

**Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 29/17**

**14 Mahuru 2017**

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

## **Kapa Haka Festival**

One week to go!! There are six schools participating in the festival. We are really looking forward to it, our kapa haka group is fully immersed in their practices.

Thanks to everyone who is working behind the scenes to prepare for this big day!!

### A few reminders:

- Children in the kapa group will have a Permission Form to return to school within the next few days.
- A uniform is being provided by the school for children in the group: Girls will be provided with a black dress adorned with feathers attached to a strip of material with a kowhaiwhai design. Boys will be provided with black shorts and a belt adorned with the same kowhaiwhai design.
- Could families donating food for the soup please ensure it is at school by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.
- Amber Hartstone will text all of the confirmed helpers with any reminders.
- Please send morning tea baking/fruit to school by **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**.

## **Bus Stop Safety Update**

Gareth Bellamy from the Waikato District Council has visited the bus stop and made the following recommendations:

- Move the Bus Stop further along Norrie Ave (about 50 metres) and replace the grass verge with a sealed section for a bus pullover spot. Gareth is currently consulting with others to get this done; he will contact me when this change is going to be made.
- Children and parents to still cross the road where the bus stop currently is sited. Gareth reported that a zebra crossing will not be painted on to the road due to this placement not meeting the required criteria.
- Gareth has recommended to Go Bus that they add signage to the back of their bus, for example, “20KM, slow down for children”.

Please do contact me, or call in to see me, if you would like to discuss the plans we have in place.

## **Fundraising Committee**

A big, big ‘shout out’ to the FRC for supporting the school with its fundraising. This is a very small, dedicated and hardworking group of parents who have been planning and running fundraising ventures. They would love more parents and caregivers to help out, perhaps you could consider doing this for a year or two. If everyone takes their turn, it would share the load. They do not have heaps and heaps of meetings, a lot of things are arranged via texting and emailing. Please contact the Office if you would like to join the FRC.

The FRC has recently helped with the funding of these projects:

- Kapa haka uniforms
- Bark for the playground (has now been ordered for the school holidays)
- Building a sandpit (starting on 30<sup>th</sup> September)

## **Dress-Up Day – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

The FRC has organised a dress-up day for the last day of term. The children are invited to come to school in their onesie, PJs or other dress-up clothes for a gold coin donation. This money will go towards the sandpit project.

## **Term 4 Hui for Senior School Families**

Early next term we will be holding an information evening for our senior school families about the learning programme planned for 2018. Families of junior school children are also very welcome to attend. We will provide more information about this in next week’s newsletter. Previous years we have had a really good turnout of parents; it is a great opportunity to share your ideas about the type of learning you would like to see provided for your children.

## **School Reports**

We are in the process of redesigning our End of Year School Reports. If you would like to share your ideas with me, you are welcome to email or ring me (rachela@teuku.school.nz or 8255815). Even better still, call in to see me and I can share some examples of what we are planning. We are interested to hear what sort of information you would like to receive in a report; thanks to the people who did provide some ideas in a survey done at the time of Student Led Conferences in May. We are using these ideas to help with our improvements.

## **Ag Day Registration Reminder**

Entries to Te Uku School Agricultural Day must be returned to the office no later than **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**.

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



Phil Shea and Richard Thomson will be visiting the schools on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** to talk to the children about looking after their animals and preparing for Agricultural Day. They will arrive at Te Uku School about 9:30AM. Would anyone be able to bring their child's lamb or calf to school on that day? Please contact the Office if you can help.

Nga mihi ki a koutou,  
*Rachel Allan*

### Interschool Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, 13th September, Te Mata, Raglan Area, Waitetuna and Te Uku Schools all went to a netball tournament. There were two courts, one for the year 7 and 8, and one for the year 5 and 6. It was sunny and quite hot, but there was a little bit of rain. Both teams had three games and both Te Uku teams got to the final. It was really tiring but super fun. For some people it was hard to not stop. Both Te Uku teams got second and had a lot of fun. Over-all everyone had fun.

### Tamariki Touch

Tamariki touch will be starting up again in **Term 4 on Thursday 26th October** (8 weeks). Games will now be held on Thursday afternoons, not Fridays. In order for teams to play against a wider range of teams – teams can have a variety of mixed age players from Yr 3 to Yr 8 in each team. We encourage younger players to play alongside older (maybe experienced) players in a team of approximately 8 players – (6 players on the field). Now is a good time to start getting a team together, naming your team and finding an adult to assist your team.

A muster will be held on **Tuesday 3 October** between 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm outside the Raglan Rugby Clubrooms. Register and more info on our Tamariki Touch facebook page. Cost is \$10 per registered player. Also, you can contact Jacqui 021 043 1127 or Niki 027 323 5770.

### Sandpit Working Bee

Big strong Dads (and Mums!) are urged to come along and help out at a 'sandpit working bee' planned for about Saturday 30th September. If you are willing to take part, please let Rachel in the office know, and when you will be available to help the Fundraising Committee with this epic project!

### Term Three Events

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 26<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.

Last day of Term Three: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

First Day of Term Four: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### Casual School Driver



Go Bus Transport have a casual position available in the Raglan area. The position would relieve part time drivers when on leave or sickness occurs.

There could be the potential to become a permanent part time driver, should a position become available.

Full training will be given to the successful applicant.

You will require a full class 1 driver's license, a great attitude, be reliable and communicate well with students.

Our recruitment process includes Drug Testing and a Police Vetting Check.

Please contact

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## 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

Raglan Old School Arts Centre | 825 0023 | [info@raglanartscentre.co.nz](mailto:info@raglanartscentre.co.nz)

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### Disco

Friday 15th September

Raglan Area School

\$3 entry

5ys-7yrs	3:30pm-5pm
8yrs-10yrs	5:30pm-7pm
11yrs-13yrs	7:30pm-9pm

Come join us in celebrating....

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori

Dress up as your favourite super hero.  
Any Maaori super heroes receive a prize.

\$1-3 baking, savouries, drinks & ice  
creams