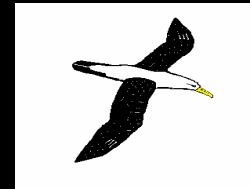


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It has been a busy start to the 2006 school year. Congratulations to all students who are showing us that 2006 is going to be another brilliant year at Tahuna. We are seeing keen young learners who are working well together, and we look forward to refining, challenging and moulding positive attitudes and work habits together.

Thank you to parents who have helped out with our first camps, and those planning to assist over the next weeks. Tahuna fully supports these experiences with extra staff provided, and appreciates the support from our community.

Each year we have initial testing in Reading, Maths, Written language and fitness. We aim for significant improvements for all students in our programmes, and will keenly collate results in November to monitor progress of individuals and document schoolwide trends.

The Board is pleased with progress on the new Art, Food / Textiles Technology rooms. It is hoped that work can start on the next stages, the Library & Information Centre, and the

extensions of classrooms in the main block soon.

If you would like Tahuna newsletters emailed to you each fortnight, please email tahuna@tahuna.school.nz and we will add you to the list.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Tahuna PE Gear

The Tahuna PE Short and T Shirt have had to be increased to \$17 each to cover costs. The school will continue to provide these as a sports uniform as a non-profit venture.

Wonderful Art



Well done Courtney
Cummings

Art to be proud of is displayed around the school buildings. Throughout the year students work with a range of medium and show real enthusiasm for learning from artists and the

highly successful Tahuna programme.



Artist of the week, Esther
O'Loughlin

Room One's Adventure

The road was extremely hard whether it was bone breaking up-hill climbs or being torn apart by towering gorse bushes. The views were worth killing for, even though at times the weather was not always on our side (very hot and muggy!) but we still got most of the good weather.

The first day was exhausting and painful but it was all worth the effort for the greatest achievement was getting to our first goal. We stayed the night at Mrs Sandford's farm where we had a BBQ for tea and a not so good sleep for all the sheep would not shut up. The next morning we were packing up and readying ourselves for the bike to Waihola but not before a climb up Waihola hill. A steep and vertical ascent of 180 mtrs.

The bike was hard still and we all got very sore !!!! But then we got to the flat and it was all right. When we got to Waihola we realised how far we'd actually

gone, 25 km. What took us a whole day we could have done in an hour or two. But the snack and lunch stops were worth it. There we camped two nights. But we still did some activities on Tuesday like kayaking and touch. The last day we just packed up and left but not before a great group egg toss that we won but not without stealing Jonno from another group. Bad luck for them!

By Henri and Ross Room 1

Telecom School Connection

Many thanks to all those children, parents and friends of the school who have helped us with new sign ups in 2006. These can be done at any time in the year and sent in at your convenience. It should be noted that if a Telecom subscriber decides to support a school then there is no extra cost to the subscriber. Telecom make the donation from their profits.

We are extremely grateful for sign ups as it enables us to keep up to date in the ICT Domain without dipping too deep into our own financial reserves.

Recent acquisitions have been our laptop computers which are always being used in classes across the school. Another set of ten has been ordered and classes are looking forward to having this extra set for class use.

School Uniform

Children are looking great in their new uniforms and we thank all concerned for making this happen. We appreciated parents / caregivers ringing the school or calling in to seek clarification on the correctness

of uniform items and if the full uniform can not be worn then a note of explanation is appreciated.

Wearing a replacement item close to that of the uniform is the acceptable procedure. If in doubt please call your class teacher or the office for assistance.

Clear naming of clothing and other personal possessions is a MUST and enables us to return items to the owners if they are found around the school. Experience tells us that it is rare to have possessions stolen at school but it is more common for children to put them down and then forget where that was.

Entries for Australasian Examinations

These Examinations are geared for the more able child in these areas or for the child who has a real love for that particular subject.

If you would like some help on making a decision about your child sitting these exams it would be wise to talk to the class teacher or Mr Ward / Mr Hutton.

Dates / Costs

Computer Skills -	Tuesday 4 th
April [\$6.50]	
Science -	Wednesday
3 rd May [\$6.50]	
Mathematics -	Thursday 11 th
May [\$6.50]	
Spelling -	Tuesday 30 th
May [\$8.50]	
English -	Thursday 15 th
June [\$6.50]	

There are different dates to send entries in but it is easier and cheaper to send all entries across to Australia on the 7th March. I therefore ask that you send entries in by **Monday 6th March** please.

Entry forms now available from the school.

TOKO EDGES OUT TAHUNA



Thomas Dixon in fine form with the bat

Yesterday, on the 20th February the Tahuna Milo Cricket Team drove down to Milton to play Toko College. We won the toss and elected to bat. Thomas Dixon and Daniel Fowler opened the batting.

Thomas Dixon made 37 and Thomas Stephens had a knock of 25. Our total score was 108 for five. On the bowling side Ross Howard got two for 25 off 5 overs. The game remained very close throughout but Toko managed to get the required runs with two overs to spare.

Elliot Gibbins

Room 10 Camp

By Larissa Hinds

"Camp was great." "Camp was warm." "I really enjoyed it." These were some of the mutterings I heard when I was going home from the Portobello Domain Camp. And their talking was true. Miss. McMurtrie, Mr. Hokianga and all the parents that came on camp made the trip awesome.

On Sunday the 19th February, everyone gathered in the Domain to collect instructions on the following tasks that were

going to be done. Everyone was excited and a low chattering echoed through the grassy area.

After all the tents had been erected and the bedding set down, we had lunch. Everybody socialised and sat comfortably in their furbished tents. It was interesting to see what people had brought to eat.

I realised that ,when camp progressed, it was going to be **boiling**. Most of us stripped down to our thinner layers and tried not to stay in the tents to long. To keep us occupied, the teachers and parents gave us activities. It was fun.

All of us really enjoyed camp and I want to do it again.

Comments from New Tahuna Students.

New Friend

Lets me join in games.
Respects me.
Has the same interests as me.
Blonde hair
.....Jess.

Emma Brown

Differences

It 's different as there are hundreds of kids.
It's different as it is a much larger school.
It's different as it has a canteen.
It's different as I have to wear a uniform.
It's different as I actually want to learn.
What's happening next?

Tomas Rowley

Tahuna

Tahuna has 16 classes.
Tahuna has heaps of children.
Tahuna children wear a uniform.
Tahuna is painted green.
Tahuna is a BIG school .
Tahuna is great.

Daniel Mc Combie

Tahuna

Tahuna has a totally awesome library.
Tahuna has friendly students and teachers.
Tahuna has lots of sports teams.
Tahuna has cool assemblies.
Tahuna does real cool technology.
TAHUNA - It's all right here.

Alexa Anderson

It is Different

It is different now because I have to help out at home.
It is different now because I wear a school uniform.
It is different now because I 'm more confident with myself
It is different now because I have new friends.
I love Tahuna - I hope it carries through.

Kayla Hodge

DIFFERENCES

It's different because we have to wear a uniform.
It's different now as we are the youngest not the eldest.
It's different as we never did the 8 lap run at primary school.
It's different when we go around the school because we see tons of new faces.
It's different because there are so many opportunities.

It's different when we enter the class room as it is set out differently.
It's different as it has new rules which we must adapt to quickly.
It's different because of the YIP System.
It's different as we have new subjects like Technology.
Tahuna is a place for new discoveries and new experiences.
AND....I LIKE IT!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Peter Sise who came 1st in the Otago Southland Water Ski regionals for junior boys. He qualified for the Nationals with an effort travelling at 43km/h around the 4 buoys. Well done Peter.

Thoughts from new Year 7 Students

When asked about what they were **pleased with** over recent months the following suggestions were listed.

- ✓ Getting 58% in a spelling test.
- ✓ Always trying to do my best.
- ✓ I got into the Otago Champs for shot put.
- ✓ When people tell me I am good at something.
- ✓ The trolley I made at Technology
- ✓ Coming to Tahuna.
- ✓ I was given a blue card in the first week.
- ✓ The amount of sleep I've got lately.
- ✓ My maths and art work.
- ✓ Doing the Fear Fall 7 x at Rainbow s End.
- ✓ Beating Dad on the luge in Queenstown.
- ✓ New friends I have made at Tahuna.

- ✓ Abseiling at my Yr 6 camp.
- ✓ My effort in the Triathlon
- ✓ Starting at Tahuna and having a great teacher.
- ✓ Having new soccer boots.
- ✓ My bowling and batting at cricket.
- ✓ Doing lots of PE, music and art.
- ✓ Being able to handwrite in class.
- ✓ I am going to get a kitten.
- ✓ Going in the Shotover Jet
- ✓ The kindness of the school
- ✓ That I can surf now.

Saturday Morning Music Classes

- Variety of Instruments
- Instruments for hire.
- One hour lessons
- \$60 for the year
- Other options
- Venues – George St Normal / Macandrew Int
- Enrolment Day for both - Saturday 11th February 2006, 9.30 – 11.30am.
- Inquires to Stephanie Hobbs Ph 4772296

Youthfest

This Friday, Feb 24th 4 – 8pm
The Octagon
Free Entry
Live Music, Free food,
Sporting Identities,
Competitions

Piano Tuition

Enrolments being taken for all ages from 7 yrs upward.
Also adults keen for first or second try.
Ph Bronwen Pope
Teacher of piano & Theory
Ph 4555 972

Guides

An up-to-date organisation encouraging girls

Guides 9 – 14.5 yrs of age

Info : ph Nicola Wilkinson
454 4730 evenings.

Catholic Social Services

Toolbox Prenting Courses
0-6, 6-12
Teenage starts 2nd March – April 6
Ph 477 3403

Karate for Life

Tues & Thurs evenings 6 – 7pm
Experienced teachers, well equipped organisation
Dunedin Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate-Do
Ph 455 0725 or 473 7819

Singing Lessons

Partipation in competitions, Trinity exams, Singing for pleasure, Reasonable fees
Ages 7 and upwards considered.
Ph Elizabeth Nisbet 455 3875

Speech & Drama

Private Tuition given by Carol Krueger ATCL.
Lessons include speech, drama, mime, improvisation, public speaking, theatre and poetry.
Ph 455 7804

JUNIOR REGISTRATION

The Grants Braes Football club is holding junior registration days as follows:

- Tuesday, 28 February, 5.30 - 7.00 pm

- Wednesday, 1 March, 5.30 - 7.00 pm
- Sunday, 5 March, 12 - 3 pm

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd February – Rm 7 go to camp
Wednesday 22nd February – Yr 7 Vision Tests.
Wednesday 22nd February – 22 x Students from Gifu [Japan] to visit the school
Sunday 26th February – Rm 6 leave for camp. Returning Wednesday 1st March.
Wednesday 1st March – Rm 12 leave for camp. Returning Saturday 4th March .
Monday 6th March – Entries for the 2006 Australasian Exams are due in.
Monday 6th March - Parent interviews commence.
Monday 20th March – Anniversary Day – School closed.

Newsletter Received

Please return the following slip to indicate that you have received your newsletter. Slips go in a draw for a prize.

Student _____
Room _____
Yes, I have received the newsletter
Signed _____