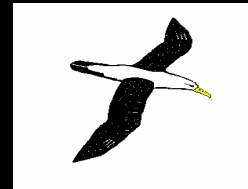


Tahuna News



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Spring is here and Tahuna students are blossoming. Fine performances in the classroom, on the sports fields, and in performing arts make us proud to be part of the Tahuna community.

Last week Tahuna had three students travel to Wellington to share amazing efforts in creating and performing music. High praise followed their performances and we await a video of their pieces with interest. On Thursday and Friday Tahuna dancers showed skill and a real enjoyment for dance as they shared their work with other Dunedin Schools at the College of Education auditorium. The only school asked to perform on both nights, and again high praise for the items.

Tahuna competed with real distinction in the Intermediate Schools' Otago Cross Country Championships. Winning this was the result of sound practices, positive commitment, and real effort on the day. In every race the team efforts were outstanding. Well done.

This week I have taken great delight in reading many pieces of quality written language. Students who have been receiving extra support to lift the quality and impact of their writing have made great gains and have produced wonderful writing. Poetry, stories, and

reports from across the school show delightful and mature writing skills and creativity. I congratulate writers and thank staff for the standard of work. Work in art and technology continues to be one of the highlights of students schooling. I am impressed with the application and pride in their work.

Another positive fortnight at Tahuna and more amazing achievements in all areas. And isn't it exciting to have another 10 laptops for students, and those iPAQs are fantastic too.

Brent Ward
Principal.

ANZ Maths Week Winner

Congratulations to Cheng-ju yeh who won a Casio fx82-ms in the maths challenge on their web site. Over 120,000 students took part in the challenge, one of many activities in the 2005 Maths Week.

It's All Rubbish In Room 6!

On Tuesday 6th September Room 6 collected bins from classrooms, the lunch area and tech classrooms to find out what rubbish is thrown away at Tahuna each day. We emptied the contents of the bins in the classroom or in the cloakbay. One person in each group did a tally while the others sorted the rubbish into categories like

plastic wrapping or paper. We discovered that most of the rubbish created was classroom paper. There was also a lot of plastic wrapping especially gladwrap and chip packets. Next week we will find out what happens to this rubbish when it gets to landfill.

By Sarah Naylor



Someone had to do the messy bit.



The sorting out process underway.

Taieri Millenium Track Tramp

On the 6th September Rooms 9 and 15 went on a tramp along the Millennium track.

We departed from school at 9am and made our way to the start of the long tramp that awaited us. We started at the Henley Bridge and walked along a country road. The view of the Taieri River was great and although it was a little wet, it was good conditions. When we reached the bush part of the tramp, we split into two groups.

We walked for a while until we had lunch. The first group had lunch at a quiet spot at John Bull Gully. Well, it was quiet until we got there! While the second group decided to have theirs in the pine forest.

When we finished eating lunch and skipping stones we started walking again. It was very slippery and muddy so it was fun sliding around.

Once we got to Taieri Mouth we kicked a ball around until the bus arrived. When we got back to school we were all really tired but we had a great time.

A big thanks to all our parent helpers, Mr D, Mr Brown and the teachers of Rooms 9 and 15.

Lights.....camera..... .ACTION

On Thursday and Friday the dance group performed the dances "Angles" and "Crazy" at the Teachers College Of Education Auditorium. We had a great time watching all the other dances and learning new moves. When it came to our turn the year 7's all got up and performed the "Angles" dance perfectly to a very big audience. Then the group rushed backstage and put on very wacky and crazy accessories. We went on stage for the second time, a bit nervous and performed our other

dance to the song Crazy Frog. Overall, we had an awesome time and a great experience to have the chance to dance on stage. We would like to thank Mrs Hutton for making this opportunity all possible.

By Jodie Hope and Courtney Dunne.

Multicultural Update

All members of our large Multicultural group were invited to perform at a South Island conference for women, being held in the Nations church, last Saturday.

We were pleased with the children who were able to perform, as this is such a busy time for our children, and many had other prior commitments. Mr Hokianga, Mrs Moeroa, Nela Ma'atafa-Fereti and Sandra Ma'atafa were outstanding on the day with the children, and this is a most opportune time to acknowledge the tremendous work they do in enabling our children to have genuine Maori and Polynesian experiences with our cultural groups.

We really have appreciated their voluntary efforts and feel sure our groups will do us proud on Friday, at the Intermediate and Secondary Schools' Maori and Polynesian Festival, at the Regent Theatre. Tahuna is performing at 10.15am and 10.45am.

Marae Week Highlights

These are some of the highlights of a busy Marae Week for our Year 7 students. Thanks to Mrs Boyes and Year 8 students who helped make this a big success. Thank you all staff who put in so much extra work, lost sleep, and

helped make it an experience for our students to remember.



Studying Maori use of plants



Wonderful Art



Oh so tasty



Carefully made canoe from the flax wood



Eating the hangi



Enthusiastic haka practice



Brilliant flax weaving



Fun dancing



Creating Maori designs and burning in the detail

Otago Cross Country

On Friday 9th September we went to the Cross country run over on the Balmacewen Int Course which was 2.4 Km long. Lots of children from many schools were there and most of them were nervous.

There were four races and first was the Year 7 girls followed by the Year 7 boys, Year 8 girls and last were the Year 8 boys. It was really good to see everyone trying their best and cheering for their friends when they ran. After all the hard running we went to the hall for the prize giving.

There it was the Team Trophy and it was given to TAHUNA. All the kids were so excited.

Ell Lee

Yes, it was indeed most satisfying to win back the Otago Intermediate Cross Country Team Trophy and we thank all the children for training so well and running hard on the day.

Special mention must go to Jarrod Williams and Phoebe Williams for their 1st placings in the Year 8 races while Phoebe O'Leary and Bennett Jones took 2nds in the Year 7 races. This was indeed a very consistent result across the four races.

Top places were as follows:-

Year 7 Girls

- 2nd Phoebe O'Leary
- 18th Ell Lee
- 21st Jasmine Ogilvie

24th Rebecca Thom

Year 7 Boys

- 2nd Bennett Jones
- 7th Andrew Harper
- 9th Danyon Stenton
- 12th Devon Kettings

Year 8 Girls

- 1st Phoebe Williams
- 5th Sophie Robb
- 8th Hannah Williams
- 11th Devon Helm

Year 8 Boys

- 1st Jarrod Williams
- 14th Charlton Robinson
- 16th Keiran Applegarth
- 25th Robert Pu

Remuera Int Visit

'Woosh' I could hear the aeroplane flying over head as the car pulled into the airport. I looked at the car clock as we found a park, 9.05am, 5 minutes I thought.

As I walked in I saw a small group of TNIS students and soon after we were herded over to gate 1. where a bunch of people were trotting down the stairs. I recognised them by their red and grey uniforms. Remuera Intermediate were here right on time.

Katie Day.

Netball Wind Up

On Thursday 8th September the Tahuna Netball Teams had their last time together as teams for the year. It was the Netball Prize Giving and all the players, coaches and umpires attended. The two team awards were for the most improved and the most motivated players. You were also given a chocolate bar with your team award. The children within the school who had been umpires got a crunchie bar and

some got blue cards, which was extremely exciting.

Adult helpers were given a card and a box of chocolates while Miss Gibson, the netball co-ordinator, got a special thankyou of a present and some flowers. Miss McMurtrie and Pam Mulder were given a bottle of wine and a box of Rose chocolates.

That was the Tahuna Prize Giving and I think they all walked out of the netball season feeling proud of what they'd done.

Gabrielle Mulder

Extra Short Story and Poetry Writing Competitions

After an exciting wait we heard today that our children had done very well in this Year 7 + 8 Competition which 100's of eager writers had contributed to.

Short Stories

3rd – Lisa Nyman
H/C – Kate Presto

Poetry Writing

3rd – Penny Polson
H/C – Gabrielle Mulder

Well done to these talented writers and thanks to those teachers and parents who have assisted along the way.

Congratulations

New Zealand Representation

Well done to Oliver Smith for being selected to trial for the New Zealand Koru Mini ball Team in Christchurch and then being successfully named in this team. He will be wearing the silver fern in Australia in mid-January 2006 and we wish him and the team the very best in their sporting encounters.

Technology – Sustainable Energy

Children have been industriously working on a variety of models which attempt to show how alternative energy produces work.

A fine selection of models were judged with the winners being.

1st Sam Olsen
2nd Jeremy Barnes and Tom Murphy
3rd Chris Harris
4th Esther Smith.

COUNCIL UPDATE

On Friday the 26th of August, Tahuna pupils really got behind the Cancer Society Appeal by either purchasing daffodils, or helping to decorate a Class Daffodil montage. These looked fabulous and congratulations to Room 6 for their fine effort. Norm came out from Network Radio to collect Tahuna's efforts and the members of the Multicultural group were lucky enough to receive an All Black flag each.

A Mufti Day was also held to show support for the All Blacks and we were delighted to donate \$400 to the Tahuna team travelling to the Board riding champs later this year. Telecom also donated black ponchos for this Mufti. Thank you everyone for making this such a wonderful day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL DISCO

On Thursday, 22 September, the end of term School Council Disco will be held in the school hall, from 7pm till 9pm, for invited pupils only. Please help with administration by ensuring S3.50 and permission slip is returned to Class Councillors by 9am

THURSDAY. Please read the invitation closely so you know which exit to collect your child from. Looking forward to a fun filled end of term Disco.

School Fair

Andersons Bay School PTA is running a Fair and Sports Auction

Sun September 18th
11am – 2 pm

Raffle drawn & Sports Auction begins at 1.30pm

All the usual attractions: Crafts, Cakes, White Elephant Goods, Food, Games, Choc Wheel Eftpos available.

Otago Cricket School Holiday Programme

3 days at the Edgar Centre
Mon Oct 3 – Wed Oct 5.

10 – 12 year olds from 1.30 – 3pm

\$10 for 1 day, \$15 for 2, \$20 for 3 days. Number strictly limited & booking is essential.

Register: Raylene at Otago Cricket

Ph 477 9056, fax 477 3056

Email

raylene@otagocricket.co.nz

Diary Dates

Friday 16th September- Multi Cultural Festival Performance at the Regent

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

Thursday 22nd September – DISCO by invitation.

Friday 23rd September school concludes for the term.

Monday 10th October – Term 4 commences.

Tuesday 11th October – School Athletics Sport Day

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 _____