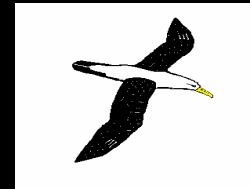


Tahuna News



Dear Parents / Caregivers

This has been another fantastic week for Tahuna students. The tremendous performances of our Athletics teams showed again that the numeracy programme that encourages students to use a range of strategies is an effective one. The results confirmed that not just a few outstanding students, but that a large number of students are enjoying real achievement in maths. Four teams in the top 10 Year 7 and 4 teams in the top 12 Year 8 is a result to be proud of. The new rooms were crammed full of excellent Science Fair exhibits. What stood out to me was the sound scientific process students had followed in their investigations and presentations. Top teaching, support and work.

Out of Zone enrolments kept the posties bag heavy, and these students now know their applications have been successful. **A reminder that In Home Zone enrolments are asked for by August 31st.** This will enable us to plan staffing and classes for 2006 early.

With two students moving from Dunedin recently, limited positions in Year 7 in 2005, and Year 8 in 2006 are now available.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Science Fair

This year we had a record number of entries for our Tahuna Science Fair.

The high standard of scientific research and presentation certainly made it difficult to judge. The children are to be commended for their creativity and innovation as we had exhibits ranging from 'Penguin Privacy' to the six-legged 'Life Saver Chair.'

It was marvellous to see so many of you coming through to have a look at all of the hard work, once again showing your support.

Congratulations to the 28 children whose exhibits went through to the Otago Science Fair.

A reminder that the prize giving will take place in the St David Lecture Theatre at 3pm on Sunday the 21st of August. We have asked that the children wear their school uniform for this event. Please note all exhibits must be collected from the Museum by 4.30, following prize giving.

The Otago Science Fair is now open to the public .

Tahuna Science Fair Results

Year 7	
First	Alex Polin
Second	Henri Faulkner
Third	Nick Somerville
Fourth	Zeb Lagekoro & Samuel Doran

Year 8

First Equal Petra Fersterer & Siobhan Barnes

Second Chris Harris

Third Brittany Moore

Fourth Sarah Taylor

One Square Meal

Cookie Time is promoting a new product that is both a fundraiser and promotes and encourages healthy eating. The issues of obesity and inactivity of our culture have been well documented in the media recently. One Square Meal is nutritionally balanced, providing one third of all the nutrients and energy that nutrition experts tell us we need daily.

All students will receive a free sample and an order form. Please oversee your child as they approach neighbours and workmates. This is a quick fundraising venture, the last for the year, and will run for only 10 days. Orders are due back on Wednesday August 31st. Enjoy & good luck with sales.

School Council Update

August 26th is Daffodil Day and each class will be given a Daffodil poster to decorate with coins. These will be on display at interval, and then collected by a local radio station at noon. Material daffodils will be on sale during the week for a gold coin donation. This is one of the non profit organizations the Council supports on an annual basis and feel this is a most worthy cause.

Mathletics

Our Mathletic teams have recently spent extra sessions working on challenging problem solving in preparation for the inter-school contest in the Town Hall on the 8th August.

All of our teams did very well in this strong 49 team Yr 8 competition with our Tahuna C team ending up 2nd, missing the title by just 1 point.

Tahuna C

Petra Fersterer
Robert Pu
Devon Helm
Nathan Hendry

Our other teams finished up :-
Tahuna B 7th = , Tahuna D 7th =
and Tahuna A 12th.

An equally splendid set of results came from our 5 teams in the Year 7 division when they competed in this 45 team Competition. Our team Tahuna D was placed 3rd.

Tahuna D

Hannah Duncan
Andrew Harper
Hamish Carraher
Jamie Tocher

They were followed by Tahuna C 6th, Tahuna B 7th, Tahuna A 10th and Tahuna E 18th.

Overall, we were very pleased with these results and thank all

the children for their efforts and congratulate them all on their achievements.

2005 Australasian Science Examination

Our results came in today and again the children achieved very well.

There were: 2 High distinctions
[Top 1% scores in NZ]

12 Distinctions [Next top
10% scores in NZ]

16 Credits [Next top
20% scores in NZ]

Overall, in the Year 7 results the mean score for Tahuna was 17.22 while the National mean score was 15.94 . A similar pattern can be seen with the Year 8's mean score being 27.40 compared to the National mean score of 25.10.

When looking at the five skill areas assessed it is most satisfying to see that the school averages are all higher than the National averages. The top three success areas were very obvious to see.

- 1st Reasoning and problem Solving.
- 2nd Inferring , predicting and concluding.
- 3rd Interpreting Data.

Well done and congratulations to all those who accepted this challenge and gave their best.

High Distinction

Peter Sise
Angus Knox

Distinction

Stella Chisholm
Andrew Shearer
Robert Soper
James Tocher
Siobhan Barnes

Clarke Fulton
Nathan Hendry
Ethan Keenan
Chris Lam
Edana Lord
Tom Murphy
Robert Pu
Oliver Smith

Multicultural

On Wednesday Afternoon the Cook Island and the Multicultural group went Fulton Home to perform to the elderly. We had to wear either a blue, navy or purple lava lava (sarong), a black top, lei around our necks and a flower clipped into our hair.

We performed 2 Cook Island Items and had to quickly get changed into our Maori outfits while Lisa and Hannah sung Na wa wa. Then we performed 3 Maori Songs and then sung Happy Birthday to one of the Fulton home residents. After our performance we talked to the residents and drove back to school. We all had a great time and hope to participate in more performances.

Lina 13



Congratulations

It was good to see the following receiving their YIP Awards at recent Assemblies.

Gold

Chris Harris

Greer Boyd

Silver Cards

Klaasje Scholten

Zoe Lockhart

Bronze Cards

Peter Sise

Ashlea McCutcheon

Kirstie Smitheram

Cameron Mc Kinley

Antoinette Mc Intosh

Tim Macinowski

Henri Faulkner

**Musselburgh and Tahuna
Sewage Plant**

On Thursday 11th August, rooms 9, 14 and 15 went to the Tahuna and Musselburgh Sewage plants. First we went to the Musselburgh one where we were taught about how the sewage comes to the plant and what towns they control. We learnt about the amount of water that is used to separate the solids from the liquids. We were shown where the liquid was held and sorted by weight.

We learnt how they controlled the sound and smell. Mr. Turner, the man who was taking us on the tour, then took us to the Tahuna treatment plant where we learnt what happens to the liquid sewage.

The place where the sewage was kept looked like a brown version of Moana pool. We learnt how some was compacted into black carpet like sludge and then how the waste water was sent out to sea which is minimal.

Despite the smell, it was a very interesting visit and it's good to know what happens when we flush the toilet.

By Lisa Nyman

School Cross Country

After numerous fitness runs and badge runs we had ideal conditions for this event on Friday 5th August at Tahuna Park. Overhead conditions were cool but sunny and the surface was reasonably firm, allowing most to gain good traction in their road shoes.

Most children ran the four, two lap Competitive Races while the remainder ran in the two, one lap non-competitive races.

A new initiative this year was allowing children to go to spots around the course once they had run their race. This got them out of the shaded grandstand and into the sun. It also allowed children to give support to their mates on the back straight of the course.

It was very noticeable in the competitive races to see the following winners well in front of the rest of their competitors in their particular races. Phoebe O'Leary, Phoebe Williams and Jarrod Williams really motored around the course and put distance between themselves and the next runners.

Well done to all the children who ran and gave their best. Congratulations to the following place getters.

Non – Competitive Year 7 Girls

1st Madison Baker

2nd Katherine Plant

3rd Jodi Kelly

4th Kristie Nicholson

5th Alex Blandford

6th Monica Turton

Non- Competitive Year 7 Boys

1st Jake Swindells

2nd Shaun Young

3rd Nickolas Adams

4th Hayden Fleury

5th Matt Holmes

6th James Miller

Non – Competitive Year 8 Girls

1st Ashley Meyer

2nd Hannah Miller

3rd Laura Randell

4th Kay Mc Bride

5th Sarah Naylor

6th Petra Fersterer

Non – Competitive Year 8 Boys

1st Michael Harwood

2nd Angus Knox

3rd Jordyn Smaill

4th Ryan Trainor

5th Harry Fausch

6th Joe Rowley

Competitive Year 7 Girls

1st Phoebe O'Leary

2nd Elle Lee

3rd Fran Myers

4th Maxine Shanks

5th Rebecca Thom

6th Ariana Knox

Competitive Year 7 Boys

1st Bennett Jones

2nd Devon Kettings

3rd Caleb Vandir Byl

4th Andrew Harper

5th Tom Blacker

6th Cooper Te Ahura

Competitive Year 8 Girls

1st Phoebe Williams

2nd Hannah Williams

3rd Grace van Turnhout

4th Adirah Coulter Jeffrey

5th Hannah Mulder

6th Devon Helm

Competitive Year 8 Boys

1st Jarrod Williams

2nd Shay Loper

3rd Daniel Goodman

4th Charlton Robertson

5th Kieran Applegarth

6th Taylor Mc Cormack

Hockey

Last Friday night we visited the turf to see our Tahuna team take

on a strong Balmacewen side. It was cold but this did not dampen the spirit to play good hockey and a fine nights entertainment was seen. All players gave their best and some excellent defence was seen. After a tough encounter it was a win to the opposition but our players left the turf looking happy with their performance. Well done!

Dancing

In the weekend Kelsey Jones Room 18 competed in a dance competition, which was held in Invercargill.

My group had a great time meeting all the other dance groups and watching their routines.

We came second and are going to nationals, which is in Gisborne!

My group has currently been in three other competitions, in two of them we came first and in the other we came third.

The reason we started up this group is because we LOVE dancing and wanted to take our skills to the next level.

By Kelsey Jones room 18.

Animal in Me

Leaping, air under my hooves.
Addicted to speed.
Wind, filled with exhilaration.
The best has been done.
But still more is expected.
Of the antelope at heart.

Hannah Williams

Happiness

Happiness is a bright yellow field,

It tastes like strawberries just picked,
Happy smells like fresh flowers,
It looks like a smiling face,
Happiness sounds like birds chirping in the forest,
It feels like silk on your skin.
Elliot Room 18

Auditions

Kids for Christmas – a spectacular charity production for the Child Cancer Foundation.

School children required for a large chorus.

We also invite speciality acts to audition including: Singers, musicians, dancers, comedy acts etc.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st
Phone Stacey McDonald for an appointment ph 454-3266



Phoebe Williams ready for a training run for her cross country.

Diary Dates

Monday 15th August – Otago Science Fair set up.

Sunday 21st August – Otago Science Fair Prize giving.

Wednesday 24th August 7.00pm - Classics Competition at the University of Otago – Commerce Building, 2nd Floor Rm 2.08

Wednesday 31st August – Nestle Short story Entries due in.

Friday 2nd September- 1.30pm- School Ski Group depart.

Monday 5th September – Start of Marae Week.

Tuesday 6th p.m. September – Multi Cultural Festival Performance at T/H

Friday 9th September – Intermediate Cross Country on Bal Mac Course. Sunday 11th September – Remuera visitors arrive in Dunedin.

We love acknowledging all students' successes, so let us know and we will do our best to include something in our newsletters.

Please complete the following slip to indicate that you have received this weeks newsletter. All returned slips go into the draw for a canteen voucher.

Student's name _____

Room _____

Yes, I have received this weeks newsletter.

Signed _____