

Te Pānui o Te Kura o Te Uku 30/19

17 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2019

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

Welcome back to our fourth and final term for the year. We have lots planned for these next ten weeks and look forward to having you on board with us throughout, until we finish up for the summer break on Friday 20th December.

Myself and 4 of our senior students enjoyed a very special occasion at the University of Waikato on Monday, where we joined a delegation from Waikato Tainui in welcoming 22 teachers from Chile. It was a delight to see our students making connections with both Te Reo and the Spanish they have been learning, in an authentic context. We are looking forward to hosting 4 of the teachers from Chile, on the 22nd (mihi whakatau – all welcome), 23rd and 29th of October and again on the 5th November. They will be working alongside teachers across the school on these days.

Thank you to those families who completed and returned the BOT Community Survey at the end of Term 3. We are collating all of the results and will share them with you when this has been completed. While there was overwhelming support for our new initiative to share learning and achievement via Educa in the form of student learning portfolios, there was also a strong interest from respondents in receiving a written end of year report. This will therefore replace the continuation of the learning portfolio this term. We will look at ways the two may be integrated in 2020.

With 2020 fast approaching, we are beginning to make plans for next year. One thing that is crucial for me in this process is knowing exactly who we are and are not expecting to return to Te Uku School next year. If you are aware your child's current enrolment with us may be changing, please let me know this sooner rather than later. We are excited by the strong interest in our school and the new enrolments we are currently receiving.

We know many of you were unable to join us at the Western Cluster Kapa Haka Festival, so on Wednesday 30 October we will be sharing with you a performance by our amazing Kapa Haka. This performance will be followed by an information sharing time, for those who are interested in finding out more about what the Y7/8 experience at Te Uku School will involve in 2020. We hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Pip Mears – Principal

Board Talk

Wow, we are already in the 4th term of 2019! What a great and eventful year we have had so far including the sustainability project, multiple grants for the swimming pool, Tremendous, speech competition and kapa haka just to name a few.

We had a very positive visit from the Educational Review Office and look forward to reading their final report. Thanks to everyone involved for making their visit a success.

The Year 7 and 8 classroom remodel is all go at the moment and should be wrapped up by the middle of November.

We are still working with NZTA, Waikato District Council and our neighbours to improve road safety at Te Uku. Unfortunately, nothing is going to change in the short term. Please remain vigilant to keep everyone safe in the parking lot and on the road.

This year Te Uku School has been using Educa as an online platform to share student learning with their families and to report progress and achievement during the year. The recent community survey had questions to get feedback about Educa, if you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher.

At our August board meeting, Pip discussed Writing Moderation that the staff undertook in July. This work involved reviewing and agreeing on what writing looks like at each curriculum level. The school achievement in writing was reviewed and the Assessment Plan in Writing was updated.

Our next BOT Meeting is the 14th of November, please let us know if you have any issues that you would like the BOT to discuss.

Kristi Daniel - BOT Chair

Tabloids 2019

The Interschool Junior Tabloids are being held at Te Uku School on Friday 1 November. All children from the Juniors will be participating in a range of fun activities, along with about 300 junior children from local schools. Our senior students help to run this fun filled day. Te Uku School will have 8 teams. Each team requires a parent/caregiver helper who will be able to stay with the team and help them move quickly and safely from one event to the next. If you are able to help on the day (from 9.30 am to 1.30pm) could you please email Catherine Lynagh catherinel@teuku.school.nz

More information about the day will be sent home next week.

Calendar Art Fundraiser

Today the children have brought home order forms to buy calendars and other products featuring their own artwork. We are currently working on the pieces of art in class. Families are able to purchase calendars, cards, mouse mats or sketch pads for \$12, or a diary for \$15. Orders are due back at school on Wednesday October 30. All the art will be finished by the end of next week, if you would like to see it before ordering. To pay online, please use **Fundraiser** as the reference. Cash payments need to be sent in a named envelope.

Kapa Haka Performance and Y7/8 (2020) Information Sharing

Venue: Te Uku School Hall

Date: Wednesday 30 October

Time: 6:00pm Kapa Haka Performance

6:45pm Y7/8 (2020) Information Sharing

Upcoming Events: Term 4 2019

October

- 22 Mihi Whakatau – 9am, all welcome
- 23 Amazing Race
- 25 Ag Day Waitetuna
Calendar Art - final orders due back
- 30 Kapa Haka Performance - 6pm
Y7/8 Information sharing evening – 6:45pm
- 31 Y1 Assembly

November

- 14 Y7/8 Assembly
- 22 Y7/8 Cricket festival
School Disco
- 28 Y5/6 Assembly

December

- 2 Western Cluster Athletics
- 3-4 Y7/8 Camp Raglan
- 12 Y2-4 Assembly
- 13 Picnic in the Pines
- 18 Junior Assembly – 9.30am
Senior Assembly – 6.30pm
- 19 Y8 Leavers Dinner

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 - Friday 20 December
(28th October Labour Day)

Term Dates 2020

Term 1:
Tuesday 4 Feb - Thursday 9 April
(Good Friday 10th Apr)

Term 2:
Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
(27th Apr ANZAC observance day)

Term 3:
Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4:
Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December

FLIPT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 30th October until Wednesday 20th November. Start time is 3.00pm with the team onsite from 2.45pm and finishing at 4.15pm when parents may collect their children. It is to be run at the Surfside Church facility at Te Uku. Koha donation welcome

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.

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Price changes
effective from term 4
Te Uku Farmers market
School Lunch Price List

Pies	\$3.80
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Just Juice	\$2.50
Calciyum	\$3.00
Chips	\$2.00



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