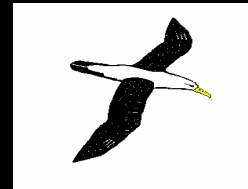


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Parent Interviews are coming up early in March. These follow on from the meet the teacher evening, and are a time when goals for the year can be confirmed and information on general work habits and application in the first few weeks can be shared. Class teachers will be sending home notices about the interview times shortly.

Thank you for the keen offers of help for camps. This is essential for these experiences, and your assistance adds to the schools' effort of having two teachers at all camps. Let's hope our late summer continues.

Board of Trustee elections will be held in March, and information will be posted out soon. If you are keen to stand in the elections, please don't hesitate to phone for any information.

Next Monday we have teachers from Gifu University in Japan visit Tahuna. They always enjoy their time at Tahuna, and it is an annual visit we enjoy hosting. I am sure that they will once again be impressed by our friendly and happy learners who are able to discuss what they are working on with confidence. It will be the first welcome for a group of Year 8

students in the multicultural group, and I know they will respond with enthusiasm to the smiles, camera clicks and video taking of our visiting teachers.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Instrumental Music Tuition at Tahuna

Lessons are available in violin, clarinet and saxophone during school time or lunchtimes at Tahuna. The cost of the lessons is \$30 per term. There are also hire costs if you do not have your own instrument. This cost ranges from \$60 for a violin and up to \$300 for hire of a saxophone for the year. Notices are available from the school office for all those interested.



Students in Room 23 have been looking at making their own folders for saving on the server. With 50 laptops for students, data projectors and cameras, your help with Telecom School slips being returned is making a difference.

Dropping off and picking up children

As you are aware the speed of motorists around schools is being closely monitored of late and we have had officers in marked and multi cars cruising the area. It's a busy place especially after school and we are appreciative that our parents/ caregivers allow time to get to school a little early thus avoiding excessive speed and the possible accident. Another sensible move is to park after school at our side gates or those over the back of the school where fewer cars

assemble and again this takes the volume of cars off Victoria Road and Auld Street. Many parents leave their cars and walk nearer to the school to meet children they are collecting at 3.10pm while others supervise the road crossing if they are on the opposite side of the road to the school. Other adults along with the staff encourage those crossing the busy Victoria Road, to use the crossing.

School Stationery

Distributing stationery to the children went smoothly again this year and we thank you for your prompt filling in forms and returning these with the money required.

If you purchased your stationery elsewhere could you please ensure your child has a homework diary [we have them

at \$2.20 if needed] and \$5.50 is also needed for the eleven copies of the ODT Extra which are delivered throughout the year to our school for your child's studies. Thankyou.

The Ultimate Super Squad

Recently, we had the difficult task of identifying eight children for Studio 2's filming of Super Squad. This show will be filmed at Logan Park High School on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week by Taylormade Media for TVNZ& NZ on Air.

We have nominated two children for each of their four categories.

- a) Sports Billy – A fit sporty person
- b) Star Performer – a person who can perform [sing, dance, act, entertain etc....]
- c) Brain Box – an intellectual person with good general knowledge.
- d) Dare Devil – a person who will give anything a go.

We do hope our children enjoy the occasion and maybe one or two will progress to the next level with the most successful Dunedin Yr8 students flying to Auckland in October to compete for the South Island against the North Island.

Rippa Rugby

This relatively new and fast moving game is once again popular at Tahuna and on Monday of this week the competition got underway at the Edgar Centre with about 20 Tahuna teams fronting for fun. Monday is therefore a day when many of the children and most of the staff transfer venues from

Tahuna to the Edgar Centre where one can see numerous tries being scored on these good sized indoor courts. Games start at 3.30pm and finish around 6.00pm for our class teams of boys and girls.

School Photos

We aim to have the school photos orders away next week. Please ensure any photos you want are ordered through the school office as soon as possible.



Good discussions and planning in the Art Room

What do the Year 7 children think about their new school?

Over the last week I asked some Yr 7 students if they were a little anxious about coming to a new school and did they have some worries? Their responses were as follows:

- ❖ No I didn't have any worries about coming.
- ❖ I thought I might not make any friends. [I have now made heaps of friends]
- ❖ I worried about having no friends as I was the only person coming from my old school.
- ❖ Not fitting in.
- ❖ I was nervous.
- ❖ Rude people teasing me.
- ❖ Getting lost

Secondly, I asked them what they had enjoyed so far at their new school. Responses were as follows:

- ✓ I've got the best teacher.
- ✓ Making new friends.
- ✓ I enjoy P/E
- ✓ Art class.
- ✓ Finding the Library
- ✓ Getting Level 8 on the Beep Test
- ✓ Lots to do
- ✓ Going to Technology classes.
- ✓ Playing on the bars.
- ✓ Buying things from the canteen
- ✓ Getting a 4 * for my Key Ring.[* Highest mark]
- ✓ Getting a Blue card on the third day.
- ✓ I did not get lost or teased.
- ✓ Winning a prize
- ✓ Exploring Tahuna and finding out new things.
- ✓ My classmates are nice.

Thirdly, I asked what they were looking forward to at Tahuna and they wrote down the following.

- Dance Group
- Rugby team
- Choir
- Hockey
- Going to Cooking classes.
- Getting a Bronze YIP Card
- Camping at Portobello Sports
- Cooking
- Miniball
- Rippa Rugby.
- Netball
- Technology
- School Exchanges.
- P/E

- Joining the Multicultural Group.
- Trying new things and learning new things
- Getting Blue cards [School incentive scheme]
- Having heaps of fun and making new friends.
- Reading

In summary it would seem that the biggest concern for children coming on to us was – would they make new friends. After eight days in class this worry had not eventuated as many stated they have made new friends already.

Technology, sport/P.E, Yip Incentive System and lots of choices at Tahuna, were other popular responses.

Cardboard Cup Race 2007

I was fortunate last Sunday to be at the Andersons Bay Inlet watching construction and then sailing of these wonderful seaworthy creations. There were some beauties but I was especially keen to see how the Tahuna lads went in the water. I had watched Jordan De Spong , Aidan Jones and Regan Lord putting the final touches to their craft in the form of cellotape to strengthen and water proof it.

Then it was launch time and the current and wind took them off course and they found it difficult to progress as they were using cardboard paddles not fibre glass ones which many others used.

A sinking unfortunately occurred in these shallow depths but Jordan and Aidan weren't to be beaten as they pulled their water logged boat

around the course and won a \$200 voucher from R&R. True grit – Well done.

Summer

Fishing
Boating
Water skiing
Biscuiting
Hunting
Getting a tan
Having fun
The Summer sun was so intense
People's skin so red that you couldn't imagine it
People diving like dolphins.

By Conall

Piano Tuition

Enrolments are being taken now for all ages from Year 7 upward.
Also adults for first time or a second try.

Phone Bronwyn Pope
Teacher of piano & theory
Ph 4555 292

Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st/ 22nd February - Rm 17at camp.
Thursday 22nd/ 23rd February – Rm 7 at camp.
Friday 23rd February, 2.10pm Cultural assembly.
Sunday 25th – 28th February – Rm 14 at camp
Monday 26th February, 10.25 – 12.30pm – Gifu [Japan] Trainee Teachers to visit.
Wednesday 28th Feb– 3rd March Rm 12 at camp.
Sunday 4th/5th March –Rm 10 at camp.
Monday 5th March – Parent Interviews for Yr 8 Children commence.

Monday 5th/6th March – Rm18 at camp.
Tuesday 6th/ 7thMarch – Rm 23 at camp.
Wednesday 7th /8th March – Rm 26 at camp.
Thursday 8th / 9th March- Rm 9 at camp.
Monday 12th March – Parent Interviews for Yr 7 children commence.
Monday 12th - 15th March - Rm 11 at camp.
Sunday 18th – 21st March - Rm 6 at camp.
Monday 26th March – Anniversary Day Holiday.
Wednesday 4th April, 7.00-9.00pm – Disco by invitation.
Thursday 5th April, 9.00 – 12.00 – School Swimming Sports at Moana Pool.
Thursday 5th April - Last day of Term 1.
Monday 23rd April – Term 2 commences.

Working with Lego.

Using the computers and “brains” students are creating real working models.

