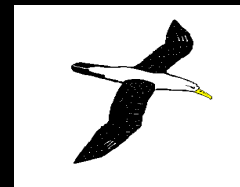


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Over the last 2 weeks teachers have been busy with parent interviews. I thank you for your time too here. This discussion on work habits, engagement in learning, and setting goals for your child is most important. The open communication between home and school helps students' make the most of opportunities, and teaching effectiveness. Thank you.

## Overseas Educationalists Visit Tahuna

This morning Mr Lester Flockton brought three Canadian and one Australian educationalist to the school to have a look about. They were impressed with the children at work in the Technology rooms and others at work on written inquiry and mathematic tasks.

They passed on high praise for the way our students were engaged in their learning.

## Teacher Only Day

The Minister of Education, Anne Tolley, has granted all schools in New Zealand a teacher only day to discuss and develop the new curriculum. This day has been called by the Minister in recognition of the unique nature of the new curriculum and the level of change it represents. Teachers will be spending the day at a seminar facilitated by a well respected educationalist

Tony Ryan. We anticipate a number of positive outcomes from the day, and thank families for their support and flexibility.

All Tahuna Intermediate Normal School teachers will be attending this seminar on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, so the school will be **closed** on this day. This applies to the whole school except Mr Scoles and Room11 who will be away on camp during that week. Please mark this day on your calendar. Thank you..

## DONATIONS

Thank you to all parents who have paid their School Donation and Technology fees promptly. This is greatly appreciated. This enables us to balance our budget and have resources and learning activities that just cannot be purchased from the Ministry grant alone. If you would like an automatic payment form, please contact Paula in the office.

Tony Hunter  
Principal

## RIPPA RUGBY

Rippa rugby has hit off to a ripping start with all having fun and children showing heaps of potential for the future. Rippa is on after school on a Monday from anywhere between 3:30 to 6:30. Good luck to all Rippa teams for next week and have a great rippa season.

Kate Gardner



## REMURA INTERMEDIATE EXCHANGE 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

On Sunday 24th May, 30 pupils will fly to Auckland where they will be met by their billets from Remuera Intermediate School. From Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May, they will be engaged in a number of educational activities at Remuera and other venues around Auckland. This programme will be developed by the host school and the group finally flies home on Friday.

In addition to airfares there will be other costs during the week such as bus fares and entries to venues and social activities. Until the programme is finalised, we can only guess at the final cost. Based on last years figures this is likely to be around \$550 and we are hoping that flight and bus costs once settled, will not have increased too much.

Applications for this trip must be received by **Friday 27 March**

*It is also important that the child's parent/caregiver signs this C.V endorsing that which*

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**is written, granting permission and also agreeing to back the child financially.**

A letter of explanation and a CV guide has been handed out to interested children.

### **HPV Vaccination Programme**

A reminder to all parents,

The first dose of the HPV vaccine will be given to the year 8 girls on Friday, March 20 starting at 9.00am. If a student is away that day, the nurses will return on Friday, March 27, for a catch-up clinic.

If you have not already returned vaccination consent forms, it is not too late. Extra forms are available from the school office. Late consents can be brought to school on the day of vaccination.

Parents or caregivers can accompany their daughters on the day of vaccination, if they wish. Please ask the office what time the nurses will be at your school.

Only girls (under 16) whose parent or caregiver has consented in writing will be given the vaccine at school.

On the day of vaccination, please ensure your daughter has breakfast, and wears a loose-sleeved top, if possible.

Next year nurses will offer the HPV vaccine at school to girls in years 8, 11, 12 and 13.

All girls born on or after January 1, 1990, are eligible for free HPV

vaccine through their GP practice.

For more information go to [www.govt.nz/immunisation](http://www.govt.nz/immunisation), [www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz), or phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

Any queries regarding the school based programme in Otago can be directed to the public health nurse for your school, or to: Victoria Bryant 03) 476 9880/ 0800 769 880 [victoria.bryant@healthotago.co.nz](mailto:victoria.bryant@healthotago.co.nz)



### **Year 7 Kayaking at Andersons Bay Inlet**

Children who have been out on the water already were pretty excited about what they did. With so much water around us we believe that our swimming programme and our Kayaking help our children to enjoy aquatics in the local community.

### **Kayaking Timetable**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
10.30 Room 16  
12.30 Room 9

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
10.30 Room 17

So if you're driving by on these occasions then stop and see what the children are up to. They'd love to be surprised.

## **Kayaking**

By Ben Rowley

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March Room 9 went kayaking at the Bayfield inlet. We were split up into three groups. Some of the activities were capsizing / wet exits, Slalom poles, turning and some races. One group were on the kayaks while the other group played back on land with tyres, rugby balls and grass skis. Once everyone had a go on the kayaks we had some delicious lunch then started our walk back to school. I would love to do kayaking again because it is great exercise and a whole lot of fun.

### **Gang Show**

Recently, I heard that William Smail and SarahJane Hewitt had been selected for the 2009 Gang Show. One hundred and thirty children had auditioned for the eighty places and each was asked to sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, read some lines and do a bit of acting.

Successful children are off to camp this weekend to find out more about the show and to start practices as they will perform in the first week of July.

Keep an eye open for posters on the show which should be displayed soon.

### **Athletics**

Aston Wilson was selected for the Grade 10 Boys Otago Athletic Representative team for the meeting on Sunday

15 March at the Caledonian Ground. He was competing against Canterbury and Southland and was placed in the 1500m (8<sup>th</sup>), 800m (7<sup>th</sup>) and 100m (5<sup>th</sup>). Good effort Aston in this interprovincial competition.

### **Honesty**

It was a delight to hear that thinking of others is still alive and kicking. Recently, I heard that Michael Trillo went out of his way to assist a customer and reduce the work load of the bank staff when he found a Visa card and took it in to the National Bank. Well done - so thoughtful

### **ODT EXTRA**

In the second edition I noticed that Callum Dodds featured on the cover in his racing gear and Oliver Dyet has won a book in the Newspaper search. Josephine Devereax's beautiful poem - "I Am" appears in the 'Best of the Poetry section'

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Rm 12 assembly.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – table tennis module commences.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> Vaccine for Year 8 girls.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Anniversary Day – School closed.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am – Room 11 off to camp.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Teacher Only Day – School closed.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00 – 2.00 Lit Quiz at DNI Hall.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> – Room 6 off to camp.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Co-operative Games module starts.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00 – 12.00 School swimming sports at Moana Pool.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday school closed and holidays commence.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Term 2.

### **Weekly Highlights for Term 3**

- Wk1- School Photos and meeting new class mates.
- Wk2 – Fitness Testing and Friday music assembly.
- Wk3 – Rippa Rugby sessions
- Wk4 - School Camps.
- Wk5 – Cricket coaching starts.
- Wk6 - Interviews and netball trials.
- Wk7 - Table tennis sessions start.

### **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](mailto:keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz)

### **Food Technology Term 1 Tahuna**

Written by Kirby Browning R 1  
And Melissa Halley R 6

This week tech syndicate year 8, 4A is in cooking. We have a variety of things to cook and make this week one of them being a chicken stir fry. Over the last year we made milkshakes, pizza, French toast and fritters, as well as lots more! The things we are making this week are pancakes, nachos, baked potatoes and a chicken stir fry which will challenge our skills and give us new ones. Mrs Sayer is our food and textiles technology teacher. The year 7's make chocolate sauce, milkshakes, toasties and cheese rolls in their first week. The cooking room has a great atmosphere, with happy laughing kids doing what we do best, making yummy food and eating it!



Some of our year 7 students with their personalised toasty.

### **Chocolate Sales**

Hopefully by the time you are reading this all the money will be in and unsold chocolates will have been returned. It has been an exceptionally successful promotion and nearly every single child has done their bit and played their part in helping their school by selling some chocolates. Others are amazing sellers and have sold in the double digits and for this we are

grateful. To both groups and parents who have assisted we say a huge THANKYOU.

### **Cardboard**

Many thanks for the very large boxes dropped off at school over the last few weeks. They have been most useful and if any one can source smaller and thinner pieces then please let us know.

### **I am...**

I am the call of the bellbird at the crack of dawn, the roar of the lion winning the battle for his pride.

I am the pound of horse's hooves on the barren earth, the screech of seagulls and the crashing of the waves.

I am but a grain of sand among millions, a bullet from the gun impacting its target.

I am the open road, a free spirit, a shadow free to roam near and far, no barriers holding me back.

I am the pencil in the author's hand, the words on the paper, the reader glued to the book.

I am the silence of the forest, the roar of the crowd and the creaking of the castle abandoned for years.

I am me, no more, no less.

I am Grace Cook  
Room 17

### **I am...**

I am the waves rolling in on the beach, the sun shining on everyone.

I am the bait catching the fish, the leaves falling from the trees and the wheels spinning round on the bike.

I am the music coming out of the speakers, the dog chasing the cat.

I am a piece inside all of my family and the motor inside the car.

I am the shoes walking on the ground, the words in the book and the pixels in the TV.

I am Sam Jenkins  
Room 17

### **Table Tennis**

Table tennis has arrived at Tahuna for the very first time , with two highly trained professionals teaching the students table tennis skills and hopefully getting them interested for the future. Over the next three weeks all of the classes will be participating and learning about table tennis . hopefully this will continue in future years and everybody has fun .

Kate Gardner



### **Highlanders visit**

After their recent win against the crusaders Tahuna got a very lucky visit from the Highlanders who were greeted by Tahuna's multicultural group with a bone chilling Haka and a beautiful song. After they had been greeted and thanked two highlanders went to each class to

answer any questions the children might have . Then most of the classes went to watch them have a brilliant practice at Tahuna park. We were all grateful for the special visit from out home team .

Kate Gardner



### **Room 10's Assembly Item**

Not to long ago our class presented its class item to the school. Our item was about adaptation but the story line centred on the life of a Paua. Paula the Paua didn't have a protective shell and thought she was a fish and her home was on the sea floor in the deep deep oceans. She decided to swim to the surface one day and there she spotted Peter. They became buddies but a bad storm swept him away and Paula never left the rock for fear he would return to find her gone. We had singing, dance moves, costumes, camouflage fish, humour, a great story line, and it was fun planning and then presenting the item. The school liked what we did, but most of all we did to.

Avi Roberts Room 10