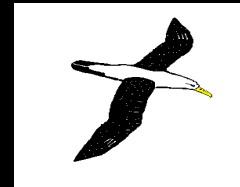


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The first term has been a very successful one – very busy and full on and the time has flown by. Classroom programmes are well underway and the teaching teams are well advanced in their planning for the rest of the year. There is a very positive and engaged atmosphere evident in all aspects of the school and students have made a great start to the year - well done everyone.

Teacher Only Day

The Teacher only day held on Wednesday spent with renowned international educationalist Tony Ryan was outstanding value as he led sessions on the Key Competencies, 21st century learning theories, pedagogy and inquiry. At the end of the day he held a special session for principals and lead teachers on sustaining the day's learning so that we can continue the professional learning in our school. Thanks once again for your support in making the day a success.

New Staff

Mr Nigel Waters has been appointed to the Long Term Relieving position in Room 12, replacing Nic Gibson for the rest of 2009.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Congratulations

Lit – Quiz Success for Tahuna students



The Champion Lit-Quiz Team – Sam Wallis, James Richardson and Grace Cook. Josephine Devereux is away on camp.

Over the last few week a total of 93 children have attended some of these sessions. They seem to have enjoyed looking closely at books and liked the challenge from those with similar interests. Once they had sorted themselves out in teams then those working on a higher plain seemed to sparkled as known knowledge was shared then celebrated.

Then, the two Tahuna teams went to DNI for the Otago Challenge and they nervously competed against other school s as they answered 100 questions in ten sections.

It was tougher than what they had been used to but the team of Josephine Devereux, James Richardson, Grace Cook and Sam Wallis finally won the title

with Erika Savell, Jimmy Flanagan, Kirby Browning and Ryan Thom taking 3rd place.

Thanks to all those children who came along and contributed and congratulations to our school teams for their successes.

It will be even tougher at the National Final in Auckland in mid-June.

Y.I.P. Awards

Silver - Sashika Hendry

Chocolate Sales

It has been an exceptionally successful promotion as the whole school worked as one to sell chocolates.

On Friday 20th March we gave out a total of 45 prizes. Twenty wonderful prizes went first to our top sellers and then a remaining 25 were randomly drawn to anyone who had sold one box or more.

All the IPODS, PSP's and MP3 players , bikes and boom boxes were quickly selected by recipients.

Top sellers in order were:-

1st Kristin Clark
Jessika Porter
Kallum Wheeler
Georgia Lepine
Mitchell Fulton
Duncan Cummings
Sam Barclay
Jacob Glossop

George McKinlay
Cory Cairns
Michael Trillo
Anton Dunford
Zac Taiaroa
Sean Ibbotson
Patrick Hammond
Liam Cowan
Serena Tapsell
Sam Tindley
Julliette McMullan
Seb Van Harselaar.

To children and parents who assisted we again offer a huge THANKYOU.

Junior Champs - Golf



On Sunday the 22 March 4 boys from Tahuna Cody McMullan, Conor Jamison, Hamish Calder and Liam Trainor all took part in their club champs at Chisholm Park. They played in two's. Cody played Liam and Conor played Hamish. They all got off to a great start. But at the start of the back holes Cody and Conor started to pull away from Liam and Hamish. At the 13th Cody was 6 up with 5 holes so Cody bet Liam. At the 17th Conor was 3up with 2 to play so Conor won.

The finalists are Cody and Conor and they are going to play on Saturday 28th of March. Good luck boys! Liam and Hamish are playing for 3rd and 4th Finalists



Classic Hits Choir Competition for Heritage Day

Recently, our choir was recorded singing the National Anthem. It was then played over the radio and supporters had to text in to show support. We came in third and thank those who voted for us.

REMUERA INTERMEDIATE EXCHANGE 24th – 29th May

Thanks to all those who took the time to read up about the exchange and then complete a CV. As usual we had more applications than we had places so not all children can travel. Those successful will hear in the next few days about what comes next.

Print Making



For art this week we have been looking at PRINT MAKING and how to make texture marks with

lino cutters. I started off with drawing my weaving and then cutting texture marks to show the direction of the weave. I found it quite challenging but very fun.
Grace Patu
Room1



Room 11's Camp at Berwick

On Tuesday the 24th of March, our class headed off to Berwick Lodge. Our class completed a range of activities including Abseiling, Kayaking, Survival Skills, Art and co-operative games. Our favorite co-operative game was bivvy building. In this activity we had to design and build a bivvy that would shelter us from the cold if we were lost in the bush. Another activity we were excited about was the amazing Confidence Course. It had ropes to walk along, tires to climb, logs to balance on and a lot of other cool stuff. Another thriller was the flying fox. The more confident people darted up to have a go, while they more nervous hung back to have a look. You shoot down like lightning and end by flying up

into the air with a bang. By the end of the week we all left with smiles on our faces with memories of our amazing camp fresh in our minds.

By Shaye and Jemma Room 11.



Diary Dates

Monday 30th March – Co-operative Games module starts. Runs for two weeks.

Thursday 2nd April – School Disco by invitation.

Tuesday 7th April, 9.00 – 12.30pm Rm 15 out Kayaking.

Thursday 9th April, 9.00 – 12.00 School swimming sports at Moana Pool.

Friday 10th April – Good Friday school closed and holidays commence.

Monday 27th April – First day of Term 2.

Wednesday 6th May 7.00- 8.30 Health Consultation Meeting.

Wednesday 13th May 11.00 – 12.00 Yr 8 swimming programme commences at Moana Pool.

Sunday 24th May – Friday 29th May Tahuna group in Auckland based at Remuera Int.

Monday 25th May – BOT Meeting
Tuesday 26th May – 2nd vaccine for some Yr 8 girls.

Monday 1st June – Queens Birthday - school closed.

Weekly Highlights for Term 1

Wk1 - School Photos and meeting new class mates.

Wk2 – Fitness Testing and Friday music assembly.

Wk3 – Ripa Rugby sessions

Wk4 - School Camps.

Wk5 – Cricket coaching starts.

Wk6 - Interviews and netball trials.

Wk7 - Table tennis.

Wk8 - Lit Quiz and Kayaking

Wk9 - School Disco

Wk10- School Swimming Sports.

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

To be held at the Waikouaiti Race Course on Saturday 11th April at 1.00pm. There will be a vintage car display, karaoke competition, stalls, mystery envelopes, chocolate wheel, sausage sizzle, Volunteer Fire Brigade display and fun races. Stall space is \$20 and for further information please ring Judy Ph03465-8484. Come and join in the fun.



Want to Play Guitar?

4Front School of Guitar, New Zealand's largest provider of guitar tuition, is offering guitar classes at Tahuna Normal Intermediate starting Term 2.

Our lessons are fun and practical and come with loads of extras like CD's with the songs you'll learn and online support to

reinforce at home what's learnt in each lesson.

For more information please call Tim Davis on 489 5959.

School Council End of Term Disco

On Thursday, 2nd of April, the invitation only School Council Disco is being held in the Tahuna School Hall, from 7pm till 9pm, at a cost of \$5.00 per student. This charge includes a drink. Extra drinks will be available on the night, at a cost of \$1 per bottle. Money raised will go towards subsidising the Strike performance and St John First Aid courses for all students, next term. Invitations were given out on Monday the 20th of March, and it is imperative that permission slips and the \$5.00 are handed to Class Councillors **by 9am, Thursday, 2nd April.** Late payments will not be accepted.

A high standard of behaviour is expected from all students and will be a big factor in whether the planned Mufti day goes ahead, in the last week of school. We do ask that parents please collect your child promptly from the appropriate exit, as stated on the invitation. Here's looking forward to a successful, first Council fundraiser, for the year.

Otago Girls' High School Fair

This Fair will be held on Sunday 5th April between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be pony rides, white elephant, ethnic foods, tombola & more!

Come along and support this worthwhile cause.

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OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP
CONFIDENCE THROUGH A SPEECH
AND DRAMA SYLLABUS

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF
VACANCIES IN THIS YEARS
PROGRAMME.

THE SYLLABUS INCLUDES PUBLIC
SPEAKING SKILLS, DRAMA,
POETRY, PREPARED READING AND
READING BY SIGHT, LITERATURE
KNOWLEDGE, IMPROMPTU
EXERCISES ETC MIME,
IMPROVISATION, ROLE PLAY,
COURTESY SPEECHES AND
STORYTELLING.

STUDENTS WILL SIT A NEW
ZEALAND SPEECH BOARD GRADE
EXAM AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

CONTACT ABOVE FOR
ENROLMENT

Coaching Clinics will be non-contact and skill based. Come and learn first hand from John Leslie, Stu Forster and other top rugby players.
*** Warm Up and Stretching Exercises * Passing, Catching & Handling Skill Drills**
*** Evasive Running - Side Stepping and Swerving * Tackle Bag Tackling and Hit Shield Bumping**
*** Off Loading and Support Play**
*** Team and Individual Skill Games and Competitions**
*** Nutritional Advice * First Aid For Rugby Injuries (Self Care)**
*** Kicking - Punting, Place Kicking, Drop Kicking, Attacking Kicking Techniques**

EVERY CHILD RECEIVES A FREE LESLIE RUGBY T SHIRT

Call Kathryn on (03) 466 3051
or email
office@leslierugby.co.nz for a registration form
Be In Quick - Spaces Filling Fast!
www.leslierugby.co.nz

Subject	Entries to Mr Hutton	Date of Exam
Computer Skills	*Thurs 9th April *	Wednesday 27 th May
Science	Wed 6 th May	Wednesday 10 th June
Spelling	Tuesday 19 th May	Tuesday 23 rd June
English	Tuesday 30 th June	Tuesday 4 th August
Mathematics	Friday 3 rd July	Wednesday 19 th August

In endeavouring to minimise the handling of lots of money and entries, it would be appreciated if you could complete one entry for them all.

There will still be the opportunity for you to enter individual exams but please note that forms and money need to be with us on the dates indicated above to allow us enough time for administration and entering.

Please complete the form below and return to Mr Hutton by Thursday 9th April (Essential if Computing is your first examination)

Leslie Rugby Junior Coaching Clinics

WHEN: 20 OR 21 APRIL 2009
TIME: 9.00AM TO 4.00PM
COST: \$60.00 Per Child
AGES: 6-13 (BOYS AND GIRLS)
WHERE: THE EDGAR CENTRE, DUNEDIN

The aim of our Leslie Rugby Coaching Clinic is to demonstrate and instruct fundamental and essential rugby skills to junior players in a fun and interactive environment. The Leslie Rugby Junior

NSW [ICAS] Examinations

It is that time again to think about entering children in the Australasian Examinations for Writing, English, Mathematics, Computing and Science. Now known as ICAS and run by the University of NSW. We find these are great challenges for children who have strong interests / successes in these subjects.

We will run sessions to prepare these children for these challenges.

ICAS Competition Entry

Name.....

Room.....

Please enter me in the following examinations:-

Science \$6.50 ()
 Computer Skills \$6.50 ()
 Writing \$13.00 ()
 English \$6.50 ()
 Mathematics \$6.50 ()

Amount included \$.....

Signature.....