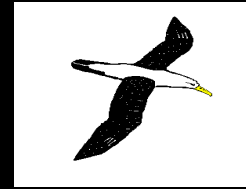


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It has been a very smooth and positive start to the school year with the school already into full swing and many different activities happening each day - camps and Aquarium/Albatross Colony visits, choir and orchestra auditions, classroom assessments, fitness testing, Rippa rugby, Art classes, trips to visiting speakers and performers to name a few. We have also completed our first cycles of Technology for both Year 7 and Year 8 classes.

It has been great to see the enthusiasm, engagement and enjoyment of students participating in these activities. It speaks volumes for the skills, dedication and commitment of our teaching staff in organising and supporting these programmes.

Camps

Year 7 Camps commenced this week at Tirohanga 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.

Meet the Teacher evening

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 2010 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.

National Standards

Why are the educational experts, principals, teachers and many parents against National Standards?

Schools already have standards. All schools including Tahuna Normal Intermediate continually test and assess students for identifying learning needs. Students are already assessed and tested using a variety of standardised tests. We here at Tahuna Normal Intermediate have high expectations and expect high standards for achievement and learning.

To keep you well informed about National Standards we will be sending out a special newsletter this Thursday (18th) to outline the reasons why teachers, principals and respected educationalists throughout the country oppose their full introduction, especially without a trial. Keep an eye for this important newsletter tomorrow. Thank you.

Tony Hunter
Principal

National Youth Brass Band Performance

On Wednesday 17th our school was lucky enough to be visited by the National Youth Brass Band. We were completely blown away by the standard of their performance. They performed a selection of amazing numbers including a euphonium

solo by Davie Boyes, an Elvis Presley medley containing Jail house rock and a few of his other hits, and Caravan a 70's song with various solo's and an electric guitar.



The conductor (Graeme Hickman, pictured above) travelled all over New Zealand and selected the best musicians in the country to play in his band. The players range from the youngest, Luke Spence who is just 14, to those who play music professionally.

Overall, the performance was fantastic and well worth seeing. If you are interested they are performing at the Mayfair at 7:00 tonight. It is a must – see performance for anyone who wants to be inspired by music!

By Britta Hamill and Sophie Tonks



Mitchell Kelly and Jayden McDonald trying to make music with Mr Boyes newly invented brass instrument.

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Library



Honor Sandall and Beth Clearwater make good use of the Tahuna Library.

Y.I.P. Awards

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

Silver

Bella Adamson

Bronze

Bayley Ellis

Tyler West

Max Dorking

Alec Forbes

Avinash Shastri

Aston Wilson

Ryan Dingley – Crawford

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.

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Key Diary Dates

Thursday 18th February – Chocolates arrive for school Fundraiser.

Sunday 21st February - Otago basketball trials at the Edgar Centre for U11, U13 and U15 children.

Monday 22nd February – Room 18 leave for camp – return on Wednesday

Monday 22nd February – Rooms 6 + 13 off to camp. Return on Friday.

Tuesday 23rd February – Rooms 8 + 16 off to Aquarium and Albatross Colony.

Wednesday 24th February – Group of Japanese Trainee

Teachers and their lecturer visit the school.

Wednesday 23rd February – Rooms 9 + 26 off to Aquarium and Albatross Colony.

Wednesday 23rd February – Rooms 23 off to camp. Return on Friday.

Monday 1st March – Room 26 leave for camp – return on Wednesday.

Monday 1st March – Rooms 7 + 12 leave for camp – return on Friday.

Monday 1st March- Room 18 off to Aquarium and Albatross Colony.

Wednesday 3rd March - Health nurses in to see some Yr 8 girls [HPV]

Wednesday 3rd March - Rooms 17 off to camp. Return on Friday.

Sunday 7th March - Weetbix Tryathlon.

Monday 8th March – Room 24 leave for camp – return on Wednesday.

Monday 8th March – Rooms 14 + 15 leave for camp – return on Friday.

Wednesday 10th March - Rooms 10 off to camp. Return on Friday.

Monday 15th March – Rooms 5 leave for camp – return on Friday.

Monday 22nd March - Anniversary Day – School closed

Tuesday 23rd March – Room 1 off to camp. Return Friday.

Monday 29th March – Rooms 11 leave for camp – return on Thursday.

Thursday 1st April – 9.00 – 12.00 School swimming Sports at Moana Pool.

Thursday 1st April – last day of Term 1.

Monday 19th April- 1st day of Term 2.

Weekly Highlights for Term 1

Wk 1- Meeting new friends.

Wk 2 -Meeting new parents / caregivers.

Wk 3 – Camps and Aquarium/Albatross Colony visits commenced.

It is BOT Election time again

The Tahuna Normal Intermediate School roll is now closed. All eligible voters will receive nomination forms by 15th March with nominations closing at noon 23 April 2010.

2010 School Council

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as their Class Councillors for 2010.

2010 SCHOOL COUNCIL		Room
LIAM	COWAN	1
ALICE	DOOLEY	1
FERGUS	DALE	5
NAEVE	REESE-DONNELLY	5
AVINASH	SHASTRI	6
AVI	ROBERTS	6
LIAM	WHITTAKER	7
TAYLA	LITTLE	7
SEB	VAN HARSELAAR	11
ANNA	COOPER	11
SAM	TINDLEY	12
BELLA	ADAMSON	12
NATHANIEL	OTTLEY	13
LIBBY	VALENTINE	13
KAHURANGI	FLAVELL	14
SARAH	PEARSE	14
MITCHELL	KELLY	15
BRITTA	HAMILL	15
BRAEDEN	McINTYRE	8
BAELI	SPEEDING	8
JOEL	THEISSEN-PAPP	9
CLAUDIA	MAKER	9
NELSON	MEARS	10
SAMANTHA	KRUSKOPF	10
CONNOR	SUMMERTON	16
MOLLY-ROSE	TAYLOR	16
SAM	HOWELL	17
DEEPTHI	SRIKANTH	17
LEWIS	ANDERSON	18
KARA	HELM	18
DYLAN	THOMAS	23
SUZANNA	O'KEEFE	23
BRAEDEN	SMITHERAM	24
TAYLOR	TE AU	24
MATT	SPARROW	26
ALI	HIGHAM	26

I am...

I am the lone tree and the nature surrounding it

I am the book that opens new surprises

I am the teeth of a dog and the flames of a dragon

I am the controller that connects the motion

I am the ball played in the game, the sting of a scorpion and the spider that funnels away

I am the descriptive words in a story that confuse the reader

I am the house that opens doors

I am the stare of an eagle, the leap of a frog and the paw of a lion

I am a drop of sauce from the pot containing buttered chicken

I am the protective gear that guards the wearer, the beat of the drum kit and the strings on the guitar

I am the electricity flowing through the power lines and the lightning striking the Earth

I am the meteor attacking the atmosphere

I am the dog, the cheetah and the tiger.

Tyler Mitchell
Rm 17

Room 17's Best Things About Being At Tahuna

Our teacher asked us to write down the three best things about being at Tahuna during our first two weeks – it was really easy and here are some the things that we love about being at Tahuna and in Room 17.

- Going to technology it's fun and challenging and we loved making lots of different things
- Making heaps of new friends in our class and syndicate
- Syndicate fitness, sport, PE, the Beep Test, 8 Lap Runs and Indian Chairs at LAP, golf on Tuesday

- Being at a big school with a really huge playground, working out on the deck, assemblies on Friday
- Different class work, writing our Brag Book pages, writing our I am poems, getting lollies from Sponge Bob
- All the opportunities we get to join Choirs, Multicultural, Orchestra, Dance Groups and heaps more
- Blue cards in the YIP system
- The canteen!
- Our teacher and College teacher

As you can see we have been really busy during our first two weeks at Tahuna. This week we are visiting the Albatross Colony and the Aquarium with Room 24 and in Week 5 we are going on camp at Tirohanga.



Room 17 boarding the bus for their Peninsula excursion.

Aquarium and Albatross Colony Visit

On Tuesday Rooms 17 and 24 spent the day at the Aquarium and the Albatross Colony. This was our 'Tuning In' activity for our Term 1 Science Inquiry into how animals adapt to survive in their different habitats.

At the Aquarium we worked in the labs studying how different types of sea creatures ate and learnt about food webs. We also found out that humans are actually the main

predator of sea creatures. We then went down to the touch tanks and got an up close look at the creatures living there. The octopus was huge and we were also able to touch a shark and find out about how its body works. Tamati and Quenten are looking at a krill specimen.



At the Albatross Colony we dressed Greagh up as an Albatross and then went up to the nesting area. It was really cool because we saw the chicks and we watched the ranger weighing them. Just as we were leaving an adult albatross flew in and we were amazed at just how huge they really are.

Another thing we got to do was the traditional Tahuna Gut Buster. This is a mad run up a really steep hill on the way to the Aquarium – the time to beat was 1.10 set by Room 24 – our fastest time was 1.23 but we had just eaten lunch!

Lalomanu Appeal

Last year, after the devastation in Samoa, the School Council held a Mufti Day and a representation of the Multicultural group performed at the fundraising performance, in our local Anderson's Bay church. As it was the village of Mrs Lale which was worst hit, we were delighted to assist and have pledged to commit to an ongoing effort with Lalomanu. It is hoped that a container of tools can be sent before Easter and we are hoping that there may be unwanted tools in our school community that could be given for this appeal. If you can assist,

please drop off your tools in the office foyer, where Mrs Lale will collect them each Friday, or contact Mrs Toa at school, to arrange collection.

We did not want our support to be a one off, so if you can help in any way, the villagers of Lalomanu will be most grateful. Mrs Lale also intends visiting the school and keeping the children informed on the rebuilding progress.

SCOTT'S STORY.....

I spent part of the summer holiday training at "Dive Otago" using SCUBA (Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) to become an open-water diver.

The course involved classroom learning where I learnt about the dive equipment, what it does and how it works. How water pressure effects my body, how I breathe at various depths underwater and how to use the dive table. How to adjust buoyancy underwater to allow me to descend, ascend or remain still at one depth during a dive and how to dive safely using the "buddy" system.

Each day I practiced the skills learnt in class with my dive buddy in the Dive Otago pool.

To complete the course I had to prove that I could use all the skills learnt in the pool actually in the open water. One weekend four adult students and I had 4 dives at Wellers Rock on the Otago Peninsular. We covered such things as assisting someone to breath if they run out of air underwater, navigation skills, underwater sign language and towing someone to safety in full diving gear.

There was a lot of fun during the dives as well and time to see some of the underwater aquatic life including blue moke, black slugs, cockerbillies, sea-horses lots of different seaweed and a few bottles!

I completed and passing all parts of my training and now I am a certified PADI Open Water Diver. My dive instructor told me that I am one of the youngest people to ever to do this. It was a lot of hard work but I felt really pleased with myself when I passed. I reckon that more kids should get into diving!

- Scott Austin



Scott emerging from a dive at Wellers Rock with his "dive buddy"

Guitar Tuition

Beginners to advanced players, most styles covered e.g. classical, jazz, rock, pop... Sight-reading and music theory also taught. Lessons held weeknights by experienced tutor at King Edward Court building on Stuart St. Phone James Davy for more details 0211605779 or 4731116'

Want to Play Soccer

Grants Braes Football Club Registrations will be held on:
Sunday 21 February 10.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday 23 February 5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 25 February 5.30pm-7.30pm
Contact Michelle 4544606 or Carolyn 4764634

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michelle Moss Grants Braes AFC Junior Rep 4544606

KARATE

Tuesday Karate classes in the Tahuna Normal School Hall.. 4:00-5:30 for juniors. 6.00-7.00 for senior Beginners classes and 7.00-9.00pm for intermediate and advanced seniors.

Free Electronic Keyboard

Retired music teacher willing to tutor students willing to practice. Basic ability to read music essential. Phone Lorraine 4552429

Junior Golf @ Chisholm Park Golf Club

KIDS GOLF CLASSES

\$25 for 4 x 30-minute sessions

Tuesday after school @ 4pm.

Start Feb 16th

Boys & Girls (aged 7+)

Equipment supplied

Saturday Afternoon @ 3pm. Start

Feb 13th

Boys & Girls (aged 7+)

Equipment supplied

PARENT & CHILD GOLF CLASS

Saturday 1pm – 2pm 6 x 1-hour

lessons \$45 for an Adult & child

(aged 5+)

Starting Feb 13th

FRIDAY NIGHT GOLF SKILLS

4pm – 5pm Golf Skills

5pm – 7pm On the course

playing

Cost \$5 (includes pizza & drink)

Boys & Girls (aged 10+)

Equipment supplied

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Andrew Whiley at Chisholm Park Ph: 455-0565.

Notice available at front office desk

- Violin, Clarinet and saxophone tuition.
- Junior Golf at Chisholm Park
- African Drum lessons
- Rotary Park Junior Duathlon
- Basketball Otago Age Group Trials
- Meridian Kids Bike Jam