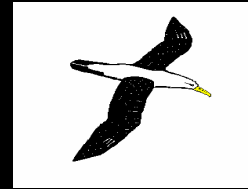


Tahuna News



Welcome

I must congratulate students and teachers for excellent efforts seen in classrooms this week. Students' working in groups, supporting each other, sharing ideas and solutions is evidence that collaborative skills are developing well. Staff need to be praised for setting up the ideal learning opportunities, and for facilitating experiences that require sound social skills.

No doubt you have seen the outstanding displays of students' art in the foyer and around the school. The clean presentation of prints is of a high standard. Mrs Whitson is rightly proud of students' efforts and has their work creatively displayed.

New computers in classrooms have been enthusiastically welcomed. Together with the pods of laptops, students have access to quality technology to support their learning. Three further data projectors have just been delivered, along with very sophisticated new video and digital cameras. There is high demand for these items throughout the school day.

Visitors have been impressed by the positive efforts of students and the range of activities. Folk dance music with classes working together, groups videoing their pieces of scripted dramas, Stars on Stage dance

groups in practice, and groups working with college teachers across the school show our learners enjoying their days. Add to this the experiences added in the Technology rooms and it makes for a school with a learning buzz.

Please go over safety on the road with your child if they are cycling to school. Some boys in particular are putting themselves at great risk racing down the hills, not even controlling their bikes on the left side of the road. We will be looking out for the dangerous riders, but ask for your support too.

Winter is here at the end of the week. We are still concerned about some students being dropped off even before 8 o'clock in the morning. It is cold and their safety is a real concern. Parents are reminded that teachers make every effort to finish meetings and preparation in the administration area so that they are available to supervise students from 8.25 am. Students should not be dropped off before this time. I thank you for your help with this.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Health Consultation Meeting

The Community Health Consultation meeting was held in the school hall last

Wednesday evening and we were delighted with the large number of parents and caregivers who attended. Representatives from outside agencies, who support our school in relation to health issues, spoke briefly on their

role with Tahuna. Staff then outlined their programmes in Outdoor Education, Food Technology, P.E. Fitness and Sport, as well as the topics covered in both the Year 7 and 8 Health curriculum. A questionnaire, inviting feedback on our programmes, was handed out, and once results are collated, we will report the findings back in a future newsletter.

Health Night Format

Welcome – Nic Gibson

Hauora – Nic Gibson

Outside Agencies

Public Health Nurse – Amanda Cochrane

School Chaplain – Melanie McNulty

Police Education Officer – Jeanette Parcell

Year 7 Units

Clean As – Adrienne Russell

Kia Kaha – Mike Jenkinson

Positive Puberty – Patrice Connor

Be Careful Out There – Nic Gibson

Year 8 Units

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Keeping Ourselves Safe – Yvonne Toa

***SAD**

***Revisiting Puberty**

Units Covered in both Year 7 and 8

Food Technology - Kendall McKee

Camp and Outdoor Education – Shelley Hersey

PE/Sport/Fitness/Aquatics – Chris Smith, Roddy Scoles and Mark Hunter

Life Education (From the Shadows and Warrant of Fitness) - Yvonne Toa

Mau Tiaha

On Wednesday 23rd the boys of Room 12 did a tiaha lesson with Miss Doig and Matu while the girls were at self defence. We learnt how to strike to the head, strike to the neck and strike to the body. Also we learnt how to block these strikes.

Tiaha involves a lot of quick reflexes. My favourite part of tiaha was the maui / matau game.

By Daniel McCombie and Morgan Poll



Remuera Exchange

Thirty Tahuna students returned from their action packed week in Auckland, where they had a

wonderful week of making new friendships, fun and being involved in memorable learning experiences.

Thanks to Mr Hutton and his behind the scenes liaison with Remuera staff to put the programme together and top behaviour of our students, who were not only excellent ambassadors for our school, but a pleasure to take away.

High on the highlights would be the day at Rainbow's End and Waiwera Hot Pools, however Kelly Tarlton's, shopping at Victoria Market, visiting the Sky Tower, the session at Motat, Zoo, Museum and Butterfly Creek also featured for many.

Students particularly enjoyed the way they virtually had the rides at Rainbow's End and pools at Waiwera to themselves, as well as being able to cuddle so many cute bunnies at Butterfly Creek.

Along with instructional sessions at various places, such as learning how to programme a computer at Motat, the students were intrigued with fascinating trivia about the colours of the Sky Tower for particular promotions, hearing about the 48 volcanoes in Auckland, or even that Kelly Tarlton's was built in a sewer. For a few of the girls, discovering Supre has a 2 storeyed store in Newmarket, was mind blowing!!!

Even though the traffic flows and huge population made up of so many cultures, was overwhelming, our students soon fell into a routine with their billet and fully immersed themselves into their way of life for the week. Host families and staff certainly went out of their way to be

friendly, helpful and hospitable, for which we were grateful and look forward to returning the experience when the Remuera contingent arrive early next term. [Sunday 29th July – Monday 6th August]

We heard how Tahuna students attended sports practices, cheer leading, ballroom dancing, rock climbing and other performing art practices after school. They were taken shopping at the new Sylvia Park complex, on the ferry to Devonport, an ice cream at the popular Movenpick parlour, out for meals, and shown many famous landmarks of Auckland. Being able to watch television, play board games, walk the dog or visit relatives, also were enjoyable aspects of being included in the billet's family.

So overall, another highly successful exchange, where those who those involved, had a truly fabulous time.

Congratulations

Art

Well done to Gemma Baldock for winning the NZ Post Book Awards Art Competition. Not only did she win a nice prize for herself but she also won a lovely big art book for the school which will have pride and place in Mrs Whitsons Art Centre.

Gemma has won numerous Art competitions and only a few weeks back had won \$500 worth of books. I see that she has another creative piece

ready for submission and we wish her success in this next challenge.

Karate

Recently we had four Tahuna students competing in a Gojuryu Karate Tournament which was held at the Kings High Hall.

Judging was based on how well the carter was performed. This is where a series of moves are made with speed and control.

We congratulate the following for their placings at that event:

Gold - Sonia Glover for white belt.

Gold - Matthew Chilcott for coloured belts

Bronze - Noah Davies for white belt.

Bronze – Alice Buxton for coloured belts

Photography

It was pleasing to see Libby Aitkinson winning photo in the ODT recently. She had won the U14years section with her photo of a Pukeko looking at its reflection in the tidal waters of Purakanui Bay. Then, it was most satisfying to see the actual photo displayed with the others entries, at the Otago Museum.

Her winning photo was class and her other one of red roses was eye catching also . Well done Libby.

Super Squad

The TV2 film crew visited us at Tahuna Intermediate on the 17th May to film Aleki Morris participating in several physical challenges. He had to sprint , do a stint on a stationary bicycle and then negotiate a set skills course. Aleki had the

support of school mates as he ran , dribbled soccer and hockey balls, threw balls at targets and transported large inflated balls. Overall, he did very well and we eagerly wait to see if he progresses to represent the South Island.

Futsal – Indoor Soccer

On Thursday the 24th May Tahuna Intermediate entered a team in the Otago Schools Futsal Competition at the Edgar Centre.

There were teams there from Queenstown and Australia.

Most of the players were older than us and we ended up playing 14year olds from Otago Boys , Wakatipu College and the Australian Team. They were big boys, very tall and the games were hard.

In the final of our age group [13yr olds] we played Queenstown and won the gold with a 6 – 2 result.

Our team was :- Joseph Clark, Mark Burnett, Luke Aicken, Stefan Zetko, Liam Lam San Riley, Ben Larson, Reid Hulman and Thomas Stevens.

By Joseph Clark

Here is a photo of us with our gold medal.



I was fortunate to see the final game and was very impressed to see the high calibre of individual skills on display and

the quality of team play. It was a joy to watch.

A big thanks to Mr Mike Clark for coaching the boys. KCH.

Chess

Both chess teams have had two wins each over the last two rounds.

Games are hard fought and we have found some of the toughest competition comes from the youngest players.

The A's were first up against Macandrew Bay with a close 2.5 to 1.5 result in their favour. Next it was the Kavanagh Team and we faced stern opposition. When two up, it looked liked a draw was on the table, but persistence won through to give us a surprising third win before concluding with a 3 to 1 result.

Our B's played well against DNI to take the win by 2.5 to 1.5 and when they met Andersons Bay again it was full concentration as they had drawn with them in the early round. Again there were four great games and four Tahuna wins to match.

Well done to all players. Chess is available over lunch breaks - all the children need to do is ask me for a room.

Inter school Soccer

With two rounds to go all three teams continue to give 100% and receive great support from

their parents. The format is more difficult this year as we have only

one competition which involves both our Yr7 and our Yr8 teams.

This week our Yr 7 Blue team drew with the Yr 8 Macandrew Int Team in a fabulous game which see-sawed up and down the field. Liam and Henry scored crucial goals but peppered the goal to keep the Macandrew goalie honest.

Perhaps even more notable was the Yr 7 Gold result against the strong Tahuna Yr 8 team. The final score : Eights 6 Gold 0. Two rounds to go and more news next time.

It should be noted that this team of highly skilled Yr 8 players has scored 37 goals to nil against. Well done lads.

2007 Australasian Computer Examination

This is the first of five that we will sit over 2007 and it was pleasing to receive the results in the post the other day.

Our students did very well and a break down of areas of strengths will follow.

Well done to all who sat and congratulations to the following:

Year 8

High Distinction

Matthew Chilcott

Distinction

Erana McKinlay

Jiaheng Wang

Jeremy Rei

Sam Gabbusch

Credit

Ben Black

Aiden Preston

Demetri Raffills

Brian Templeton

Year 7

Distinction

Indy Griffiths

Laura Spencer

Credit

Amy Hickling

Fergus O'Leary

Deina Susilo-Knox

Greg Underwood

Once again it is reassuring to see our level averages were higher than the New Zealand ones with our year 8 students doing the best.

Tahuna Yr8's Av 28.2 [NZ 23.9] and Tahuna Yr7's Av 22.5 [NZ 21.6]

Strength areas for Yr7's

Internet / Email

Graphics / multimedia

General skills

Strengths areas for Yr8's

Internet / Email

Word Processing

Databases / Spreadsheets

Yip Card Achievers

Recently these children were awarded their silver cards at Friday assemblies for good effort and good attitude about the school.

Silver

Carissa Sorensen

Janelle Drinkwater

Jordan West

Rhea Brisbane



Fine Print Making Creations

Diary Dates

Wednesday 30th May , swimming for Rms 1.5.6.15 + 1.00 – 2.30 Choir practice with other Int schools at TNIS.

Friday 1st June – Rm 14 Assembly.

Saturday 2nd June - NO Saturday Art Class .

Monday 4th June – Queens Birthday – School closed.

Tuesday 5th June - 9.00am Australasian Spelling Exam.

Wednesday 6th June – swimming for Rms 11.12.13.14

Saturday 9th June –Lit Quiz Team off to NZ Finals in Auckland.

Wednesday 13th June , 9.00 Australasian Spelling Quiz. +1.15 – 2.30 Int school choirs practice at DNI.

Friday 15th June, 2.10 – Rm 23 Class assembly.

Tuesday 19th June. 9.00 Australasian English Exam

Wednesday 20th June Swimming for Rms 11.12.13.14.

Monday 18th - TNIS to practice at the Regent 2.00pm then to perform that night in :-Stars on Stage at the Regent – Tickets on sale at the Regent from the 5th June.

Friday 29th June –Term 2 concludes

Monday 16th July – Term 3 commences.