



TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS



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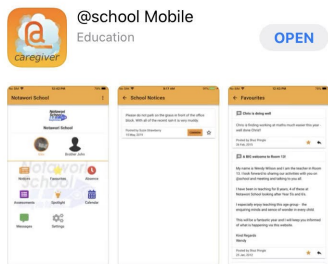
School and Community Newsletter - 25 February 2020



Friday 14th February we spent the day at Tahunanui Beach for our annual House Day. Children were involved in a number of different events from swimming, sand castle building to walking the plank!! The chance to get out of the classrooms and engage with our local environment is really special, it gives our senior students the chance to step up into leadership roles and the juniors the chance to meet the 'big kids' and teachers they don't usually get to be involved with. A huge thanks to the parents who patiently spent time in the water so that the children could swim, we really do appreciate it. Also thanks to Aidan Barnett for organising the day, it is a highlight of our calendar.

"Tell me, I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn"

Benjamin Franklin



We use @school Mobile app to communicate directly with parents and caregivers, this links directly with Etap, our student management system. The app will give you the ability to see the details we hold about your child, access to daily notices, school calendar, newsletters and teacher messages. You can also use this to advise us of an absence. If you do not have an access code, please let the office know and we will send one out to you. Each caregiver requiring access will need their own unique code. You can download the app free from your app store or you can access via website.

Welcome to Tracy Marfell who joined the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees usually meets on a Monday evening in week 4 and 8.



The Weetbix triathlon is this weekend. We will be opening the school playing fields for parking for a gold coin donation. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help our fundraising team on Sunday morning, please let Helen know.

Swimming lessons have started!! We have two weeks of free swimming lessons with Swim Magic. Please make sure your child has their togs and towel at school EVERY DAY for the next two weeks. Swimming is an important life skill that every New Zealander needs.



Tahunanui School News



Congratulations to TATAHI for taking our the first House Cup event of the year. The House Cup is competed for in a number of events over the year, each term we have a term winner and at the end of the year an overall winner. Competition is always fierce and there is a very healthy rivalry between houses!!



Last week we sent home a list of the contact details and medical information we have for your child. Please check these carefully and return them to school regardless of whether you have made changes or not. If there are changes in custody arrangements, especially parenting orders, please make sure we have a copy of the up to date information.

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains. They represent their houses during our house events throughout the year. They were voted in by their house peers at our House Day at the beach.



Tatahi Captains - Roman S-M and Pela P
Tatahi Vice Captains - Grace B and Tane H

Ra Captains - Nixon M and Nina M
Ra Vice Captains - Serina C

Moana Captains - Phoenix L and Florence W
Moana Vice Captains - Liam S and Maddi H

Whenua Captains - Jorja H and Kyle H
Whenua Vice Captains - Maryjane B and Cairo T



A massive Tahunanui School welcome to our new students and their families:

Immy B - Room 13
Diana P - Room 13

Riley B - Room 1
Emma S - Room 14



We are shortly going to be ordering Warrior's raincoats for new students to our school. If you child has grown out of their raincoat from last year, please call Helen in the office to arrange a new one.



The carpark is a very busy place. We suggest that you pick up and drop off children on Rawhiti Street rather than entering the Muritai Street carpark. If you do use Muritai St, please make sure you DO NOT turn right, this puts you right on to the pedestrian crossing and causes safety issues. Please keep our tamariki safe and park away from the staff carpark.



Muffy had a busy afternoon in the office helping Helen with some paperwork.

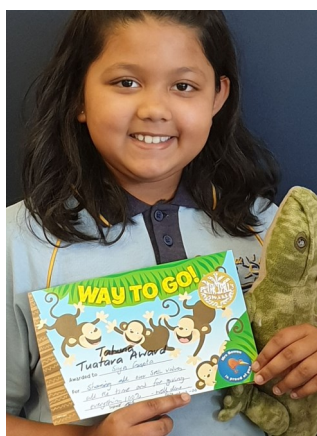
Stretch Award



Ellie P-R - Rui

This young lady in Rui has made an amazing start to her senior years at Tahunanui School, hitting the ground running. She has strived hard to overcome her shyness and tackle new opportunities with confidence. She is a polite and friendly member of the class and enjoys challenging herself in her learning. I am looking forward to working with her as her journey in Burrell begins. Keep stretching for the stars.....

Tuatara Award



Siya G - Room 12

The Tuatara award goes to a star student in Room 12. This person shows all of the SAIL values, all of the time. They can be relied upon to manage themselves and support others. This person lights me up with their smile and positive attitude. They work hard to reach goals and they give everything 100%. Stepping up to take on the responsibilities of a year 4, they show great leadership both in the classroom and around the school. Siya, you are a super Tahunanui Sailor. Kei te pai! Well done!

Muffy Award



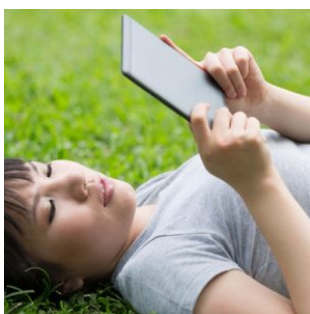
Tilly R - Room 16

Tilly is an awesome part of Room 16. As a year 2 she shows leadership in the classroom by helping our younger students. She manages herself well in the classroom and playground. Tilly gets involved in her learning and always aspires to do her very best. She is cheerful, positive and helpful. Congratulations Tilly on being our Muffy Award winner.

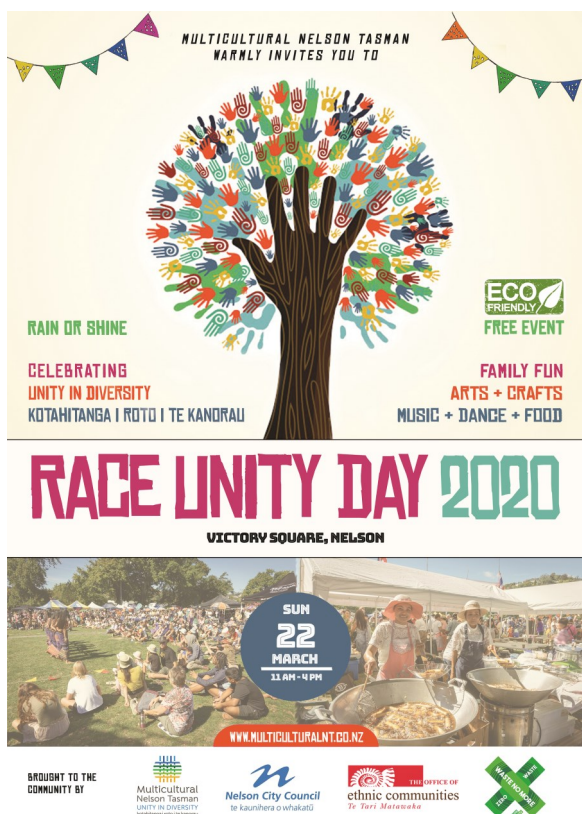


Tahunanui School students have access to a free online platform for ebooks. You simply go to www.wheelers.ts.co or download the Wheelers eplatform app to your device and register your child (it is very easy!). Once we get notification that you have registered, we will approve the registration and you are free to browse and download over 2,500 books!

We will be spending some time over the next while registering all children but you are welcome to start now!



A massive thank you to Lion Foundation who gave us a grant and the Bryant Family for a generous donation to help pay for the new shade structures in the pool area. We all know how important shade from our fierce sun is and we are very grateful for the assistance to pay for these vital structures.



Marist Junior Rugby Registration Day.

Friday 28th February 2020 5-7pm
Marist Clubrooms
Hathaway Crescent (Next to Trafalgar Park)
U6—U13
Contact Tracy Marfell for more information
027 251 9596



Need a Babysitter? or After School Care?

My name is Lilia, 19 years old and from Germany. I'm a spontaneous, friendly and helpful person who loves working with children. I am working at Tahunanui School this term.

I can provide after school childcare in your home or babysitting. I have lots of experience as an au pair and working in schools.

Lilia: 022 051 4029

