


UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

2023 Term Four, Week Three, Newsletter

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In case anyone is looking for me, I'm not in the principal's office this term, I'm in the boardroom. Over this term, I will be using this space to do some exploration around how we can better cater for the diverse needs of our students. Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Vincent, and I will be spending time together to get educated about different approaches that could benefit the rising generation. It is exciting and a little unknown. As we develop this space we will share our learnings and journey, but it is a journey so it won't be finished in a term and we will take our time to get things right for our tamariki.

Everyday our tamariki are faced with new challenges. This term, we have had a large influx of vapes in the school. It was disappointing to discover students across the school have been bringing vapes and using them in the school. Our kura is a smoke free, vape free environment. I am determined to keep it this way as much as I can. In the first instance, if your child is involved with vaping at the kura they will go through some education on the topic and share their learning. If your child repeats the behaviour they could risk being stood down from school or school activities for some time. Please support our school efforts to keep our grounds free from this epidemic.

The gala is fast approaching and I'm getting excited. I personally will spend quite a bit of time at the food and baking stalls. I'm also excited about our Upokongaro Rising Star Ayden Neilson, who has agreed to provide some entertainment for the evening between 5-6pm. He is an inspiration to our tamariki and I am so happy he has agreed to share his talents with us.

Staying on the topic of the gala, we still need lots of parent support. There are jobs for everyone. On Wednesday the 15th we will spend the day prepping the hangi. We need peelers, cutters, packers, and cleaners. If you can help out in this area please call the office and put your name down for the job.

On another note, it is so good to hear some of the achievements of so many of our tamariki. As they start their assessments for the end of year, many of them are excited about their progress over the year. One of our super star students went from reading at level 8 to level 19, which is two years progress in one year. Well done, Trezharn!

Finally, we have to say see you later to one of our dear whaanau. To Redmond, Trezharn, Chevy, and Camaro, we wish you all the best in your new journey and want you to know that our arms will always be open to you. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Mrs Browne



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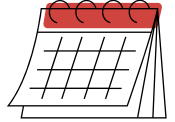
Please ensure your child has a school hat for Terms One and Four. They are available at the office for \$18 and are compulsory in these hotter terms.

Juicies - \$2

Juicies are available every Friday at second lunch. Please pay through the Kindo app and collect from the staffroom deck at 1pm.



WHAT'S ON....



November

- Friday 3, 10, 24th, Senior Dance lessons at Kaitoke School
- Tuesday 14th**, Cluster Athletics at Cooks Gardens, Whole School attending, transport provided
- Thursday 16th, **Upokongaro School Gala**
- Monday 20th - Tuesday 21st, Teacher's Only Day - Professional Development: **No School**
- Wed 29th - Fri 1 Dec, Y7-8 Camp at "That Place"

December

- Friday 1st Dec, Mitre 10 Tough Kids Year 3 and up at Cooks Gardens
- Thursday 7th, Prizegiving at Upokongaro
- Thursday 7th, Reports sent home
- Friday 8th, Y7-8 Dinner and Dance
- Tuesday 12th, Last Day of School for 2023, 12pm finish

February

- Tuesday 6th, Waitangi Day
- Wednesday 7th, School Starts for 2024



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HAUNTED HOUSE

DONT BE AFRAID
BE VERY AFRAID

27 TO 31 OCTOBER

In shadows deep, this house does stand,
A daunting sight across the land.
Dare you approach with trembling knees,
To claim sweet treats, if you please?

With eerie creaks and ghostly moans,
We'll greet you with sarcastic tones.
'Brave souls,' I'll jest, 'come closer near.
For lollies sweet, you must not fear!

The Holy Grail'neath ancient doorstep waits,
Guarded by the Villa's eerie traits.
Adorned in master's loving art, she lies,
She rests at last beneath the Starry skies.

Bring a torch and spare undies
MU Haha Haha ARGH ARGH ARGH

GOLD COIN DONATION
goes to Upokongaro School

21 Tayforth Road, Westscare, WHANGANUI ... 5.30pm to 8pm

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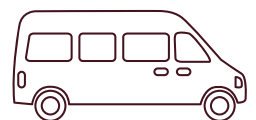
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GALA GALA GALA!!!

For the first time in four years, Upokongaro School is putting on their long-awaited school gala. This event will be held on Thursday 16th of November from 5pm. We are raising funds for new bikes, bike storage (in the form of a container) and re surfacing of our court. This will be the beginning of our new "Bikes in Schools" project.

Our busy gala team have been working hard applying for sponsorships and donations, but we need your help whānau! We are asking for ANY new grocery item donations. We know times are tough and we are trying very hard not to ask a lot from our families, but we can't run this gala without your support, so any items will be a great help. All grocery donations can be dropped off at the school kitchen. There will be a lot of gala correspondence heading your way soon. Below gives you an idea of the timeline and what it could look like



Week 1-6: Grocery Donations

Week 3: Batons up and Hangi tickets will go on sale.

**Week 4 : White elephant household goods
can be dropped off at school.**

Week 5: Donations for Fresh vegetables/ bread etc for our Hangi

Week 6: Baking for our cake stall

Any queries or questions or if you can donate or support in any other way, please email sarndra@upokongaro.net



MyKindo Hangi Purchases

No need to join up to mykindo , just click the blue heading link above to order a hangi.

Please be in quick as they are in hot demand and there are only 300 for sale.