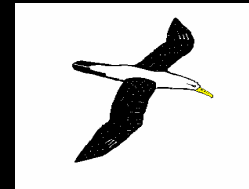


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Welcome back to the last term of 2006. Students have many goals to be achieved this term, and staff are keen to continue the fine balance of support and challenge for our learners.

This week we have a return of the entertaining Minstrel who will be performing to students on Thursday afternoon. His mix of musical talent, pride in New Zealand and skill as an entertainer comes highly recommended. Students have been asked to bring \$2 to their class teacher to attend.

Qualifiers for the South Zone Athletics have been found, and lunchtime practices are being planned to foster the enthusiasm and skills of the eager and talented athletes.

This Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, is a teacher only day. The Minister of Education has given schools this day to work on the new draft curriculum document. Staff are encouraged by the new directions and the opportunity to develop depth of learning when setting new priorities for school programmes.

Looking forward to an exciting and successful fourth term

Brent Ward  
Principal

## The Opening of the New Art, Food & Textile Technology Rooms

On the last day of term the school celebrated the Opening of the new Art & Technology rooms. Students all signed fun photos and signed their special page. These are displayed on the Walls for now, and will later be bound in a special book to mark the occasion.

Thank you for the sausage sizzle Board of Trustees. Very tasty.

It was also impressive seeing the time and effort so many students put into making their Art or Technology hats. The judges had a difficult decision. Two ex Tahuna students who have just finished playing starring roles in the Beauty and the Beast production had the honour of cutting the ribbon.



Gemma Cocker and Greg MacLeod, Tahuna's beauty & Beast, cutting the ribbon.

Yes they've heard it before ...  
"Who's the beauty?"



The hats were colourful and showed clever planning and skills. Thank you everyone who entered the competitions.

## Road Safety

### Pedestrian Crossing

Recently we had a police officer observing the habits of motorists and children at our pedestrian crossing on Victoria Street. She raised a number of concerns and asked if these could be passed on to our students and their parents / care givers.

It is reinforced that it is best to drop children off on this school side of the street (to avoid unnecessary crossing of the road), however:

- As this is a busy thorough fare it is requested that vehicles DO NOT DO U TURNS on Victoria Street as it impedes traffic flow. – e.g. do a loop around the block to approach on the school side of the road.
- Tahuna children are to be commended for their care crossing the road, but, there are 2 major

concerns regarding motorists:

1 Cars driving through the pedestrian crossing after children have already started crossing,

2 Motorists starting to drive across the pedestrian crossing before the students have got safely onto the foot path

- Students are wearing their cycle helmets but some of them are not securely tightened up.
- Some students are cycling or scooting their bikes on the footpath and pedestrian crossing.

Let's take care out there, keep top standards and help avoid nasty accidents.

### **Teacher Attending Meeting**

On **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** the NZEI is holding a paid union meeting for all primary teachers who are NZEI members.

There will be no formal lessons in the afternoon but supervision will be arranged for those needing it.

If you wish your child to remain at school for the afternoon please inform your child's teacher.

### **Tahuna Athletics Day**



Students moved in their house teams around the events, scoring points for their house and trying hard to qualify for the South Zone Sports. Dunedin's changeable weather meant that the activities had to be split over two days, but this didn't curtail their enthusiasm.

There was fierce competition to get into relay teams and qualify in other events. Well done to all students. Special mention must be made of the work of our House Leaders. They led teams and supported fellow students exceptionally well.



Despite the wind trying to empty the pit of sand between jumps, competitors were seen to really give it their all.

### **Writing Challenges**

Exciting writing continues and this week we had some great pieces submitted for our writing challenge by our budding young writers

Year 7 Winner  
Larissa Hinds

Highly Commended  
Ben Larsen  
Ben Black

Year 8 Winner  
Kirstie Smitheram

Highly Commended  
Erin Batchelor  
Penny Polson

Congratulations

### **Australasian Spelling Examination**

This is the first year for this examination and we were very pleased with the results just received.

It was again most satisfying to see that our school averages for the both the Yr 7 and the Yr 8's were higher than those for New Zealand.

Year 8's having the edge over their Year 7 class mates.

TNIS Yr 7 = 32.8    NZ = 28.2  
difference of 4.6

TNIS Yr 8 = 38.3    NZ = 32.9  
difference of 5.4

On looking at our strengths in the skill areas it can be seen that in all areas our school averages exceed National averages.

Our 3 strengths in order for Year 7 students are:

- a) Dictation
- b) Correcting
- c) Proofreading

### Year 8

- a) Dictation
- b) Correcting
- c) Rules and Conventions

Well done to all who sat and congratulations to the following:

Year 8 High Distinction  
Beth Goulstone

Year 8 Distinction  
Courtney Jones  
Sharrayah Temita

Year 8 Credits  
Thomas Dixon  
Ben Drysdale  
Alesha Hamlin  
Regan Howells  
Maddie Kelly  
Joshua Livingstone  
Peter Size  
Hannah Vickers

**Year 7 High Distinction**

Luke Bridgman

**Year 7 Distinction**

Ben Black  
Larissa Hinds  
Cameron MacIntosh  
Aiden Preston

**Year 7 Credit**

Kerryn Little  
Erana McKinlay  
Brittany Reddington  
Chelsey Templeton

**Multicultural Update**

On the last Friday of term, a representation of our Multicultural group performed at Rotary Park school. We all enjoyed our visit, with the ex pupils in the group, delighted to return to their "old school." Our group thoroughly enjoyed the Rotary Park welcome and are looking forward to visiting Andy Bay school on the first Friday back to school.

Girls interested in a Cook Island performing group met for a workshop with Te Marama in the holidays and hope to be up to performance standard in the near future. It is also lovely to have the ongoing link with Mrs Keni Moeroa, who was with this group since its inception. Boys will have the chance to join the group later in the term.

**Term 4 After Hours Art Classes**

These classes have now and will be held on Saturday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00 and the next session will be on Saturday the

28<sup>th</sup> October with the last on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are keen to send children in Yr 4 - Yr8 classes then collect an enrolment form from the school or just record the following details :- child's name, age address, ph number and enclose \$18 before posting / dropping in at the school.

**Y.I.P Card Awards**

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

**Gold Bar**

Samara Henry

**Silver Cards**

Rachel Oakley  
Felicity Robinson  
Lewis Baker  
Konrad De Pruski  
Hamish Mc Meeking  
Carla Galdeman

**Gold Cards**

Chang-Ju Yeh  
Robert Soper  
Lisa Mc Killop

**2006 Australian Westpac Mathematics Results**

This is the final set of overseas results for our children and once again they are very pleasing. Overall , our strength areas in order are:

**Year 7**

1. Routine problems in geometry
2. Basic manipulations in arithmetic
3. Basic manipulations in geometry.

**Year 8**

1. Basic manipulations in arithmetic.

2. Routine problems in arithmetic.
3. Ratio.

**The Prudence Award for our Top student - Lane Savell**

**Year 7 Results Distinction**

Lane Savell  
Bronwyn Halley  
Luke Miller  
Brian Templeton  
Kirk Brocklebank  
Matthew Chilcott  
Jiaheng Wang  
Erana McKinlay  
Morgan Harris

**Credit**

Ben Black  
Sam Gabbusch  
Kurt Schluter  
Fraser McKenzie  
Ben Williams  
Jacob Milner  
Aleki Morris  
Matthew Krawiec

**Year 8**

**Distinction**

Antoinette McIntosh  
Beth Goulstone  
Peter Sise  
Andrew Shearer  
Rebecca Thom

**Credit**

Andrew Harper  
James Tocher  
Samuel Arnold  
Daniel Procter  
Michela Verwey  
Stella Chisholm  
Penelope Polson  
Matt McConroy  
Ella Fielding  
Kate Ellison  
Phoebe O'Leary  
Sam Doran  
Alex Poulin  
Sharrayah Temita

**School Council Disco**

The end of term Disco was held on the final Wednesday and was a great way to ease into holiday mode. Many noticed the new D.J. who played the requests students asked for, prior to the evening. \$698 was raised, with a further \$32 from drink sales the next day. Decisions will need to be made on what to spend the money on and already there have been a number of worthy suggestions. Many thanks to parents for ensuring the safe return home of students, staff, College teachers who were in abundance and of course, the students themselves.

**Year 7 Rugby 2006.**

By the time you read this we would have played our final round robin game against Kavagnah. We have not lost a game and we should have won today's game. It has been real fun playing for our school and one of the best games we played was against MacAndrew Intermediate as they have always fielded strong teams. I heard that this is the second time since this competition has been running that we have had a clean sweep. Talent aplenty on show but Aleki, Ben Mc, Sam K, and Whenua were standouts. Thanks Mr H, Mr Beer, and Mr Hunter for looking after us all.

Ben Williams Captain.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Well done to the following two boys who were named in the South Island Rugby Teams  
U48 kg - Aleki Morris  
U65Kg - Ben Dolan

**LOST PROPERTY**

Today our receptionist tidied out the lost property room and I was amazed at the amount of clothing in there not named. Clothing such as jackets, shorts, tops, T-shirts, hats and twenty – thirty pairs of jolly good road shoes.

I am puzzled as to what the children have said happened to their possessions but too often I am told it was taken. This is not the case and we welcome parents, caregivers and the children to call at the office and then check out the lost property room where many happy hunters will find personal property that they are looking for.

**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 6.15 – 8.00pm – Extra Social Studies Quiz at Mac Int for 10 x Tahuna Teams.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10.45 – 12.30 15 x Korean teachers to visit + 1.30pm The Minstrel Performs.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 – 12.00 swimming at Moana Pool for Rooms 7.10.16.17.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - TEACHER ONLY DAY.**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – No Art classes this morning.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – LABOUR DAY.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 – 12.00 swimming at Moana Pool for Rooms 9.18.26.27

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 5.45 – 7.30 Blind Appeal – Chn to meet in school car park.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - NZEI Meeting – teachers not available for normal teaching from 1.30pm**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 11.00 – 12.00 swimming at Moana Pool for Rooms 7.10.16.17.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – South Zone + Deca Day Athletics.

**School Support**

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

Mc Donald's , KFC , Video Ezy \$2 Shop

Please return the following slip to class teacher

<b>Tahuna Newsletter received</b>
Signed _____
Child's name _____
Room _____