

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 19/19

4 Hōngongoi 2019

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

As term two comes to an end, we are already thinking about many of the exciting things that will be happening in term 3. On the Friday of the first week we will be welcoming our newest students with a mihi whakatau – you are all welcome to attend this event with us.

Our revamp of the school section is something that has kept a core group of parents and staff busy throughout this term. We have worked hard to prepare the site and complete much of the ground work for our TREEmendous day on the 3rd of August – which we are hoping will be an enjoyable celebratory community event for all. In the meantime, there is still work to be done prior to this. If you can lend a hand planting, digging, mulching etc, we would love to see you on the mornings of either the 8th and/or 15th July.

We have also recently received notification that ERO (Education Review Office) will be visiting us during the week beginning 9th September, as part of their regular review cycle. As you know, we have a wealth of things to share with them about the many positive and unique aspects of Te Uku School. Your voice, along with student voice is an important part of this review process. We will let you know closer to the time how you can contribute to this.

To celebrate the end of term tomorrow and all that we have achieved, we will be finishing with a Fun Friday Fundraiser – Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle. Thank you to those who have already dropped off donations of baking. Please remember to send children to school tomorrow with a few gold coins to purchase some of the goods on offer.

I wish you all an enjoyable break time and look forward to reconnecting with you in term 3.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Pip Mears – Principal

Farewell Miss Dee

We wish to thank Miss Dee for her dedication to the Year 5/6 class over this past term. Miss Dee formed positive relationships quickly with all students, teachers and the wider Te Uku whānau. Through her passion for art and sustainability she led the students through a range of interesting learning inquiries. We have appreciated her contributions to Te Uku School and wish her well for her upcoming travel.

School Photos

We recently had our student photos taken by Photopilot, which was kindly organised by Katherine Parrott. The photos that will be available to view and purchase for your child, will be emailed to you during the school holidays by Photopilot. Please keep an eye out for this email. The closing date for orders will be Friday 2nd August. As you may be aware, we are fundraising this year for much needed upgrades to our school pool. By using this platform to purchase school photos, a portion of your payment goes directly to helping our school. All photos will be delivered to the school for collection during Term 3.

Term Dates 2019

Term 1:

Thursday 7 Feb - Friday 12 April

Term 2:

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3:

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4:

Monday 14 October - Thursday 20 December

Upcoming Events: Term 2 2019

June

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Last Day Term 2
Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale

Disengagement Strike Action

Primary principals across the country have voted to reject the government's offer for settlement of our negotiations. The government failed to make an offer that addresses our key issues. We are concerned that little is being done to ensure that being a primary principal is seen as an attractive career option.

While I'm really happy that our teachers won back parity with their secondary colleagues, the same wasn't offered to primary principals. We think that if parity with secondary is fair for teachers, then surely it's fair for principals.

The offer also would have seen some principals in smaller schools paid less than some teachers in larger schools. It's important that all communities are able to attract teachers into becoming principals, and that won't happen if they can earn more as a teacher.

As a sign of our concern we have voted to withdraw the goodwill we extend to the Ministry of Education work that is additional to our day to day role running schools. I will not be participating in any form of work programme, taskforce, meeting with or reporting to the Ministry between July 8 and August 16. I will continue my professional leadership of the school during this time.

Principals continue to hope that the government will hear us and address our issues. We are committed to continuing our campaign until they do. Personally, I am grateful for the support that our parent community has shown throughout the campaign. I hope you will continue to show your support next term if it is necessary.

Yours sincerely

Pip



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