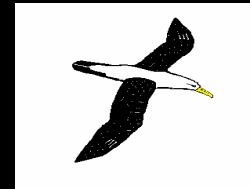


Tahuna News



Dear Parents / Caregivers

The last day of winter is already here, but the supposedly cooler days have not slowed Tahuna students' opportunities or achievements. The high standards of application, the developing of sound work habits, and the enthusiasm of students to give their best to learning tasks is a pleasure to see.

Of particular interest is students' responses to questioning that aims to have learners thinking to a higher level.

The plans for the new Art Room and Food & Textile Technology Rooms have gone out for tender. Very exciting!

Thank you for your continued support.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Classics

Over recent weeks around 35 children attended extra sessions to learn more about Greek and Roman ways during the Classical Period. As we were only allowed to enter three teams for the Quiz down at the University we then had to select twelve who knew the most on this topic.

On the night of the Quiz the pupils were nervous as they had won the trophy twice before and the pressure was on to make it three in a row.

After seven rounds of questions our A team had 28 points to edge out Tahuna B and Columba on 27 points each. Tahuna C scored a respectable 20 in this tough competition.

Thanks to all for their efforts and congratulations to



Tahuna A. - 1st

Chris Harris
Clarke Fulton
Tim Greenslade
Nathan Hendry

Tahuna B - 2nd

Aaron Farrell
Ruby Garbutt
Callum Clark
Ben Sparrow

Australasian Computer Competition

A small group of students sat this exam and we congratulate the following for their top efforts.

High Distinction

Daniel Barnett

Distinction

Nathan Hendry
Chris Lam
Kristie O'Hare
Kate Preston

Credit

Megan Darling
Emily Day
Aaron Farrell
Nick Millman
Brittany Moore
Joe Rowley
Lewis Baker
Sam Brosan
Hamish Carraher

This was a particularly difficult exam, making these results even more praiseworthy. Areas covered included operating systems, software, hardware, internet, networks and programming.

Lunch Time Activity Programme [LAP]

At LAP the new game is badminton. Everybody loves LAP and it is great to get out and exercise lots. It is class against class as they battle off to win the LAP challenge and take the cup.
Tom McKay

Oral Communication

During the year your child has been working on an oral communication unit as part of the English Curriculum. This unit includes : Delivering a demonstration talk, speaking or reading a poem, telling a story or legend, participating in group drama, reading a passage from a book and carrying out a simple telephone exercise.

These activities are internally assessed by the classroom teacher and children will receive a Tahuna Certificate in Oral Communication if the

appropriate standard has been reached.

However, we are able to offer to students at Tahuna the opportunity to present their work to an assessor of the New Zealand Speech Board in the fourth term. They will be able to attain the New Zealand Speech Board Junior or Advanced Junior badge in Oral Communication by performing their work in a relaxed, group examination at school. The cost of this assessment is **\$35.00.**

Entries for the assessments close with the Speech Board in early September. If you would like your child to be part of this assessment, which has been a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience in the past, could you please complete the enrolment form which is now available from Mrs Hutton. Please send this form and the \$35 to school by Friday **September 2nd.**

Deirdre Hutton

Cancer Appeal

Today Bruce's team from ZM came to our school to judge the class Daffodil Posters which had coins attached to them for the cancer appeal. Our Multicultural Group performed as well and at the end we were given All Black flags, posters and stickers. We all very much appreciated them coming to our school.
Tyla Cochrane.

The All Blacks

On Thursday I was picked to meet Marty Holah, Conrad Smith and John Afoa from the All Blacks. A boy and girl from each class got the chance to meet them in the library. They talked to us in groups and signed autographs. I got them to sign my arm and a piece of paper.

We then all got together to ask them questions and take some photos. It was a great experience to meet the All Blacks.

Courtney Dunn.



Tramp

Soon Rooms 5-6 will be going on a Winter tramp which will be fun and very challenging. Everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am.

The highest hill I have ever been up was 1545 metres high, which was very challenging as it was like a mountain.

Tramp training is underway until week 7 as our outing is probably going to be on the 8th September. If not then it will be on the 22nd.

Hannah Wilson

Rugby

Last Wednesday the Year 7 Rugby Team played Balmacewen Int. We had a good

start and scored three times in five minutes. Our forwards did a great job and there was good linking with the backs. The final score was 60 – 0.

Zeb Laqekoro

6 - A- Side Hockey Tournament

On Friday 26th August our children took part in this tournament down at the Turf.

There were four divisions and our teams played very well to end up winning Pool A and Pool D. Well done to all involved and congratulations on the fine results.

Pool A Winners

Chris Harris
Zoe Lockhart
Corey Farrell
Phoebe Williams
Chelsea Somerville
Shyanne Hall

Pool D Winners

Sam Doran
Josh Hunter
Esther Garbutt
Erin Batchelor
Peter Sise
Lily Burrows

Soccer

At the end of season presentation for the Melchester Rovers Juniors, it was most satisfying to see that Kayla Watson was awarded the Fair Play Trophy and certificate for her contributions to the 12th grade team over the 2005 season. Well done Kayla.

Are you up for the latest Design Technology challenge?



Each machine in the workshop needs a place to put the safety glasses.



- The holding device can be thermoplastic moulded.
- It has to be attached to the machine in a position easy to see and easy to get the glasses in and out of.
- Your competition so far includes Nicola Wilson and Kate Doig with their tray screwed to the bandsaw (above), Jordan Wright with his double safety glasses holder fitted neatly over the scroll saw arm.



Alexandria Derrett with her magnetic tray on top of one of the bench drill presses



And the Dan and Ryan team with their twin cor-flute design.



Can you out-design these young Tahuna year 7 students?

Musselburgh and Tahuna Sewage Plant

By Lisa Nyman

On Thursday 11th August room 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.

Congratulations

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

Gold

Sarah Prouse
Adirah Coulter Jeffery

Silver Cards

Ant McCullough
Jordyn Smaill
Emily Day
Esther Smith
Ross Cumming
Ryan Craig
Christiana Moeroa

Bronze Cards

Penny Polson
Gareth Harrison
Nickolas Adams
Jovi Cleveland
Nick Millman
Natalie Ryder
Will Hannagan
Susan Tolich
Stella Chisholm
Kate Doig
Caleb Van der Byl
Andrew Harper
Francie Hooper
Phoebe O'Leary
Abe Kemp

Sailing Trophies

On the Opening Day of the Vauxhall Yacht Club I competed in the optimist section and came first. I

received a trophy with my name engraved on it for 2005. The V.Y.C. also had the Winter Sub-Zero races, where you had to go in 4 out of the 6 races to get a place. I missed the first race, but came first in the other five. I won the first place trophy for the optimists.

Amy Carrick Rm 15.



Congratulations Amy. Lots of talent and we wish you well in your continued sailing interest.

Swimming

We heard the good news that two of our pupils had done very well at the Southland Winter Championships .

Phoebe Williams

- 1st 400m Freestyle
- 1st 200m Individual Medley
- 1st 200m Butterfly
- 1st 100m Freestyle
- 2nd 200m Breaststroke

Kieran Applegarth

- 1st 50m Butterfly
- 1st 100m butterfly
- 1st 100m Freestyle
- 2nd 100m Individual Medley

Netball

Bouncing, catching, passing
Bouncing on the ground
Getting hit in the nose

And falling to the ground.
Practice, games , real life stuff
Winning, losing, draws.
Putting on the Centre bib and running for the ball.
Netball
Ashlea McCutcheon

The Cross Country

“ Puff “ I was breathing slowly but my legs and heart were pumping fast. I sprinted past a girl as I made my way to the finish line. I was getting closer and closer to getting 3rd but the girl in front of me sped up . There was cheering and people shouting out my name as I received a red card with “4th place “ on it .
Excitement ran through my body as I caught my breath.
Fourth place resounded in my head as I walked home from school.
I think I am now ready to try the competitive run.

Kristie Nicholson

Diary Dates

Wednesday 31st August – Nestle Short story Entries due in.
Friday 2nd September- 1.00pm- School Ski Group departs.
Monday 5th September – Start of Marae Week + Yr 8 classes to visit the Early Settlers Museum this week.
Tuesday 6th p.m. September – Henley Tramp for Rms 14+15
Thursday 8th September, 11.00am – Dance Festival Practice at Dn College of Education. Performance that night.
Friday 9th September – Intermediate Cross Country on Bal Mac Course.
Saturday 10th September – Boys Miniball Tournament

Sunday 11th September – Girls Miniball Tournament.

Sunday 11th September at 9.10am – Remuera visitors arrive in Dunedin.

Monday 19th September – Remuera group fly back to Auckland + 2 x Brisbane U12 Rugby Teams to play us at 3.30 pm.

Wednesday 14th September –M3 injection -3rd in the series.

Friday 16th September- Multi Cultural Festival Performance at T/H

Thursday 22nd September – DISCO by invitation.

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 _____