

# **TE UKU SCHOOL SPECIAL NEWSLETTER for 11th December 2017**

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

## **School End of Year Assemblies: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Our end of year assemblies are being held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, in our school hall.

**Junior Discovery: 9:15 to 10:30AM**, and families are invited to join their children for their morning tea break following the assembly.

**Senior Discovery (Discovery Three and Discovery Four): 6:30 to 7:45PM**

At both assemblies, we celebrate 2017 with children's performances, and we also say farewell to our Year 8 children. Both assemblies are hosted by the Year 7 and 8 children. We hope lots of families will be able to attend.

## **Farewell Assembly: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2:00PM**

Everyone is invited to join us to say farewell to four teachers: Lisa Wheeler, Alison Hewett, Victoria Cooper and Sue Brown (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour for our local schools). Following the 2:00PM assembly, families are invited to join staff for an afternoon tea.

## **Change of Term Date 2018**

In Term One, we will be closing the school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March so that the teachers can attend a professional learning session with James Nottingham in Hamilton, an educator from the UK who is regarded by many as one of the most engaging, thought-provoking and inspirational speakers in education. His passion is in transforming the most up-to-date research into strategies that do work in the classroom and are practical for teachers. We are interested to attend his workshop to support the work we have been doing in our school over the last 2-years on growth mindset.

This means that the school year will be extended by one day; the last day of 2018 will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Go Bus has assured the school that our Raglan Bus Service will run on that day.

We understand that the changes to some dates will cause inconvenience for our families. However, it is a golden opportunity for the teachers to engage in some good quality professional learning together.

## **Term Dates for 2018**

Term One: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April (school will be closed for the public holidays, Waitangi Day and Easter, as well as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March).

Term Two: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July (school will be closed for Queen's Birthday)

Term Three: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Term Four: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December (school will be closed for Labour Day).

**Please note, school will close at 1:00PM on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.**

## **Senior School Camp 2018** (important notice for this year's Y4s, Y5s, Y6s and Y7s)

Discovery Three and Four will be going to Wai O Tapu camp from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 (Week 8 of Term One). We will be needing plenty of transport and parent help so please mark those dates on your calendar! We will be sending out more details and requests for help at the beginning of the year.

## **Last day of School – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

School will finish at the usual time of 2:45PM on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to wish all of our Year 8 children all the best with their transition to high school. We look forward to your special farewell at both assemblies tomorrow. We would also like to wish other families and children leaving our school all the best with their changes. Thank you everyone for your support of school events and fund raising, etc throughout the year. Hopefully we will see many of you tomorrow.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

Rachel Allan

**Have a happy and relaxing summer break!**