



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back to term 2 at Tahuna. As you will see, there are a number of articles in this newsletter on Anzac Day. Over the week, Tahuna students showed respect, pride, and a real interest in learning about significant events that have helped shape our nation.

NZEI, the Primary Teachers Union is holding a meeting on Monday May 14th from 1.30 – 3.30 pm. That means that we will not be able to have full staff with full programmes going for all classrooms. We will endeavour to have staff available to supervise students needing this, but ask that you look at alternative arrangements for your child's care on that afternoon.

Please let your child's teacher know if you are unable to make alternative arrangements and supervision is needed at school on that Monday afternoon. We will need to know by Friday, May 11th, to be

able to ensure staffing for supervision. Thank you.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Lit Quiz

Our winning Otago Lit Quiz children has been attending extra classes where they have been reviewing many possible question areas that could come up in the New Zealand Literature Quiz.

We are revising :- main characters, war stories, famous authors, comedy, settings, classics, famous animals, myths& legends, characters' clothing, nursery rhymes, comics, important poems, strange creatures, character pairs and the part trains –boats –cars – planes etc, play in children's books.

Community Health Evening.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, our biannual Community Health Consultation evening will be held in the school hall, from 7pm till 8pm. Year 7 and 8 staff will take you through the present Health programme at Tahuna and there will be an opportunity for any suggestions to our present programme. This

has always been found to be a most informative session, and we do hope large numbers of our parents will attend the evening. Please circle the date on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.



On Tuesday 24th, Greg Thomson started the school day with a brilliant Last Post solo. Jeremy Rei and Jess Hepburn-McFelin read an Anzac poem and an Anzac story at the start and end of the day. We thank these students for their fine efforts, helping us remember and acknowledge those who have given so much for our wonderful country. Thank you team.

Room 10 Assembly Item.

Our item was about war and how Kiwi's were involved. True and Bridget were the comperes and they guided the audience through a time line of conflicts New

Zealanders and Australians were involved in.

True started off by mentioning the Maori land wars. Bridget spoke about the Boer War and then the beginning of World War One. There were light moments, almost skit like, for instance when the boys marched off to war, the girls did an A.N.Z.A.C type chant and the icing on the cake was when Ashleigh Rhodes dressed up like Vera Lynne, a singer in World War 2, and sang a song.

We also had Miss Krystal Hill present some slides about her trip to Afghanistan and answer questions. Krystal thanked students who had written to her in her time on duty.

It was a neat assembly thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and it linked into A.N.Z.A.C. Day quite nicely.

Bethany Vickers

A.N.Z.A.C DAY 2007.

Many in our class went to the Andersons Bay cemetery to participate in the Poppy and wreath laying ceremony. It was really packed with a lot of people. There were so many people from our school there. Many were in guide uniforms, some were in their normal clothes but I wanted to wear my uniform and so did Katelyn in my class. We met up with

other children also in school uniform and we all said "We will remember them," then placed our poppies down when we were invited to come forward to pay our respects. It was kind of sad but I was very proud at the same time.

I have learnt some neat things about the poppy.

Bridget Hendry



ANZAC Day

On April 25 1915 the Australian New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula at a place now known as ANZAC cove. Now 92 years later Tahuna Normal Intermediate School is commemorating and Learning about the ANZACS role at Gallipoli. Some students from Tahuna attended the Dawn Service at Queens Garden. It was a cold start but it was one of the warmer ANZAC day mornings. Tahuna Students also attended the

Andersons Bay Service. Lead by Mr. Hokianga, Mr. Jenkinson and Mr. Wells the representatives from Tahuna were called upon to pay their respects and say the words "We will remember them," followed by the laying of the poppies on the Cenotaph. Overall a good turn out by Tahuna Students on ANZAC Day to remember those who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice.

By Jeremy Rei

Letters from the Trenches

Thursday 26 April 1915

Dear Mother

Living in the trenches is horrible but I am fine. Some of my friends have been hurt which has been a bad loss for me. Every few seconds you can hear all kinds of scary sounds like gun shots.

The only thing you can smell is blood. I will be home safe though, you will have to trust me. I hope you and Rose are safe and I will try and keep in contact. Don't worry about me.

From you loving son

Thomas

Written by; Natalie Grattan
Room 18

Friday 27 April 1915

I could hardly sleep this night so that is why I am writing now.

All I can hear is the repeated gun fire and the groan of the sick. And now I am told to go out to battle.

*If I do not return please take this to my family
I am their loving son Bob Brookes*

Written by; Joel Uttley
Room 18

Multicultural Update

On Friday, 30th March, a small contingent from our Multicultural group walked to the Edgar Stadium and performed at the Pacific Health Expo. This was our first public debut and the children performed superbly, especially Jess, who gave a most moving waiata. Many thanks to Mr Hokianga and the parents who accompanied us to and from this event.

Thankyou

It was great to see such good numbers at the parent/teacher interviews last term and we really appreciate phone calls, emails and notes when there is a need for clarification of a matter or when you feel we need some information which we might not possess. Communication is the key word and we sincerely appreciate the numerous parent / caregiver contacts. Please do not apologise for these calls, notes and emails, they really do help us keep Tahuna ticking over and a safe and happy

learning environment for your children.

As you probably know we are not into mentioning where the information came from as all we sensitively want to do is sort out the concern and make the children happy about being at school so that they can do what is expected - Learn about so much.

So...keep up those contacts with us as they help us considerably with doing our job.

Year 8 Swimming

Once again the Year 8 students are off on Wednesdays this term to Moana Pool for their Aquatics instruction. Thanks for sending in the \$12 promptly. This money covers pool entry and buses.

Students will receive instruction and practice in - snorkelling, survival techniques, diving off boards, diving for objects, rescue techniques, stroke improvement, water polo and kayaking.

First up today on Wednesday 2nd May were rooms 11.12.13 and 14. These classes will also attend on the 9th May, 6th June and 20th June.

Rooms 1.5.6.15 will go on : - 16th May, 23rd May, 30th May and 27th June.

END OF TERM DISCO

Term 1 ended on a positive note, with the School Council Disco being another successful event, owing to the students and staff who attended. Special thanks to our Support, part time staff members and College teachers who also went the extra distance to assist on the night. Thank you also to the parents who promptly collected their children from the hall at the end of the evening.

We were sorry to say farewell to Clayton, our Disco guru, for we have appreciated all his efforts over the many years he has been associated with Tahuna and we do wish him well for the future. \$976 was raised and we look forward to Councillors bringing their class suggestions on how to make best use of the profit, to the next Council meeting.

REMUERA INTERMEDIATE EXCHANGE[Auckland]

**Sunday 13th May –
Friday 18th May**

On Sunday 13 May, 30 pupils, Mr Ward and Mrs Toa and Mr Hinds (BoT), will fly to Auckland where they will be met by their billets from Remuera Intermediate School. From Monday 14 May to Friday

18 May, they will be engaged in a number of educational activities at Remuera and other venues around Auckland. Children have in the past benefited from:- living the life of a busy Auckland Intermediate child, visiting the Zoo, Musuem , M.O.T.A.T and Kelly Tarltons .

I have heard that many have worked hard on assisting about the house and in the neighborhood to raise some money but mainly to show parents/caregivers that they appreciate their backing for this excursion.

Super Squad

The TV2 film crew will be visiting us at Tahuna Intermediate on the 17th May between 9.00 -11.30 to film Aleki Morris participating in four special challenges. These challenges are unknown at this stage but he will no doubt be tested in a variety of physical activities where he will need to go as fast as possible and/or gain the best score possible in the time allowed. What ever they throw at him we know he will represent Otago very well.

Chess

Interschool chess games start very soon and keen players are currently trying

out at breaks for places in our two teams of four players. Children interested should be following the daily notices or listening to the school intercom for more information. Any inquires are welcomed by Mr Hutton.

Year 8 Girls Self Defence



Year 8 girls have the opportunity to attend Self Defence courses here at Tahuna this year. Four classes have completed these, with the rest held later this month.

The first courses evaluation clearly show us that our girls appreciate the opportunity to learn and for discussions on aspects of their personal safety, and the safety of others around them.

2007 Australasian Examinations

To date the children have sat the Computer Exam and entries for the Science and Mathematics exams have closed. . If your child is competent in or has a great interest in spelling or English then Entry forms are available from the office or Mr Hutton.

Please return spelling entries to me by Thursday 3rd May and English by Wednesday 16th May. Children will be assisted in their preparation for these exams.

Congratulations

Well done to Thomas Stevenson who last month had success in the Taekwon-Do grading examinations by graduating to the green stripe level (7th gup).

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd May – Netball starts + Australasian Spelling Entries due in.

Thursday 3rd May – Rm 5 back from camp 1.30 – 2.00pm

Friday 4th May – Rm 7 Assembly

Monday 7th May – Rm 15 off to camp – back Thursday 10th May

Tuesday 8th May, 7.00pm – Yr 7 Positive Puberty Meeting.

Wednesday 9th May 10.35 – 12.30 – Swimming for Rms 11.12.13.14

Thursday 10th May, 9.00am – Australasian Science Exam.

Thursday 10th May, 6.30 – 7.30 NZ Post Quiz in Dunningham Suite , Dn Library.

Friday 11th May – NZ Post Art due in

Tuesday 15th May, 9.15 – 11.30 am School to attend Bayfield Production.

Wednesday 16th May – Swimming for Rms 1.5.6.15 + Australasian English Exam entries due.

Thursday 17th May, 8.00 – 11.30am TV2 filming for “Super Squad ‘ in School Hall.

Wednesday 23rd May, 9.00am – Australasian Mathematics Exam.

Monday 4th June – Queens Birthday – School closed.

Tuesday 5th June - Australasian Spelling Exam.