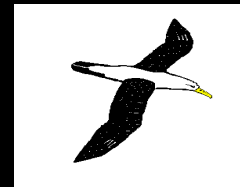


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Well the winter is well underway and as the shortest day of the year approaches teachers are busy writing and preparing the mid year reports for students. These will be sent out in the last day of this term.

Still lots of activities happening with a rather full calendar until end of term which makes this a very busy and exciting place to be.

The Remuera group have returned from their trip to the Big A and from all accounts a very successful adventure for all concerned. Many parents have commented on how the experience has strengthened their children's independence and personal confidence.

A big "Thank you" to Mr Hutton for organising the trip and to Mr Scoles for accompanying the trip. As always they were incredibly proud of the Tahuna student's excellent behaviour, and attitude on the trip – they were a credit to our school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Chris Smith who has been appointed Principal of Millers Flat School and will take up the position in Term 3. Chris is a very good teacher an asset to the school and his skills, commitment and enthusiasm will be missed by all at Tahuna.. We wish him the very best for his new appointment.

Enrolments

There have been lots of enrolment enquires and we can now confirm that the enrolment packs will be sent

to contributing schools before the end of Term 2. Open night will be held on Thursday 6th of August between 7 – 8.30 pm.

Our intention will be to accept all enrolments for 2010 if possible

Grants

We would like to thank Pub Charity for their generous grants for twelve kayaks and 15 kayak life vests. This enables our students to learn kayaking safely with the right equipment.

We have to thank the Southern Victorian Charitable Trust for their grant to support the costs of our Lit Quiz team travelling to Auckland for the NZ Final.

We also would like to thank the Bendigo Valley Trust for their grant for the sewing machines and overlockers in our Consumer Technology room.

Our "Kickstart" golf programme is supported with funding from St Kilda Community Sports Society for which we thank them.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Fun with fabric



Sewing is really fun, I have learnt how to sew a straight line and add zips to my fabric. I made a pencil case.

- Ashleigh Lawson



I learnt how to change a foot on the sewing machine and I have made an ipod touch carry bag. I had fun at Tech this week.

- Logan Watts

I love sewing because I can be creative. All I need is some fabric and a sewing machine!

- Cadyne



Above Cadyne and Ashleigh at work using the new sewing machines purchased from a Bendigo Valley Trust grant.

Absences

Please ring in your absences and leave them on the answer phone before 9 a.m. please.

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Congratulations

Y.I.P. Awards

The following have been successful in receiving their awards at recent assemblies.

Gold

Grace Dillon
Ryan Thom
Connor Casey

Silver

Conor Gale

Congratulations

Ice Hockey

It was great to hear that Ben Wallis and Jacob Hurring have been selected in the under 13 (Peeweews) southern regional team (Otago/Southland). They will go to the national tournament in Auckland in September. The selection process was very rigorous this year, so the boys did very well as there were children from Dunedin, Gore, Alexandra, Naseby, Queenstown and Tekapo trialing.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

It was great to hear that Rosie Hardie and Nadia Tutbury had recently competed with distinction in the Otago Invitational Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition.

They both competed in Level 4 and Rosie took the gold while Nadia received silver. Congratulations to you both for such a fine achievement.

Futsal

On the 19th February I trialed for the NZ Futsal team and then later on Friday the 15th May I received a letter from Vikings Futsal NZ saying I was selected to tour Australia with the New Zealand Futsal team.

We head off to tour Australia on the 5th November and return on the 15th November.

- Josh Dijkstra

Marimba



For the last 2 terms most classes have been doing the marimba. It has been really fun learning new ways of playing music. My favourite was the click and spin. The best thing is that you learn really good hand-eye coordination, beat and rhythm skills. I feel that I have improved my marimba skills especially bass. Overall it is a fantastic way to get into music.

-Jade Kena



Letting us Know

Children are asked to see Mr Hutton if they have had successes / good news which should be celebrated through the newsletter. Parents can also let me know of news worthy items.

keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th June – ICAS Science Exam + swimming for Rms 5.11.13.15.

Wednesday 10th June – Rms 9 +

18 on Tramp.

Thursday 11th June 9.00am catch –up injections for seven year 8 girls + Rms 7 + 17 out on tramp.

Friday 12th June – Rm 9 assembly.

Sunday 14th June- Tahuna Team at NZ Lit Quiz Final in Auckland.

Tuesday 16th June – Rms 5 + 15 out on tramp.

Tuesday 16th June 12.30- 2.45 All Year 7 classes and Rms 1.6.12.14 off to see Bayfield High's West Side Story at the Mayfair Theatre.

Wednesday 17th June 9.30 – 11.45 Rms 5.11.13.15 off to see Bayfield High's West Side Story at the Mayfair Theatre.

Wednesday 17th June – swimming for Rms 1.6.12.14.

Wednesday 17th June ODT Extra Spelling Quiz in school Hall.

4.00 – 6.00 Yr 5 + 6 Competition and 6.30 – 8.00pm Yr 7+8 Competition.

Thursday 18th June – Yr 7 Explorers Expo in the school hall + Rms 6+ 12 out on their Tramp

Friday 19th June – Rm 16 assembly.

Monday 22nd June 10.00 – 10.30 – Stars on Stage Group practice at the Regent with our PERFORMANCE that night.

Tuesday 23rd June 9.00 ICAS Spelling Examination.

Wednesday 24th June 9.00 – 12.30 Sth Dunedin Cluster Hui in school hall + swimming for Rms 5.11.13.15

Thursday 25th June Rms 23 + 24 out on their tramp.

Friday 26th June Room 17 assembly+ Rm 5 Abseiling.

Monday 29th June – Short stories and poems due in to Mr Hutton for the ODT Extra Competition.

Friday 3rd July- School closes holiday break.

Monday July School opens for Term 3.

Weekly Highlights for Term 2

Wk 1- Auditions for Stars on Stage.

Wk 2 – Health evening and Strike Performance.

Wk 3 – Year 8 swimming starts.

Wk 4 - Blue Light Challenge + Music Assembly
Wk 5 – Mufti Day
Wk 6- Samoan Group Practice and SOS practices.
Wk 7 – Winter tramps.

Stars on Stage 2009

“15 Minutes of Fame”
This year we have incorporated several genres of dance as we explore the idea that, whilst we might aspire to be famous, fame may not be all it's “cracked up to be”. All 75 students have been rehearsing since the beginning of Term 2 and these students are our Year 7 Hip Hoppers and our Ballet girls.



Above Ballet girls practise their moves.



Above - the Hip hoppers in action.

Year 8 Swimming and Aquatics Programme

Yr 8 Classes are scheduled to go to Moana Pool on the following dates.

Rooms 5.11.13.15 on the 10th +24th June

Rooms 1.6.12.14 on the 17th June and 1st July

Our Yr 8 programme is running

smoothly with good efforts coming from our children.

Next term it will be the turn of our Year 7's and they will benefit from the new Skills 2 Swim programme which means more sessions and subsidised costs. Hopefully all children will attend and they will be taught according to their level of competence. Please support us by ensuring your child has their swimming gear on the day and only write that note if it is a serious health issue. Often our avoiders are our needy swimmers.

These stats from Water Safety NZ give further food for thought.

- ❖ In 2008, just one in five 10year olds could swim 200m.
- ❖ Only 50% of Year 6 children can swim 25m and 37% could swim 50m.
- ❖ 25% of all children are unable to get across 25m or manage to keep afloat and tread water.

Swimming Togs

Many thanks to those who have donated togs for those children who forget theirs on swimming days. If there are any more out there not needed and in good shape then please give them to us and save yourself a trip to the clothing bin. We appreciate your contribution.

Canvas Shoes



Every Tuesday and Wednesday some people go to paint their shoes in the art room. It is really fun and you get cool looking shoes afterwards. People can do heaps of

things like patterns, pictures or random stuff. There are some really cool designs like the Cookie Monster and Elmo.

It is perfect for rainy days and places are still available. You can get your permission slips at the office and hand it in to Mrs Whitson.

- Hennessey Griffiths Rm 17



Wet Weather

Our grass areas have been hit hard of late plus we have had paths reconstructed by workmen and this has reduced the playing area and restricted movements around the school. However, by having lots of climbing bars and other all weather surfaces the children have still been able to burn off that surplus energy. Regular P/E classes with Mr Gilchrist and vigorous fitness sessions with the class and /or syndicate are important at this time of the year. So overall the majority of our children are settled in their studies and interacting well with peers and co-operating with staff.

At Friday's assembly we acknowledged this good behaviour or most but did make reference to a few points we want improved.

- ❖ Wearing our full school uniform.[No Skatie or sports shoes please]
- ❖ Not wearing sports gear home.
- ❖ A little bit of “attitude “ is evident in speech and body language.

Thank you for support in encouraging positive behaviour and attitude in our school.

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NSW [ICAS] Examinations

Just another reminder about children entering the Australasian Examinations for Writing, English, Mathematics, Computing and Science. Now known as ICAS and run by the University of NSW.

Subject	Entries to Mr Hutton	Date of Exam
Computer Skills	Entries sent	Exam has been sat.
Science	Entries sent	Exam has been sat
Spelling	Entries sent	Tuesday 23 rd June
English	Tuesday 30 th June	Tuesday 4 th August
Mathematics	Friday 3 rd July	Wednesday 19 th August

Please complete the form below and return to Mr Hutton by the dates indicated above.

Name.....

Room.....

Please enter me in the following examinations:-

English \$7.50 ()
 Mathematics \$7.50 ()

Amount included \$.....

Signature.....

Poetry

My little Hollow

It's a horrible windy morning. The trees are wet and spotty with rain and their branches sway from side to side, leaves quivering and flapping about. The wind is slithering its long slender fingers underneath

my feathers and chilling my bones. My stomach is twisting and turning, telling me I need to find food. I begin to flap about, but it's hard to fly in a straight line in wind like this.

Once I reach the ground life is a lot easier. Because of the damp soil caused by the rain all the insects are out. I scrape away some leaf litter and scratch around for a bit and soon I can see some tiny brown hoppers turning somersaults/hopping about restlessly with mechanical movements. They are easy to catch and soon I can feel their tiny bodies crackle as their exoskeletons break inside my beak. "Mmm, good" I think. Now I can fly back to the warmth of my little hollow.

- Lydia Anderson

Friendship Poem

Friends are two people but connected by one mind, True friends are very, very difficult to find. Friends leave marks on hearts like footprints in the sand, And they are always willing to lend a helping hand. Friends can share experiences whether good or bad, Friends make ones day happy when things are looking sad. Friends need such qualities as strong love and trust, And friendships everlasting, doesn't break or rust. Friends can halve the weight; help you carry the load, As we walk steadfastly along the friendship road.

- Alex Laubscher

Chess

Every Tuesday and sometimes everyday 10-12 students come together to play chess. This involves playing each other and teachers while learning new strategies and tactics. The aim is to have a representative team for the Otago

school teams chess championship at the end of this month.
 -Connor New



Explorer's Expo

On Thursday 18th June all Year 7 classes will be showcasing their learning from this term's Inquiry Unit - Exploration - Where To Next?

The Explorer's Expo will be held in the school hall throughout the day, with syndicates taking one of three time slots as indicated below.

All parents and friends are invited to come along and see what their children and others in their syndicate have been doing.

9am - 10.15 Rooms 16,17,18
 11 am - 12.15 Rooms 7,23,24
 1.30 - 2.45 Rooms 9, 10

We hope you can take some time to share in this exciting opportunity.

Bubble Dome

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and games design on a Bubble Dome Holiday workshop this July. Sessions to be held at John Mc Glashan College with all ages and levels catered for. T:0800GET BUBBLE [438 282] or E: info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz
 Thanks
 Jenny