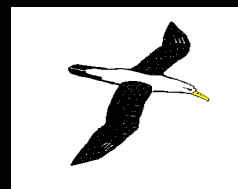


Tahuna News



Welcome



Dear Parents / Caregivers

A special welcome to all new students and families to Tahuna 2009. 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 welcome back Mrs Coughlin to Tahuna this year. Myself as the new Principal, Mrs Coughlin and the new students all received a special welcome from the rest of the school on Monday morning at our first assembly – it was a very special welcome and one t

that brought us together as a whole school.



Hannah and Danielle karanga new students and staff into the school hall..

A “Big” 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.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed correctly for school with no make-up, nail-polish or jewellery except small silver/gold stud earrings. No Skate shoes. Socks should be either over the knee white or mid-calf ankle socks.
Thank you.

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 2009.

Stationery

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.

Meet the Teacher Evening

There will be short meetings next Tuesday, February 10th, from 7 – 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher, and

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for teachers to briefly go over general points on organisation, homework, routines and expectations for 2009. 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 School

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. 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.

Girl Guiding Starting

Grants Braes Pippin unit starts 10th February 2009. Age between 5 – 7 years. Tuesdays 3.45 – 4.45 p.m. at the Scout Hall cnr Scott Street and Larnach Road. Programme set for each term Check out - www.girlguidingnz.org.nz
Enquiries: Dannette Little 454 110 home, 455 0527 work or 021 217 4232 email little@xnet.co.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.

Silver

Zac Gardner
Claudia Flaws

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

Friday 6th February – Waitangi Day
School closed

Monday 9th February – School as normal

Tuesday 10th February, 3.30 – 5.00pm -
After school Art classes start in art room + 7.00 -7.30 meet the teacher night.

Wednesday 11th February, 1.30 – 2.30
Choir auditions.

Friday 13th February, 2.20pm - Itinerant
Music teachers to perform at assembly.

Monday 16th February- Rm10 off to
camp.

Tuesday 17th February – Rm 9 off to
camp + 3.30 -5.00 art class.

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

Thursday 19th February - Rm 24 off to
camp.

Sunday 22nd February –Rm 1 off to
camp.

After School Art Classes

Art classes start next Tuesday at 3.30pm and run through to 5.00pm. They will be held in the

school art room and activities are varied and interesting . They are open to children from Year 4 – year 8 at a cost of \$20 for the term. Please collect a permission form from the school office or contact Keith Hutton.

Greatly Appreciated

Last year we were fortunate to be given a load of cardboard which had some printing on one side but was brilliant for school use. If you can source card or any other off cuts or materials which could be used in class or technology rooms, please let me know. Thank you.

Southern Gymnastics Academy Classes 2009

Under 5s: Saturday 9.30 and Thursday 1.45pm. For children 2 ½ yrs & over. Classes require parental participation.

High 5s: Saturday 2pm. For young gymnasts who are likely to go into our competitive programme.

Sportgym: Monday 4pm for 5-7 yr olds and 5pm for 7-10 yr olds. This is a recreation-based programme for both boys & girls. The children work progressively through a skills development programme.

Advanced Sportgym: Monday 6-8pm.

Competitive classes: Boys and girls classes are held throughout the week. For more info please contact them Ph 477-5855 or email sga@earthlight.co.nz