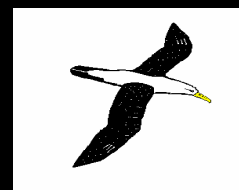


Tahuna News



Welcome

This week started with the choir and orchestra practice for the Intermediate's Music Festival in the Town Hall. The massed choir joined other schools to refine their songs, and the massed orchestra rose to the challenge of playing pieces for the choir as well as individual items.

Throughout each week, instrumental sessions can be heard from our new classroom block.



We are certainly enjoying this new facility at Tahuna.

Tuesday night saw the large Stars on Stage group perform brilliantly on the Regent stage. Congratulations to all students who made this such a success.



Numeracy continues in classrooms with students keenly applying their strategies and

knowledge in a range of problems and games. It certainly has made me delay using the calculator and trying other strategies for my day to day maths problems.

I hope students who sat the spelling exam on Tuesday enjoyed the challenge. We will await the results with interest.

Apologies for this newsletter being a day late this week, but being involved in a meeting with Dunedin's Intermediate and Secondary Schools about a positive collaborative initiative has delayed publishing.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Observatory Visit

Room 10 went to the observatory to study planets. We looked through a huge telescope at Saturn, it looked really cool and you could see its rings. Then we went inside and looked at Jupiter, it had four dots around that were it's moons.

After that we went on the computer and looked at amazing pictures of planets, nebulas and galaxy's.

I enjoyed it because I learned lots about space and saw Saturn for the first time.

By Tim Craig Room 10.

Inter School Chess

We are now into the fourth week of chess games and to

date we have had some close games, some wins and some loses. We have encountered some young competitors who have taught us some new strategies but on other occasions we have managed to show others some of those chess skills which the Tahuna children have learnt over a few years of playing. We look forward to meeting new players from other school over the next few weeks.

Results to date :

On Tuesday 30th, three members of our C Team played a reduced team of three from Arthur Street. Congratulations to the Mason twins who had wins and also to Jeremy who drew his game. Result TNIS 2.5 and A/S 0.5

Stars on Stage

On Tuesday night 30th May our dance item – "Ring of Fire" was presented by 72 talented children to an enthusiastic audience at the Regent Theatre. Our contemporary dancers, hip hoppers, poi dancers and firemen have practised for many hours over the last month or two and it could be seen as it all came together so wonderfully well on stage. The flaming back drop, brilliantly coloured costumes, mobile glow sticks, great movements and the

driving beat from the selected music tracks, created success. In the company of seven other schools this night of dance and movement was a visual and auditory delight. Well done to our contributing schools who featured. It looks as if we will benefit from all their work in the arts when they come on to us.

Thanks to Mrs Hutton , Miss McMurtrie, staff, parents and our hard working children.



Stage makeup on, all smiles and ready to dance

Remuera Exchange

Our school representatives were fine ambassadors for the school and like in the past we had strangers commenting on their good behaviour in Auckland and on their way to and from this large city.

These Tahuna travellers found many similarities between the lives of Remuera and Tahuna children but I thought it worthy to list some of the differences they noticed.

- ❖ The school soccer team train at school at 7.30am.
- ❖ Many children have to get up very early to go to school.
- ❖ They have over 100 children in their orchestra.
- ❖ Where ever we went we saw lots and lots of cars!
- ❖ Walking about it smelt like exhaust fumes.

- ❖ It's wet.
- ❖ They have lots of different eating places in malls and near supermarkets.
- ❖ You have to take your shoes off when you go into Remuera Intermediate School.
- ❖ Children from lots of different countries and cultures go to their school.
- ❖ The school library is BIG.
- ❖ Remuera Intermediate has about 900 children and they have to squash into the hall for assembly.
- ❖ I think the food was more expensive in Auckland
- ❖ They have bendy buses – sort of two buses joined in the middle by an expanding bit of rubber.
- ❖ We saw lots of big houses which must have cost lots of money to buy.
- ❖ The Remuera uniform is different to ours and is the older style of uniform. They also have a school scarf.
- ❖ Many sports teams have to bus to practice or their games.
- ❖ Multicultural practice and orchestra are on at the same time so you can only be in one of them.
- ❖ They have talking bus stops with screens of information, on when the next bus is coming.
- ❖ They have very busy motorways
- ❖ They have lots of shopping malls.
- ❖ They have an indoor ski slope.

The travelling group were very appreciative of this opportunity and thank Mr Ward , Board of Trustees and parents / caregivers for all their efforts.

Laptops in Action



Room 1 respond enthusiastically to a great Japanese website. The pods of laptops are certainly making a difference to students access to information.

Parenting Boys for Success at School

Research shows that parents have a great influence over school achievement.

Joseph Driessen is one of NZ's leading educators in boys' education. He is a regular speaker at National and international conferences and seminars.

Joseph will be presenting a seminar here at TAHUNA NORMAL INTERMEDIATE on Tuesday 13 June, 7 – 9 pm.

Seats – door sales only
\$9 single, \$15 double
To book a seat email j.o.d@xtra.co.nz
with your name and venue name

- The parents seminar will cover
- How to activate boys' motivation
 - Why challenges & goals are so important for boys
 - What boys will read and why this is so
 - Why boys' learning styles are different
 - How to make homework part of your son's life

- How to provide a structure to help your son lift his achievement
- How to inspire your son to reach high standards
- How to provide guidance and discipline
- Mothers' mentoring skills for their sons
- Essential parenting skills for fathers
- How to strengthen identity & self confidence
- Balanced parenting by split families
- How to help your son to grow into a fine young man

Sounds like a seminar not to miss!

40 Hour Famine

Yesterday we received a certificate and letter from World Vision thanking us for our "outstanding contribution". Money raised will bring hope for the future to the lives of many children in countries such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Tanzania and Rwanda. We hope that through the 40 Hour Famine, students felt a link to those in need in our Global community, and developed a sense of compassion for those less fortunate than themselves.

Food Technology



Foods technology is always popular at Tahuna. Groups tried a variety of ingredients to make

some delicious dips. They were healthy too with carrot sticks a popular choice to accompany their dishes.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th June -Queens Birthday – School closed.
Wednesday 7th June - Swimming at Moana Pool for Rms 5.6.14.15
Thursday 8th June, 5.45 – 8.45pm – School Strategy Meeting – Tahuna Normal Int
Friday 9th June - Choir to perform at Assembly
Sunday 11th June - Dance group to perform at the Heritage Dance Event.
Tuesday 13th June – Boys in Education Seminar- Tahuna Normal Int
Wednesday 14th June, 6.30 – 8.00 – Spelling Quiz – Tahuna Normal Int + swimming at Moana Pool for Rms 1.11.12.13
Thursday 15th June – Australasian English Examination.
Tuesday 20th June - Int Schools Music Festival Practice at the Town Hall
Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm – Int schools Music Festival in the Town Hall.

Thursday 29th June, 10.45 – 12.00 School Cross Country at Tahuna Park

Friday 30th June - postponement day for Cross Country.

Friday 30th June – last Day of Term 2

Monday 17th July – Term 3 starts.

Please sign and return the following slip to acknowledge receipt of newsletter. Returned slips will go in the draw for a canteen voucher.

Newsletter Received

Name _____
Room _____

Yes I have received this weeks newsletter

Signed _____