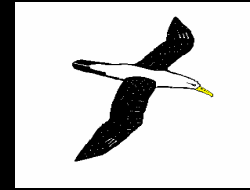


Tahuna News



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Open Night saw a packed hall of parents and Year 6 youngsters who then keenly toured through the school. Feedback has been extremely positive. Tahuna students helping on the night were fantastic and shared aspects of their school with enthusiasm. Tahuna is a positive choice for Year 7 & 8 education.

Applications for enrolment are coming in quickly, with high interest in coming to the school we are so proud of.

A reminder that all out of zone applications must be in by Friday August 12th. We hope that we will be able to accept all application for next year. Our 5 new classrooms will certainly add greatly to our facilities. We ask that all in-zone enrolments are forwarded by the 31st August. This enables us to make the best decisions early about classes and staffing for 2006.

Students enjoyed being able to use the new rooms for Dance & Orchestra on Open Night. While there are still some finishing tasks to complete, everyone looks forward to using such great rooms.

Term 3 has many activities that will enable our students to try new things, to challenge themselves, and to learn and apply skills. The Tahuna Science Fair is fast

approaching, and display boards that outline the investigations are having their finishing touches completed. Thank you to all family members who have assisted students. The range of topics should make the school display another memorable one.

Our Architect is busy finalising last details for the new Art, Technology Foods and Technology Textiles Rooms. These rooms and additions to the workshop will certainly add to the facilities for Tahuna students. Very exciting!

Brent Ward
Principal.

Published Work

It was most satisfying to see several pieces of work from Tahuna children in the latest copy of the ODT "Extra". This publication is read from Auckland to the Bluff and it is therefore meritorious to have a poem, letter to the editor or another piece of written work published.

It was an added honour for Gracie Reed to write the "Guest Editorial "and for Samara Henry to be selected as" Poet of the Month". Both will receive pens and books from the ODT, for their efforts.

Well done to Kate Preston who won a book in the Newspaper Search quiz for last month too.

Multi Cultural group at the Library.

Last Friday a small number from the group boarded a bus and travelled to the Dunedin Library to assist in a community event celebrating Maori Language week hosted by the Dunedin City Council.

When we arrived we were greeted by the organiser who asked if we could present our item outside the Library entrance way, which was great for the public as it turned out. We sang 4 items and as usual, the boys stole the show with the haka.

The public sang along with us on 2 of the waiata and before hopping on the bus and returning to school we sang a song to Mr H's daughter who was in the audience. It was fun and the public enjoyed us.

By Sarah Naylor Room 6.



The Science Fair./Laptops

The science fair is coming up soon and we have been using class time to study and work on our projects. We got to use the

school laptops which was very helpful since it meant we could write up and then save what we'd written directly to our own folders on the intranet. The laptops mean each group of one or two people has their own personal computer to work with at any one time.

That really helps because it means people don't have to go to other classes or queue up for the computers. The whole entire class has been working hard and many good projects are being worked on.

By Clarke Fulton and Amy Carrick Rm 15

Room 13 has also used the new iPAQ's too and enjoy how they can read handwriting and beam work into other computers.

Year 8 Girls' Self Defence

Year 8 girls who did not get this opportunity earlier in the year, will be able to participate in the Self Defence Courses at Tahuna on Monday & Tuesday next week. Permission slips have been sent out, and we ask for these to be returned by Friday at the latest. This is an excellent programme that our girls have really enjoyed in the past.

Waverley Bus

This run is being provided by Dunedin Passenger Transport until the new provider commences duties on 1st September.

Currently children travelling up into Waverley will be paying fares on two zones. Concession tickets cost \$9 or individual rides will cost \$1 per trip.

Professional Development

In addition to our recent work in Numeracy the staff will also be involved next week Monday to Wednesday 3.30 – 5.00pm, in a series of after school practical sessions.

The venue is our school hall and netball, soccer and rugby will be covered in these sessions. All three will be run by Sport Otago and we eagerly look forward to learning new skills and activities to apply to our own class P/E and / or school team coaching.

Open Night Room 19 Puppet show.

I think we were a hit because the people clapped at the end of each and every performance. We had two groups giving performances alternating all night and each show explained what happened at Tahuna but by way of puppets.

Actually, it was hard work because at the start it was exciting and toward the end we sort of were getting a little lazy.

Oh well it was an experience and I think all the visitors enjoyed what they saw. I think that the visitors would have enjoyed all that was put on by different teachers and children. It was a neat night and many of my friends want to come to Tahuna.

By Alex McLean.



Fantastic art work by Christiana Moeroa that is framed and displayed with pride.

Open Days and Open Night

The first week back was very busy as we had many Year 6 children from local schools touring the school. Our ex-pupils from each school acted as guides and I would have to say they performed above expectation as they visited a variety of interesting school locations giving full and entertaining explanations as they went.

Open Night was once again visited by large numbers but the new complex and surrounding concrete paths helped absorb lots of our many visitors. { Three new rooms completed and more to come } Many of the year 6 children were back with their parents / caregivers and they were not disappointed with what was on show.

Hands on science, camping, mathematics, ICT, reading, P-E, Health, foods, craft technology, dance, orchestra, Kapa Haka, Choir, Spanish, Japanese and Social Studies were some of the subjects under the spot light..

We had the odd question about being out of zone but going by all the information we have our aim is to accept the applications from all interested in attending Tahuna. New rooms will negate any overcrowding issues we had at our maximum roll number. So please complete those enrolment forms when you have made up your mind and then send them into the school as out of zone forms must be in by the **12th August.**

POETRY

Pencil Case

I hate my life!
People pick me up and chuck
me across the room,
They stuff me with pencils and
pens,
Little girls walk past me and
scream and say I look like a dog
or a rabbit,
They all handle me too roughly,
I'm ripped at the side and all my
pens fall out,
No wait, OUCH! That hurt,
Ah they ripped me in half! what
now?
What will happen to me?

Sophia Scott

Key

I am a door, sneaky is me,
I have a best friend whose name
is Mr. Key,
We work together, as a team,
Making our humans get
frustrated and scream,
When they get out key, to open
me,
I reject key, and he rejects me,
The humans can't get in, Mr. Key
goes in the bin,
And that was the story of Mr.
Key.
Brittany Moore

ANGER

Anger is as red as the petals of a
poppy
It tastes like the bitterness of a
lemon
It looks like the rocky seas on a
windy day.
Anger smells like musty clothing.
It feels like the touch of heavy
rain.
Anger sounds like the screeching
of hawks.
Anger is hate.

Charlotte Room 18

The Chair

Just another of your everyday
quadrupeds,
They stand around a table,
Talking to their friends,
Until meal time.
They hate people sitting on
them,
Spilling food on them,
They hate people standing on
them,
To reach higher places,
But most of all, they hate people
swinging backwards and
forwards on their hind legs,
They try to buck people off,
Make them lose balance,
But in the end, they collapse,
They can be repaired,
But they're never the same
again.

Nathan Hendry

**Tahuna Students doing well
at Kings High School**

Congratulations to Scott
Brownlie, Taylor Wagstaff,
Jordan Aberhart and Tim Heller
who were presented with
Scholarships last week. It was a
pleasure to be invited to
congratulate these boys
personally. Teachers love
following their students'
achievements throughout life,
and enjoy catching up on past
students to see what they have
been up to.
Well done boys.

Congratulations

It was good to see the following
receiving their YIP Awards at our
last Assembly.

Gold Card [Bar]

Robert Pu [an amazing
achievement]

Gold Card

Melissa Grant

Silver Cards

Hazel Dawson
Jeremy Barnes
Geordi Dearn
Laura Hight

Bronze Cards

Katie Day
Christina Akersten
Maxine Shanks

Hockey

I have also heard that in addition
to Corey and Aaron Farrell being
successfully named in the Otago
U13 Hatch A Team, we also
have a third representative. Well
done to Chris Harris for this
achievement.

Out to match the boys - Fresh
news today was that Shyanne
Hall, Zoe Lockhart and Phoebe
Williams have been successful in
being named in the Collier A
Girl's Hockey Team. It is great to
see good numbers from Tahuna
achieving representative status.

Artistic Gymnastics

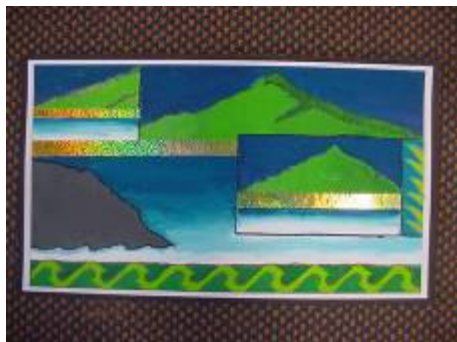
Well done Sarah Taylor and
Brittany Moore for their selection
in the level 5 Otago Team of four
members. They will be away in
September for five days
attending the National
Championships in Auckland. We
wish them all the best in the far
North.

Cross Country

Jarrod Williams ran strongly in
the Men 14 and under 4000m
race at the Otago Cross Country
Championships recently to pick
up the bronze medal. I am sure
this medal will be joined by many
more in the years to come as he
is a fine young runner.

Badminton

Over the first week of the last holidays we had Sam Matthews and Matthew Plaisted travel to Invercargill as members of the Otago "B" Badminton Team. They were competing in the South Island Championships and played very well with their team taking 2nd place in the B section . Great effort guys.



Chia – wen shows real talent in this art work. As commented on so many times by visitors, the art work by Tahuna students is most impressive. Well done Mrs Whitson and students.

Parent Interviews

If you would like an interview with your child’s class teacher, please write a note in their homework diary indicating this.

A time will then be arranged by the class teacher over the next two weeks. In some instances, teachers will also organise an interview with parents so that students’ progress can be maintained and maximised.

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th July – 9.00 am Visit to OBHS in Bus [permission note needed]

9.30 – 10.50 Visit to OGHS [with parents/caregivers]

Australian Examination Mathematics

Friday 5th School Cross Country at Tahuna Park – 11am.

Wednesday 10th August – set up TNIS Science Fair

Monday 8th August – Mathletics Competition at the Town Hall Peninsula Art Exhibition at BHS.

Monday + Tuesday 8 + 9th August Self Defence lessons for Yr 8 girls

Friday 12th August – 2.00pm – Keep Dunedin Beautiful Drama Group Performance.

Monday 15th August – Otago Science Fair set up. Prize giving on Sunday 21st August.

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.

Come and Meet the Vodafone Otago NPC Team

“During the season, we see players often at a distance, either at the ground or on TV, and we thought it would be a great way to kick off the season by giving the people of Dunedin and Otago an opportunity to come and meet the team, grab an autograph or two, have a chat to their favourite players, or speak to some of the ones new to the team.

All of the team are approachable, and love meeting the Otago faithful. This is very much an informal occasion, and we would invite all of our kids, families and supporters to **come along to get their favorite items signed or chat to the players.**”

As well as the opportunity to meet the team, Sunday gives people the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Carisbrook surface. People will

have already seen during the Rebel Sport Super 12 and the Lions game that the ground has undergone significant changes since last season, and visitors can have a good close look at the Carisbrook surface for themselves. The ground staff has worked incredibly hard to rebuild the field into one of the best playing surfaces in New Zealand.

What: Meet the team

When: Sunday 7th August
12.00 – 1.00 pm

Where: Carisbrook, Burns Street, 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_____