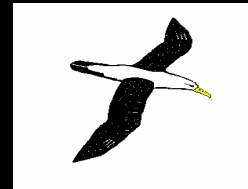


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A special welcome to all our new students, their families, and all returning students. We needed to form an additional Year 7 class this year to cater for the large number of enrolments. I must congratulate our students on their behaviour and work over these first days. Well done!

Thank you for all your efforts preparing for the start of the year. Our youngsters look great in their uniforms. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. This makes returning clothing found around the school an easy task.

We also welcome new staff to Tahuna. Geraldine Doig, Kirby Schell, Emma Stuart, and Rob Wells join our classroom teaching team, while Mari-anne Coughlin will be teaching art in term 1.

Selling the stationery packs here at school aims to have students equipped for their schooling without the need for families to race around looking for books at the best prices. The books are quality brands at competitive prices. Thank you again for your support. Most students are already setup within the first few days of school.

Newsletters are normally on a Wednesday each fortnight. They aim to be informative, outlining coming events, and sharing successes. Newsletters are also on our website, and we are happy to email them to you.

If you have any questions or we can help in any way, please phone Mrs Chittock in the office.

On behalf of our chairperson, Jacquie Tonks, and myself, I wish you all the best for a happy and successful 2007.

Brent Ward
Principal

Cycling

Please ensure you have completed a safety check on your child's cycle, and help their visibility to other road users by at least having reflective tape on helmets. More extensive reflective clothing is of course highly recommended.

Road Safety Around Schools

As you will be aware, there is close policing of speed around schools at present. Every morning cars have been caught speeding past Tahuna this week. Please keep your speed down and arrange drop off and pick up at our alternative gates which are often less congested.

Art Classes

Art classes are being held in the Tahuna Art Room on Tuesday afternoons, from 3.30 – 5 pm. This starts next Tues, February 13th. There are 8 classes throughout the term for \$20. Registration forms are available from the school office.

Telecom School Connection

The Telecom Connection forms for new Tahuna sponsors are being sent home with all new students. This adds no cost to families accounts, requires no

further paperwork, yet is a painless and significant fundraising venture for Tahuna. Students are being rewarded for their efforts in obtaining sponsors. More forms are available.

Meet the Teacher Evening

There will be a meet the teacher night next Tuesday, February 13th from 7 – 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, and for teachers to go over some important points; general goals, expectations, routines, and procedures. Some classes are combining these with pre-camp meetings. It is hoped that these meetings will help 2007 be another successful years schooling for your child.

These are followed by parent interviews in March.

Speech & Drama Tuition

Notices have been made available for students who would like to attend these classes with Mary Flaherty. If you are interested and have not returned the notice, please do so promptly.

Absences

It is important that every absence is phoned through to the school office. For the safety of all students we make every endeavour to contact parents if a student is absent without the school being notified. Thanks for your assistance. It can be a time consuming task for our office, but child safety is the goal. We look forward to 2007 being one of challenge, support, variety and fun.