Tuesday - October 24 - December 12

Thursday - October 26 - December 14

5 - 12 years old | Bookings essential  
\$80 per child | \$70 for additional siblings  
Includes materials and firings

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## Parawai School Golden Jubilee

We warmly invite all past pupils, staff, BOT, PTA and parents to join us in celebrating 50 years of education at Parawai Primary School on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

For a registration form or more information please phone 07 8688117 or email [administration@parawai.school.nz](mailto:administration@parawai.school.nz).

## Ag Day Registration Reminder

Te Uku School Ag Day - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00AM

Group Day (interschool event) - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Te Mata School, 10:00AM

The 2017 Agricultural Days for our community will be taking place in the first week of Term 4. Children who are interested in entering an animal into this event can collect an Entry Form from the Office. Agricultural Day is a competitive event in which children can take part with a calf, lamb or kid. They compete in age groups and in categories such as *most obvious pet, leading and rearing*. Official judges do all of the judging; all of the children who enter into the school event are encouraged to enter into Group Day as well as the Waikato A & P Show (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October). Children will be given access to guidelines to help them prepare for the day.

Entries to Te Uku School Agricultural Day must be returned to the office no later than **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

