

TE UKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 32/17

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Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Te Uku

Welcome back to school

Welcome back to the final term for the year; this is a 9-week term so it will fly by!! On Wednesday morning we had a powhiri to welcome our new children and staff. This week we have also enjoyed the return of 5 children who were away last term, great to have you back!

The children have all settled into their learning and the juniors are very, very excited about their new sandpit. We are really grateful to the fundraising committee and the volunteers who spent time over the break getting this ready for the start of the term. It is going to be really well used. You may have noticed we now have new bark on the playground. The fundraising committee has subsidised this project, thanks again to this great team of hard working parents.

Please check the end of the newsletter for some important event dates.

Agricultural Day

On Tuesday 17th we enjoyed a great Combined Te Uku and Raglan Area School Agricultural Day. Altogether 12 children took part. 11 of these children are entering into Group Day on Friday. The judges were very complimentary of the preparation the children had put into their animals. It was a lovely day enjoyed by the children, their families and our visitors. Well done for supporting this event. We will send out the results in next week's newsletter.

Quite a few children entered into cupcake decorating competition. The theme "We love Raglan" resulted in some creative and interesting designs. We enjoyed the stories some children wrote to support their creations!! Check the website for some photos.

Staffing Changes for 2018

Just recently we have received the resignations of two teachers, to take effect at the end of the year.

Victoria Cooper who has been on parental leave this year has decided to resign so that she can spend time with her daughter, who is now 14 months old. Victoria is interested in doing some relieving work so we may see her at school from time to time.

Lisa Wheeler has won a role as syndicate leader of a 'junior team' of teachers at Bankwood School in Hamilton. We would like to congratulate Lisa on her promotion, this is a very exciting career step for her.

We will let you know the date on which we will 'farewell' both teachers. This farewell will happen near the end of the term. The Board of Trustees is currently in the process of appointing two teachers to replace both Victoria and Lisa. These appointments will be announced early in November.

Sun Hats Term Four

A little reminder that we will be wearing our wide brimmed sun hats when outside during Term Four. If your child does not have a sun hat yet, please contact Rachel in the Office. Sun hats sell for \$15.00.

Senior School Learning Programme for 2018 Hui

All interested families are warmly invited to a "Senior School Learning Programme for 2018" hui being held on Wednesday 8th November, 6:30 to 7:30PM, in the school hall. The purpose of this hui is to share with you the learning programme we are planning for 2018, including plans for Education Outside the Classroom (school camp) and William Pike Challenge Award, as well as a whole lot more!! The senior school teachers, Carol Carlson (teacher of technology) and I will all be attending. We are keen to hear your ideas and expectations for your child's education, you will be encouraged to share those with everyone.

School Roll 2018

Could you please let me know if your child will not be returning in 2018 (apart from Y8 leavers). My contact details are rachela@teuku.school.nz. or 8255815. This information is useful to have as we start planning for the 2018 school year.

2018 Community Questionnaire

The Board of Trustees invites you to provide your thoughts and feelings about your overall impression of the school. We have set this questionnaire up online with Survey Monkey; the link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YCLGF75>. Please feel free to comment on any aspect of your child/ren's involvement with the school. We value your positive input as well as any suggestions for improvement. Could you please complete this survey by Friday 3rd November. The results will be published later this term. Please contact the Office if you would prefer to receive a hard copy.

Nga mihi ki a koutou, *Rachel Allan*

Lugtons Round the Bridges

Time to register! Our team is set up. Please register online at <http://www.roundthebridges.co.nz/entry-info/> and click on the big pink button "Enter Online". Fill in your details - the name of our team is Te Uku School. You will be entering as part of a team and will be required to enter a password - *heartsandminds*. The cost for the 2km Challenge is \$8 if you pay before 12th October, or \$10 before 13th November. Please contact me if you have any queries. Bev: bevt@teuku.school.nz

Term Four Events

Raglan Boys and Girls Group Day: Friday 20th October, 10AM, Te Mata School

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 31st October, 6:30PM

Interschool Tabloids: Friday 3rd November, Te Uku School

Te Uku School Athletics Day – Tuesday 28th November

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 28th November, 6:30PM

School Reports sent home – Thursday 7th December

Interschool Athletics Day – Friday 8th December

End of Year Assembly – **Junior Discovery** – Tuesday 12th

December, 9:15 to 10:30AM, Te Uku School Hall

End of Year Assembly – **Senior Discovery** – Tuesday 12th

December, 6:30 to 7:45PM, Te Uku School Hall

Last day of Term Four: Thursday 14th December

First Day of Term One, 2018: Tuesday 30th January

What the Junior Discovery think about the new sandpit

"I like playing in the sandpit." Izzy

"I like using the toys in the sandpit." Maia N

"It will be great to get some toy trucks and build ramps for them" Cameron

"It's fun digging and making bridges." Devon M

"It will be good to have a pulley so we can dump sand over our castles." Henning

"It's really cool and fun to build bridges that join on to each other." Ryder

"You can make sand castles even if you don't have a mould as you can just use your hands." Oscar

"Seeing the children in the sandpit building, creating, problem solving, helping and sharing together has been a really positive opportunity for their playing." Mr Butler

"It is a great new addition to our playground. The children are all using it well – respecting each other and the equipment, and enjoying being out side." Mr Johnson.

"Lots of the children are really keen to get in there and play. As children were having their healthy snack yesterday the children chatted about how to use the sandpit thoughtfully and had a really good understanding of how to do this. It is going to be very well used." Whaea Lisa

"It has been great to see the junior children's inquiry project from 2016 made a reality. The sandpit is going to get so much use and we really appreciate all the hard work that has gone into its construction." Whaea Catherine.



Term 4 golf coaching commences on Wednesday 25 October till December 13th 2017. Sessions are from 3.30-4.30pm and costs non-members \$20 which gives the golfer an annual subscription. All equipment is provided. Cancellations will be rung in by 1pm on the day. Peter Aim, Raglan Golf. 0276547625

Our New Sandpit - Te Uku Fundraising Committee



We are very excited to have our new sandpit nearly completed over the school holidays. Myself along with the generous help from Dan & Ange Thompson -Savvy Construction, Roydon Hartstone and our Caretaker Basil worked tirelessly to get this completed in time for the children to start back Monday. So far it has been a huge hit with the children and will be a great asset to the school. We have ordered a Canvas Cover and Shade Sails, which should all be completed and installed over the next five weeks, just in time for summer.

We would like to thank the following people for their kindness and generosity in helping to get this project finished:

Dan & Ange Thompson - Savvy Construction for the donation of the total build of the Sandpit.
Roydon Hartstone - JR Earthmoving for the Digger useage, Digging of the Sandpit & organising our free sand.
Charles Wedding - IH Wedding & Sons Ltd for their donation of all our sand.
Drew - Kiwi Timber Supplies for all our discounted supplies needed for the build.
Rob & Noeleen Poolton - Raglan Excavations for discounted delivery of the Digger.
Amber & Clint Hartstone - Truck Useage kindly donated.
Darrel Olsen - Heavy Metal Haulage for the delivery of our sand.
Mark Tinetti - Placemakers for the kind donation of our Pallet.
Basil Turnbull - Te Uku School Caretaker for his endless help with everything.
Sayers Landscape Supplies for the kind donation of free delivery of our Topsoil.
Deborah van Staden - Project Manager & Te Uku Fundraising Committee
Jane Stockton for writing our funding application.
Lee & Mike Clarkson & Neems Family for all their help with dirt & sand labouring.

Also all the parents who have kindly donated in some way over the past few years to make this project possible, whether it was baking, buying our fundraisers or donating your time. We really appreciate it, and remember without everyone's contributions all of these projects would not be possible.

We would also love you to join our casual fundraising team, please see Rachel in the office to become part of our next big exciting project.

Many Thanks
Deborah van Staden
Te Uku Fundraising Committee



Surfside Church is running their FLIPT programme for primary school age children for again this term. This is a fun programme with games, craft and some values based teaching via DVD. The children will also receive a healthy snack on arrival. It will run once a week on a Wednesday afternoon for 5 weeks starting Wednesday 22nd October until Wednesday 22nd November. Start time is 3.00pm and finishing at 4.15pm when parents may collect their children. It is to be run at the Surfside Church facility at Te Uku. Parents are invited to give a Koha towards the cost of running the programme and the craft their children will bring home when they drop off or pick their children up.

Children will be supervised walking across the paddock from the school when school finishes. Only those children who have registered with the school office or Surfside Church will be brought across so the school knows who are not going on buses that day. There will be a van available to drop children to homes in Raglan after the programme. Please register with us if you require this service. Also if your child requires a booster seat please make one available. If need be you can co-ordinate getting these to us by contacting us using the numbers below.

Any enquiries to Surfside Church office on 8255199 or email info@surfside.co.nz or the FLIPT Coordinator, Janet Peart on 8255855, email janet.peart@surfside.co.nz or txt 021 1040245