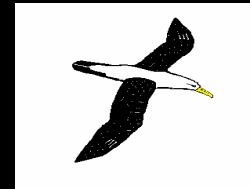


Tahuna News



Welcome

A reminder that all newsletters are posted on the school website. There you can keep up with school events as well as read about the past years work. Newsletters can also be sent to you by email. This is ideal if you have trouble receiving your fortnightly newsletter from your child. Just email me and I will add you to the list.

Vicky Sandford is now on leave, and we are all eager to see her new baby ... soon. Mr Radford will be teaching in room 1 for the remainder of the school year.

It has been a busy start to the term, with many College Teachers adding to the staff team for our students. The extra enthusiasm, shared skills and team teaching possibilities does add to each school day.

Tahuna has been selected as lead school for the ICT PD contract that most of the Tahuna Contributing Schools will be working on over the next few years. The main focus is on improving teaching and learning through the use of ICT across the curriculum. We are thrilled to have won this contract and the Ministry's money for this development. A meeting this Friday with the Ministry will finalise the contractual agreement, and each school will be developing

their programme from teachers and students needs.

Following the recent positive ERO review, ERO staff are returning to Tahuna to glean more information for their current book on best practice in teaching.

Ministry staff from Wellington also visited Tahuna this week to see features our new building designs, again looking to share good ideas for all schools. Very positive.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Writing Challenges

Exciting writing continues and this week we had some great pieces submitted for our writing challenge by our budding young writers on I Hate....

Year 7 Winner

Tesheena Nash wrote on why she hated Whitebait.

Highly Commended

Gemma Baldock
Erin Gearse

ODT Extra - Otago Social Studies Quiz

Up to 70 students with an interest in Social studies attended sessions on a variety of skill areas such as – World mapping, NZ mapping, Important dates in History, faces in the News, World and NZ Current Issues, Five clues to determine person / place, cartoon

interpretation and flags of the world.

Nearer Quiz day we sorted our top ten teams so unfortunately only 30 children could go through.

They all performed with merit and once again were up there when the results were announced for the sixty – nine teams who competed.

Places were as follows:-

2nd equal on 94 were Daniel Barnett, Matt Mulconroy and Sam Dolan.

3rd on 93 were Zeb Laqekoro , Brent Cheshire and Joshua Livingstone.

4th on 90 were Jeremy Barnes, Ishu Roy and Michela Verwey.

Then we had teams on 89, two on 85, one on 83, one on 82, one on 80 and one on 78.

With 69 teams competing we were more that satisfied with the team efforts especially when one finds that our tenth placed team still managed to out score about 40 other teams.

Young writers work published



Larissa and Anna have had a strong piece of collaborative

writing accepted by the ODT for publication in the next Extra Newspaper. We are pleased to see students continue to rise to Tahuna's weekly writing challenges. Well done girls.

Y.I.P Card Awards

The following children have been rewarded at recent Assemblies for their efforts and attitude in and about the school.

Gold Cards

Beth Goulstone
Sam Doran

Silver Cards

Matthew Todd
Kyrin Hanning
Kate Robertson
Oliver Mason
Gareth Harrison
Andrew Harper
Alex White

ANZ

During the ANZ Maths Week some of our keen mathematicians got involved in their maths challenges and problem solving and were winners.

I heard that the prize list for Tahuna included the following :-

Rulers, pens, drink bottles, mini digital camera and an ANZ account with \$50 credit.

Congratulations to Brent Cheshire, Cheng-Ju Yen, Greg Thomson, James Millar, Henri Faulkner, Jed Leishman and others who I failed to track down.

Sorry, but these prizes are appearing in the mail over many school days. We do not have a full list of names.

Recycled Fashions

Last week Rm5 held a recycled fashion parade. Items were made from a range of recycled materials including shopping bags, old boxes, pieces of chain and old rapping materials. The students looked great and really showed how creative they can be! Look out French fashion week!



Rippa Rugby

Rippa rugby is underway again for term 4 at the Edgar Centre. Games are played for 30 mins and teams are allowed unlimited subs. Tahuna has 17 teams playing this term and play teams from as far away as Lawrence. It's great to see the Tahuna teams play with good sportsmanship and generally having a great time. The players look great in their Tahuna PE gear. Games will go for several more weeks yet, so come along and cheer for your team.

Swimming

Thanks to those parents who are giving up their time and sharing their expertise with our children at Moana Pool. Our eight groups

are functioning well and children are learning and strengthening skills in a variety of aquatic tasks. Children are currently working on stroke improvement, underwater retrieval, water polo, snorkelling, kayaking, survival techniques and rescue work.

Longford Intermediate Exchange - Gore

On Thursday 30th November 40 children and staff will head south for this sporting/cultural occasion. We leave at 8.00am and plan to be back by 5.00pm. Bus hire is considerable but after the school subsidy children are asked to bring in \$12 for this lengthy trip. Sports /cultural options are:- Volleyball, softball, relay, rippa rugby, tennis, golf and chess.

Term 4 After Hours Art Classes

These classes have now begun and are being held on Saturday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00 and we still a few spaces available. The next session will be on Saturday the 3rd November with the last on the 10th December.

If you are keen to send children in Yr 4 - Yr8 classes then collect an enrolment form from the school or just record the following details :- child's name, age address, ph number and enclose \$16 before posting / dropping in at the school. Enquiries to Mr Hutton Ph 4553994.

Army Bus Visits the School

On Tuesday 31st October the Army Recruitment Bus was available for children to look through so as to gain a better understanding of what the Army

offers as a future occupation. A variety of jobs were outlined, along with ranks you could achieve plus there were pictures of modern equipment used by this service. The value of fitness was outlined and children could also see where we have Peace Forces throughout the World. Many children left this green bus with pamphlets and papers in their possession.

Congratulations Gemma



Gemma Baldock is presented with her certificate by Les Cleveland for her winning the Heart Foundation poster competition. The great thinking behind her idea, as well as the obvious artistic talent was commented on positively by the Heart Foundation, and by Les in his talk. This continues Gemma amazing successes in art competitions.

Great work Gemma.

South Zone Athletics & Tahuna Decca Day

The South Zone Athletic Sports will be held next Thursday, November 9th at the Caledonian Ground. Athletes competing there will have received their notice and programme.

It has been pleasing to see so many practicing for their events over these last weeks.

Students not entered in the South Zone Sports have their own sports day here at Tahuna on this day.

Please ensure your child has sun block, hat, and also warm clothing, to be prepared for any weather that is thrown at us.

LOST PROPERTY

We displayed the 30+ pairs of running shoes and a few pairs of school shoes last week but returned very few to their owners.

Some one must own them so we will put them out again on Thursday 2nd November, so parents / caregivers pop in and see if any of them belong to your child.

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd November, 11.00 – 12.00 swimming at Moana Pool for Rooms 7.10.16.17.

Friday 3rd November – Room 27's Assembly

Monday 6th November – Life Education Lesson commence and run to 29th November.

Thursday 9th November – South Zone + Deca Day Athletic Sports

Friday 10th November – Room 17's Assembly.

Monday 13th November- Oral Communication Exams in Room 28.

Tuesday 14th November- Oral Communication Exams in Room 28.

Thursday 16th November – Yr 8 Tahuna students off to Bayfield in 2007, visit Bayfield for the day + 11.00 – 12.00 swimming

at Moana Pool for Rooms 7.10.16.17.

Friday 17th November – Rooms 7 + 10 Assembly.

Tuesday 21st November – Otago Athletic Championships.

Thursday 23rd November – Swimming at Moana Pool for Rms 9.18.26.27

Friday 24th November – Room 26's Assembly.

Thursday 30th November, 11.00 – 12.00 swimming at Moana Pool for Rooms 7.10.16.17.

Thursday 30th November, 8.00 – 5.00pm, 40 children representing seven sports, travel to Longford Int in Gore.

Wednesday 13th December – School Concert at Dunedin College of Education Auditorium in Union Street.

School Support

Thanks to the following for supporting the school with their incentives:

Mc Donald's, KFC, Video Ezy \$2 Shop

No old coins accepted from now on for any purchases at school. These can still be returned to banks though.

Positive Comments from the Recent ERO Report

“Student engagement: Students show high levels of participation in class and

school-wide activities and sustained engagement on learning tasks. Classrooms are well managed, lessons have a strong sense of pace and students make quick and orderly transitions between activities. Teachers focus on learning rather than behaviour. Students stated that they enjoyed learning in this school."

Learning environment:

Senior managers and teachers provide education in an environment that suits this age group. This includes offering a range of sporting and cultural opportunities, challenging outdoor activities and positions of leadership. Teachers give their time to provide extra activities, for example the lunchtime programmes. Teachers' involvement helps create the positive culture evident in the school and contributes to caring and productive relationships between students and between students and teachers. Students' efforts and successes in all curriculum areas are celebrated."

"The range of opportunities beyond the classroom:

Students have access to a range of challenging and varied learning experiences and activities. A large number of students participate in a variety of cultural, musical, dance and sports groups, student initiated cross-class challenges and organised lunchtime activities. These activities provide opportunities for students to excel in different areas, develop leadership skills, and celebrate their diversity. Students told ERO that they valued these experiences and the opportunities created by

cross-class friendships and new learning."

"Teaching approaches:

Students benefit from teaching approaches that ignite and hold their interest. Teachers carefully select themes of study that provide interesting learning experiences. When

appropriate, they link learning across different curriculum areas and give learning an authentic and meaningful context."

"Teachers use a range of effective strategies to foster students' learning."

"Teachers provide a range of interesting activities, tasks and resources to support students' learning"

"...teachers give students ongoing oral and written feedback that directly relates to the success criteria and points the students towards their next learning goal."

"Technology programmes:

Students have a variety of interesting opportunities to develop their technological skills, processes and knowledge. Teachers work cooperatively to plan, teach and review units of work.

Students show high levels of engagement in the various technology classes. Students' work is celebrated and used as teaching examples. Teachers effectively assess students' understanding of the design process and technological skills."

A reminder that we would like to acknowledge all achievements, so please let us know of your child's successes, and we will include them in print.