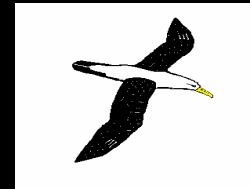


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Over this fortnight parent interviews are taking place for all classes. This is an opportunity to share initial observations about work habits and efforts, to discuss goals for 2007, and for open communication between home and school. I thank parents and staff for the time given for these important meetings. Together we can make a real difference.

Year 7 camps will be completed this week. Despite the weather cooling somewhat of late, these experiences are ideal in building the working relationships within classes. My thanks again for all the support from parents.

It's great to see students who have real interests and abilities in Literature meeting and working together. The bouncing ideas and knowledge off each other, and enjoying sharing their love of books is pleasing to see.

I ask for support from everyone for our Chocolate Sales fundraising venture. This is a short and successful way of raising a significant amount, and your help will ensure this success as in the last few years.

Board of Trustees Elections will be held shortly, and nominations of parents to stand for election need to be received by next Thursday, March 15th, by 12 noon.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Personal Details Card

Thanks to all those who have returned these small yellow [Yr7] or blue [Yr 8] cards containing information on emergency contact numbers and medical / Health conditions. This information is vital when accidents occur and/ or when parents/ caregivers are needed to be contacted.

All but a few are in but it is essential that the remainder come in ASAP.

If, during the year these details change it is great to receive this new information so that an up to date record can be kept allowing us to do the best for you and your child.

School Library

As usual this is a popular place in the school and it is full over morning breaks and lunch times.

Children attend to use reference resources and to read many of the new books which Mrs Burrows has so carefully selected for this enthusiastic age group.

Ms Connor is overseeing the BOB Book Award Scheme this year and already children have read many of the books required and followed up with the related activities. YES!! Reading is a live and kicking for both boys and girls at Tahuna.

2007 Australasian Examinations

Entry forms are out for these examinations in Computing [closed], science, mathematics, spelling and English. If your child is competent in or has a great interest in any of these then he or she may like this added challenge of sitting these exams over the next few months. Entry forms are available from the office or Mr Hutton and it is easier to submit one entry for several exams with one cheque if possible, as the closing dates are scattered like the exams, over the next few months.

Please return science entries to me by Monday 26th March and Mathematics by Thursday 5th April.

Children will be assisted in their preparation for these exams.

Super Squad

Two weeks back we had the opportunity of nominating eight children for the filming of Super Squad by Studio 2 for viewing after school from 4.30 – 5.00pm and also on Saturday mornings 8.00 – 8.30am on TV2. Two children were selected for each of the four categories : sport, performing ,dare devil and knowledge. Over two days filming at Logan Park we had the following children participating: Caitlyn O'Brien, Kirnjit Singh, Mark Burnett, Aleki Morris, Matthew Chilcott, Erana Mc Kinley, Michael Macrae and Jenna Small

After trialling we heard that Aleki Morris had got through to the Dunedin Finals for the Ultimate Super Squad. Also Caitlin O'Brien got in the top 4 for the Star Performers, and Jenna Small got in the top 4 for the Daredevils. The transmission dates for these are

Brain Box Wednesday
21/03 [March]

Sports Billy Monday 19/03 {
March }

Star Performers Tuesday
20/03 [March] (will need to
vote, results will air on 21/03)

Daredevils Thursday
22/03 [March] (will need to
vote, results will air on 23/03)

As for the voting the children will need to watch the show. Here are the voting instructions to enable our children to hopefully go through to the next stage and finally go to Auckland to represent the South Island.

PERFORMERS

To vote for :
CAITLIN from Tahuna Normal
Int text S2vote(space)B to 8972

DAREDEVIL

To vote for:
JENNA from Tahuna Normal
Int deserves your vote text
S2vote(space)D to 8972

Only one vote can be cast per phone and voting is free thanks to Just Juice

Then the film crew will be coming out to Tahuna Intermediate either on the 17th or 18th of May and will be either here for a half day, or a full day depending on the

results of the voting for Caitlin and Jenna.

Vote for Tahuna!

Cricket

We have been fortunate again this year to have the services of Ross Barnett and Will Deerness from Otago Cricket. Both have been well prepared and in the two weeks they have been in the school, all classes have benefited from their coaching sessions. Children have had instruction in throwing and fielding, bowling and batting. We have really appreciated their expertise and I am sure that many of our children had been exposed to the fun and challenges this game can introduce to players.

Normal Practice for Tahuna Children

- ✓ Doing homework and having it at school when required.
- ✓ Bringing lunch and sports / P-E gear when needed.
- ✓ Being at school at least 10 minutes before the bell to prepare for the day.
- ✓ Talking / Listening quietly and appropriately to both staff and class mates.
- ✓ Respecting class mates by allowing for differences, giving them space and celebrating their achievements.
- ✓ Looking beyond the "self" and being a team player.
- ✓ Wearing the full correct uniform with pride.
- ✓ Completing class task as directed by the teacher.
- ✓ Listening to daily notices so as to be informed and involved with the numerous activities offered by the school.

Niggles

A few who swear or use put-downs to upset others.
A few who push or physically contact others unnecessarily.
A few who throw wood chips.

These three are not part of the Tahuna way.

Congratulations

Casey Arnold entered the Southern Region Athletes (covering Wellington to Southland) in Christchurch early February and finished 2nd place in the board relay and 3rd in the diamond race (swim then board). At the Otago surf lifesaving Champs a week later, he was 2nd in the diamond race.
Well done Casey.

Soccer

Recently I heard that the 13th Grade A Squad had been selected and in it are three of our Tahuna boys.
Luke Aicken
Lian Lam Sam-Riley
Thomas Stevens
This squad will play as a team during the Winter competition in the 14th Grade Division in addition to their representative fixtures. Congratulations to these three and we wish them well over the season.

Congratulations

Well done to Jenna Small who successfully tried out for the U15 Otago Girls Basketball Team last Sunday 25th February. We wish her and the team all the best with their representative fixtures.

St Kilda Kindergarten Fair

This event will be held on Saturday 24th March , 10.30 –

1.30pm at the Kindy [47 Victoria Road]

There will be something for everyone : - chocolate wheel, raffles, white elephant, clothes, toys, plants, books, bouncy castle, Jay the Juggler and Magician, morning teas, sausage sizzle and MORE.

Dunedin Technical A.F.C.

Junior Football for 2007 starts soon with registration on Wed 7th March 6.00 – 8.00pm + Saturday 10th March 11.00 – 1.00pm at Culling Park on Royal Crescent.

Fees are :- \$10 for Midgets, \$40 per player and \$65 for Families. [Fees must be paid on registration please]

Otago Sports Depot will be on site for both registration days for all your soccer requirements and EFTPOS will be available.

Inquires to :- Liz Dijkstra 455-2202 or Mike Clark 455-6318.

Pee Wee International Ice Hockey Tournament 20 – 28th March 2007

Billet families are required to host boy and girl players { up to 13yrs } from Canada, USA, Korea, and Australia. These players will be arriving from 18th March and leaving by the 29th March.

Please ring Jackie Christos on 476-3307 or 021 326663 for further information.

Otago Inter-Provincial Athletic Team - 12 – 13yr olds

The following children have been selected to travel to this National event in Christchurch over the Easter break. We wish them the

best and look forward to seeing the medal tally.

Anna Kean
Caitlin O'Brien
Anthony Trainor
Tyler Helm
Ben Larson

An Evening with Nigel Latta

This evening for parents is being hosted by St Brigids School. It is being held at Bayfield High School on March 15th.

Join us for an entertaining and informative evening as clinical psychologist and best-selling author Nigel Latta presents an evening on how to raise children and stay sane. A night of humour, wisdom and insights.

Tickets only \$15 available from the St Brigids School office, Ray White Real Estate 18 Filluel St, or phone Amanda 454 6990.

Limited numbers so be quick.

Pirates Junior Rugby Club Registration Days

Tues March 6th 6 – 7 pm
Thurs March 8th 6 – 7 pm
Sun March 11th 10 – 12 noon

At the Pirates Clubrooms. Free Rugby ball to every registered player.

Pre-season training under 11, 12, 13 Wed 5 – 6pm at Hancock Park. Please bring drink bottles and running shoes.

Contact David McKinlay 4545266, or Kelvin Maker 454522

Southern Junior Rugby Club Registration Days

Venue: Clubrooms, Bathgate Park.

Sunday 11th March 10am – 12 noon.

Tues 13th March 6 – 7.30pm

Contact: Blair Crawford 487 8487
027 487 8489

Free rugby ball for all players who register.

Weetbix Tryathlon Bike Computer

A bike computer has gone missing. If you can help locate it, we would be thrilled to return it to its owner. Please phone the office.

Lost

1 x Reebok watch in the Tahuna / Cranley Street area last Sunday.

Reward – please phone Chris on 455-6823.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th March – Second week of Cricket coaching commences for all classes.

Tuesday 6th/ 7th March – 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.

Tuesday 13th + Wednesday 14th March – Yr 8 lunch time Netball trials on school courts.

Sunday 18th – 21st March - Rm 6 at camp.

Tuesday 20th + Wednesday 21st March – Yr 7 lunch time Netball trials on school courts.

Monday 26th March – Anniversary Day Holiday.

Friday 30th March, 2.10 – Rms 16-17-18 Assembly

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.

Chocolate Bar Fund-raiser

This is our only fundraiser planned for 2007. A fund-raising venture that is quick, about two weeks, and raises substantial funds for your child's school.

Chocolate can be a treat in our diet. Tahuna is not suggesting that it be a normal part of your daily diet.

This fund raising venture is to raise money to continue the provision of high quality ICT resources for our students.

The use of computers, laptops, digital and video cameras, data projectors and other equipment can add greatly to learning opportunities and strategies for working in this ever changing world. Being able to communicate, to search for information, to access the latest ideas and thoughts, and to present ideas creatively is greatly enhanced by the use of ICT tools. Further

developing these resources will add to all student's opportunities.

Please help us by selling these great value chocolate bars at \$2 each. In the first instance we are sending one box of 20 bars home with each child. The boxes have 10 Dairy Milk & 10 Caramello bars. Further boxes can be issued on receipt of the full money for the first box sales. There is also the special Moro Bar packs that can be sold once a first box of choc bars is sold.

There are Mountain Bikes, MP3 Players, Sound Systems and many great prizes for our best salespersons, with other great prizes for all who sell one box going in a draw. Individual prizes, class prizes and the major prizes make this something to really get into.

Parents are asked to assist by selling these bars at work, or at your places of leisure and pleasure.

Students are best in uniform when selling to close neighbours. We do not want students out walking the streets for sales at night. Please oversee selling and safe handling of money.

This fundraiser will run from Friday March 9th until Friday March 23rd, a **short time frame of real activity**, by which time any unsold chocolate and sales money must be returned to school.

Thank you for your support

Brent Ward
Principal.