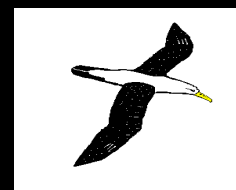


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It has been a very smooth and positive start to the school year. Tahuna is certainly a very exciting and busy educational environment with many different activities happening each day. So far we have had camps, choir auditions, visiting speakers and performers, classroom assessments, fitness testing, Rippa rugby, Milo cricket, Art classes, and had our first cycles of Technology for both Year 7 and Year 8 classes – phew! what an amazing variety of activities. It has been great to see the enthusiasm, engagement and enjoyment of students participating in these things. It speaks volumes for the skills, dedication and commitment of our teaching staff in organising and supporting these programmes.

Year 7 Camps commenced this week at Portobello and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and caregivers who have helped out with our first camps, and those planning to assist over the next weeks. Tahuna fully supports these experiences with extra staff provided, and we appreciate the support from our community.

A high number of parents joined us for the meet the teacher evening last week. This was an

important step towards building the working relationship between home and school. Thank you for your time so we could outline many important points that will help make 2009 a success. The homework notebook is an easy way to keep up the communication lines, and email direct to the class teacher is used successfully by many.

The Itinerant Music Teachers shared their many talents with us at an assembly last Friday Morning. Notices are available for students to sign up to music classes. We ask that these notices are returned promptly so that we can commence the teaching. If you have any questions, please contact Paula in the school office in the first instance.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Assembly Speaker



Yesterday Marcus Akuhata – Brown came to speak to us and

gave us a message. He said you can do anything if you want to. He talked about himself at eleven years of age through to about 25 years of age.

He told us that he was a child on the East coast of the North Island who thought that he was no good at school because the people around him thought they were no good too. A teacher convinced him to stay at High School and he was made a prefect and then went on to surprise family and friends by going to Waikato University to train as a teacher. He helped street kids and at 21 years of age got a phone call asking him to be a principal of a school. When he told his Mum she said, “It’s good to set goals son”

He has now travelled around the World representing New Zealand and has met the Queen, Prince Phillip and many World leaders. At the end he left us to think about ten important words. IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME. Nickie Thomson
Room 7

Student Absences

Could all parents with children absent for any reason please call or email the school office to inform of the absence. There is an answer phone if you cannot reach the office.

Email: office@tahuna.school.nz

School Photos

It would be appreciated if all photo orders and money could be at the school office by Friday 27 February. Thank you.

Milo Cup Cricket

Tahuna Milo Cup boys started off their campaign on a winning note with a comfortable victory over East Otago High School. The game was played at Culling Park on Wednesday in sunny conditions.

Tahuna captain Josh Finnie won the toss and inserted the opposition on the bouncy Culling Park artificial pitch. East Otago made a solid start before losing their first wicket with the score at 10. Josh Bromell was the chief destroyer of the East Otago batting line up with the figures of 4 for 10 off his 7 overs. East Otago progressed through to 136/6 off their 35 overs.

Tahuna openers Josh Dijkstra and Connor Jamieson did a good job seeing off the new ball with an opening stand of 28. Enter Josh Finnie who guided Tahuna through to victory in the 26th over with the loss of only 3 wickets. His 62 not out included 6 boundaries and a six. Useful contributions were also made by Tad Johnston and Liam Trainor. Our next opponents are Macandrew next week.



Dunedin Tech AFC Registrations for 2009

Registrations will take place at Culling Park on Thursday, February 26th from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and also on Sunday, 1st March from 1.00- 3.00pm. Fees are \$10 for 4 – 5yr olds, \$55 for individual club players, \$90 for two players and \$130 for 3 or more players from the same family.

All fees are to be paid at registration and EFTPOS will be available on both days. Inquires to : Liz 455-2202 or Mike 455-6318.

Junior Golf

Thirty minute Golf sessions will be held at Chisholm Park Golf Club on Mondays starting at 3.30, 4.00 or 4.30pm.

Boys and girls 7years and older are invited to attend for four weeks starting February at a total cost of \$25. All equipment is provided and class size is limited, so call Andrew or Jeff at 455-0565.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th February – Rm 16 to camp + 1.00pm Marcus Akuhata-Brown Presentation in the hall.

Thursday 19th February - Rm 24 to camp.

Sunday 22nd February –Rm 1 to camp.

Monday 23rd February – Rm7 to camp.

Tuesday 24th February – Rm 23 to camp.

Wednesday 25th February – Rms 17 + 12 to camp.

Thursday 26th February – Rm 18 to camp.

Friday 27th February - Steve Miles Brass Performance.

Sunday 28th February – Rm 15 to camp.

Starting Monday 2nd March – Year 8 interviews this week.

Wednesday 4th March – Rm 13 to camp.

Starting Monday 9th - No camps but Year 7 interviews on this week . Mini ball and netball trials on also.

Monday 23rd March – Anniversary day – School closed.

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.

Sunday 24th – Friday 29th May school group away in Auckland on Remuera Exchange. More information soon.

Weekly Highlights for Term 3

Wk1- School Photos and meeting new class mates.

Wk2 – Fitness Testing and Friday music assembly.

Wk3 – Rippa Rugby sessions

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

Y.I.P. Awards

The following children have been awarded their gold and silver cards at recent assemblies for good attitude and good effort.

Gold

Shanna Verhoef

Silver

Jake Cropley
Melissa Halley
Sarah Hepburn
Mitchell Wilson
Kayla Drinkwater
William Smail

HPV Vaccination Programme

Eligible school girls in Otago can elect to be part of the HPV (human papillomavirus) school-based vaccination campaign. HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer in New Zealand women.

In 2009 the vaccination campaign will be delivered to years 8 and 9 girls at school (during school time) by the Otago Public Health Nursing Service. The vaccinations are free of charge.

Alternatively parents can choose to take their daughters to their

own doctor for these injections (also free of charge). Any girl born on or after 1st January 1990 is eligible for free HPV vaccines.

Girls will need three injections during the year to gain best possible protection against the viruses. The first vaccinations will be on Friday 20th March 2009 with the Second on Tuesday 26th May and the final one on Tuesday 20th October.

Public health nurses will visit schools during February to deliver education to all eligible girls, and give them each a consent form to take home, for parents to sign.

Please take the time to read the consent form, as it contains important information regarding the human papillomavirus, and the vaccination being offered.

Please fill in the consent form and return it to school as soon as possible, whether you consent to your daughter taking part in the campaign or not.

For more information contact the public health nurse for your school : Karen Neilsen or phone the Dunedin office of the Otago Public Health Nursing Service on 0800 769 880.

Additional information about the vaccine and the programme can be obtained from:
www.govt.nz/immunisation,
www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz or phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

Rippa Rugby

On Monday we started our two week block on Rippa Rugby and it great to see Warren Kearney and Victoria in from the union to take these classes. All classes are scheduled to receive this valuable tuition during their P/E periods.

To date the weather has been kind and this allows our coaches to fully utilise our large grass area. Children are enjoying these sessions as they learn throwing catching and running with the ball skills.

Remuera Exchange to Auckland

On Sunday 24th May through to Friday 29th May a group of 30 Tahuna students and staff will be in Auckland on our yearly exchange.

They will visit- The Sky Tower, Kelly Tarltons, the Zoo, MOTAT Museum and be billeted by children from Remuera Intermediate. Children keen to go will have the opportunity to make application and submit a short CV.

Speech and Drama

The Carol Krueger Childrens' Theatre gives private tuition in speech, Drama, mime and improvisation.

Pupils are trained for Trinity Guildhall examinations and can take part in school holiday pantomimes at the Globe Theatre. For more information ring Carol at 455-7804