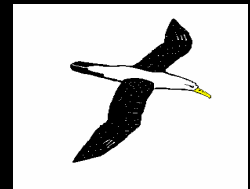


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A special welcome to all new students and families to Tahuna 2008. We welcome all returning students too, and put out the challenge to everyone to make the most of every opportunity. Observing the manners, attitudes, and behaviour of students these first days it certainly looks set to be another amazing year for Tahuna. The warm smiles and greetings from so many are greatly appreciated.

We also welcome new staff to Tahuna. Kristy McBride and Grant Phillips join the staff team, Jade Baird returns from teaching overseas, and Faith McQueen will be teaching Food & Textile Technology.

A huge thank you for your efforts in ensuring your child is prepared for the start of school. The uniforms look great and prompt stationery purchases mean a quick and settled start to the year. I had one question about shoes, and confirm that our uniform is black leather lace up school shoes. A reminder that stationery packs bought from the school are quality brands and help students get the right requirements quickly. It also means parents do not have to shop around for items for small

savings. Thank you again for your assistance here.

A reminder to name all uniform items. Students change for many activities, and discard their fleecy tops wherever they are playing. If named, we can return the items to students easily.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Chittock in the school office, 455 3994.

Newsletters are normally sent home each fortnight on Wednesdays. You can also have a copy emailed to you, or view them on our website. If you would like to be added to the emailing list, please let me know on tahuna@tahuna.school.nz

On behalf of our chairperson, Jacque Tonks, and myself, I wish you all the best for a happy and successful 2008.

Meet the Teacher Evening

There will be short meetings next Tuesday, February 12th, from 7 – 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, and for teachers to briefly go over general points on organisation, homework, routines and expectations for 2008. Some classes will also be combining these with camp meetings. Parent Interviews for discussion on your child's schooling

specifically, will be held early March.

Road Safety Around Schools

As you will be aware, close policing of speeds around schools is a priority. Please keep speeds down and arrange to drop off and pick up your child from our alternative gates which are less congested than Victoria Road. This will be really important as the asphaltting of Victoria Road approaches.

Please also go over cycle safety and check your child's bike regularly if they are cycling to school. They need to know road rules, not cycle on footpaths, and have a safe route prepared.

Speech and Drama

Notices for these lessons with Mary Flaherty are available from the school office. If interested, please return notices or contact Mary.

Saturday Morning Music Classes

There is a wide variety of instruments to choose from. Inquiries to Stephanie Hobbs, co-ordinator ph 477 2296.

Macandrew Bay Scout Group

Scouting provides a safe, nurturing & fun environment for young **boys and girls** to learn and develop in.

Enquiries: Katherine (Scout Group Secretary) 4761443