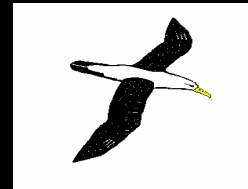


Tahuna News



Welcome

Congratulations Tahuna! Another marvellous fortnight. Well done to every student who has tried their hardest, reached a goal set earlier in the year, and enjoyed achieving. It's not just the certificate, the smile, the congratulations but the feeling of pride you have inside that matters most. We try to acknowledge all your great efforts daily and hope that we have with you. I know our staff are extremely proud of you and are full of praise for you as top learners.

A reminder to prepare for each day with a sun hat and sun block. Dunedin's weather is variable, so being prepared for all possibilities is the best option. The school has a supply of sun block for the days when students forget.

Manners is something that can be a continual "work in progress" in parenting. Can I pass on my observation of the good manners of so many students throughout the day. Manners when coming to the office, in holding doors open for staff, and warm and polite greetings are signs that together, home and school, are developing youngsters to be proud of. This is still a challenge for others though.

It is important to keep standards high in every area of our school day, right through to

the last morning. Thank you for your support and please keep it

up with correct uniforms, punctuality and attendance. There is no doubt that slips in standards in one area do have an affect on overall attitudes and work.

Brent Ward
Principal

A Big Thank You

We received the following comments in a letter expressing gratitude for the school's outstanding entry in the recent Rescue Helicopter Art Competition.

"Our paleton riders, staff and customers were all hugely impressed with your entry and it was declared a clear winner. Many comments were generated by the appropriately exaggerated size of the South Island and it was felt that this expressed the student's pride in being mainlanders. The entry made a wonderful visual impact with some quirky references to kiwiana. ... We congratulate your school on having such obviously talented artists."

\$3642 was raised for the Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Outstanding Success at South Zone Athletics



Three Tahuna girls sprinting well ahead of the rest of the field.



Tahuna relay teams showed great skill and team work that only comes from good practice.

Writing Challenges

Exciting writing continues and this week we had some great pieces submitted for our writing challenge by our very able writers on -

**The Banning of Fireworks
Year 8 Winner**

Katie Day

Highly Commended

Brent Cheshire
Gabrielle Mulder

School Support

Thanks to the following for supporting the school with their incentives:

Mc Donald's
KFC
Video Ezy
\$2 Shop

Published Work in the latest copy of ODT Extra.

Book prizes arrived in the post last Thursday for Larissa Hinds and Anna Kean for their Editorial in the latest ODT Extra on Fireworks which raised some interesting points. Olivia Trainor and Sam Kemp also had their pieces on fireworks published in this section - "A Matter of Opinion"

The following Tahuna pupils were also fortunate to have pieces of work accepted for this publication in other sections: Tayla Clamp, Erin Corry [2nd piece], Olivia Trainor, Jasmine Hardie and Elizabeth Young, Well done to all of you.

Badminton:

Tahuna had an excellent showing at the Otago Intermediate Badminton Competition over the last ten weeks. The Tahuna Girls team took the competition by storm,

winning in straight sets against arch rival St Hildas. Not to be outshone, the boys dominated their competition finishing first through to third in the final placings.

The top girl this year was Nicola Wilson and top boy was Alex Poulin with Richard Milne being our most improved Yr 7. Congratulations to all on a fantastic season.

Longford Intermediate Exchange - Gore

On Thursday 30th November 40 children and staff will head south for this sporting/cultural occasion. We leave at 8.00am and plan to be back by 5.00pm. Bus hire is considerable but after the school subsidy children are asked to bring in \$12 for this lengthy trip. Sports /cultural options are:- Volleyball, softball, relay, rippa rugby, tennis, golf and chess.

Oral Communication Assessment

At the beginning of this week we welcomed Mr Lindsay Nash from Auckland into the school to carry out the Oral communication Assessments. He was very impressed with the standard of the work presented and enjoyed his time with us. We congratulate all those students who took this opportunity to challenge themselves and achieve their badge.

**Results:
Junior Badge**

Distinction
Thomas Stevens, Jeremy Barnes, Ariaah Stuart, Olivia Trainor, Courtney Jones, Sharryah Temita, Jodie Hope, Andrew Shearer,

Highly Commended:

Jess Hepburn-McFelin, Erin Corry, Alexa Anderson, Meredith Wills, Esther Garbutt, Rebecca Peace, Alex White.

Commended:

Luke Bridgeman, Crystal Lay, Jacob Milner, Aiden Preston, Bronwyn Halley, Jiaheng Wang, Brittany Reddington, Sam Arnold, Shaunee Swain, Jack Fraser

Ben McKinlay.

Advanced Junior Badge

Distinction:

Felicity Robinson, Hannah Vickers, Rosie Naylor

Highly Commended:

Michela Verwey, Katie Day, Ell Lee.

Commended:

Nabeelah Saib, Erin Batchelor

Y.I.P Card Awards

The following children have been rewarded at recent Assemblies for their efforts and attitude in and about the school.

Gold Cards

Rosie Naylor

Silver Cards

Caleb Van Der Byl
Elliot Mason
Thomas Dixon
Fern Ritter
Bianca Keen
Jody Kelly

South Zone Athletics

Fine over head conditions but low temperatures greeted our

athletes as they disembarked from their buses outside the Caledonian Grounds last Thursday.

However, it was not long before things started to heat up around the grounds and the Tahuna children were seen in all events doing very well. As they moved through the semis we still had last numbers participating and even in the finals it was very obvious that all the training sessions had paid off. We will have lots of children competing on the Tuesday 21st November at the same venue but it will be much harder up against the very best in the province.

What thrills us is that we had 26 relay teams win through to the Champs which means in relays alone we will have 104 children participating. Many others are in the throws, jumps, hurdles, sprints and distance.

Well done to all competitors and congratulations to the following placegetters:

Anna Kean 1st Snr 800m, 1st U13 long jump and 1st equal U12 high jump

Brent Cheshire 1st U12 high jump, 1st U12 hurdles and 3rd U12 75m.

Jasmine Ogilvie 1st 13+ hurdles and 1st 13+ 100m.

Lorralea Te Koi 1st U12 shot and 1st U12 hurdles.

Jenna Small 1st 12+ discus and 1st U13 75m.

Tyler Helm 1st 75m U12 and 3rd U12 hurdles

Ariana Knox 1st 12+ high jump and 3rd 13+ long jump.

Jonathon Pawluk U12 1st high jump.

Samuel Kemp 1st U12 shot

Hope Duncan 1st 12+ shot

Esme Gray- McCoy 1st equal U12 high jump.

Caitlin O'Brien 1st U12 75m

Salema Ferris 2nd 12+ discus, 2nd 12+ shot and 3rd 13+ 100m

Henry Tagaloa 2nd U12 75m and 2nd U12 hurdles.

Mark Burnett 2nd U13 long jump and 3rd U13 hurdles.

Shannon McLaren 2nd 13+ 100m and 3rd 12+ discus.

Cooper Te-Ahuru 2nd U13 hurdles and 3rd U13 75m.

Hayden Fleury 2nd 12+ shot.

Bennett Jones 2nd Snr 800m.

Hayden Pringle 2nd 12+ high jump.



Cole Bardwell 2nd U12 high jump.

Jordan Seaward 2nd 13+hurdles.

Rebecca Thom 2nd U13 75m.

Natalie Hill 2nd U12 hurdles.

Carla Galderman 2nd 13+ hurdles.

Maxine Shanks 2nd U13 long jump

Papa Wirihana- Poutapu 3rd U12 75m and 3rd U12 shot.

Ben Dolan 3rd 12+ high jump and 3rd 13+ hurdles.

Courtney Jones 3rd U13 hurdles.

Alicia Jackson 3rd 12+ high jump.

Samara Henry 3rd 12+ shot.

Jordan Durst 3rd 12+ discus.

Anthony Trainor 3rd Snr 800m.

Caleb Van De Byl 3rd 13+ 100m.

Farewell to 3rd Year College Teachers

Recently we said goodbye to our 3rd Year College teachers who will graduate in the very near future. We wish them all the best in their teaching careers and thank them for all their

contributions to Tahuna over this year.

It was reassuring to read their evaluation section on their last report as they were positive about what our staff and school generally had contributed to their teacher training. Short quotes follow:

“My time at Tahuna over the last four weeks has by far been the greatest four weeks of my 3 years at the Dunedin College of Education. I finally feel like a real teacher.”

“ I have thoroughly enjoyed this posting and I have learnt lots”.

“ I have loved every minute of my time at Tahuna”.

Over the last few weeks we have been hearing the great news that so far, three of our college teachers have won jobs for 2007.

Design Technology



Georgia McDonald has worked hard on her picture frame. The beading and colour make it a special display for any picture. Well done Georgia.

Poetry

ELEPHANT BEGAN:

Elephant Began
For her tusks,
She took the whiteness of
summer clouds

She took the curve of a
crescent moon
She took the blade of a knight
in shining armour
For her roar,
She stole the trumpet from a
brass band
She stole the bang of an
explosion
She stole the cheers of a
country winning a war
For her ears,
She borrowed the paper from
an office
She borrowed the colour of a
stormy sky
She borrowed the wings of a
hummingbird
For her feet,
She retrieved the blubber of a
whale
She retrieved the skin of an old
lady
She retrieved the jaw of a
crocodile
And for her trunk,
She acquired the crush of a
python
She acquired the elasticity of a
cooked noodle
She acquired the taper of a
candle
AND ELEPHANT WAS MADE

By Josh Livingston

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th November – Yr 8
Tahuna students off to Bayfield
in 2007, visit Bayfield for the
day
11.00 – 12.00 swimming at
Moana Pool for Rooms
7.10.16.17.

Friday 17th November – Free
Wheelers to perform at
Assembly
9.00 – 12.30 R12 Out
Kayaking.

Tuesday 21st November –
Otago Athletic Championships
at the Caledonian Grounds

Wednesday 22nd November
9.00 – 11.30 – Class teams of
4 to compete Police Fitness
Challenge at the Edgar Centre.
Thursday 23rd November –
Swimming at Moana Pool for
Rms 9.18.26.27

(Also Postponement day for
Athletics)
Thursday 23rd November,
4.00pm - BP Challenge at the
Dunedin College of Education.

Friday 24th November – Room
26's Assembly.

Thursday 30th November,
11.00 – 12.00 swimming at
Moana Pool for Rooms
7.10.16.17.

Thursday 30th November, 8.00
– 5.00pm, 40 children
representing seven sports ,
travel to Longford Int in Gore.

Wednesday 13th December –
School Concert at Dunedin
College of Education
Auditorium in Union Street.

Wednesday 20th December,
2.00pm –End of Year prize
Giving in School Hall.

**A reminder that we would like
to acknowledge all
achievements, so please let
us know of your child's
successes, and we will
include them in print.**