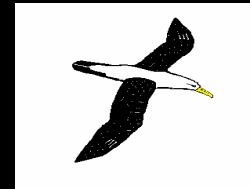


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

This has been a busy week at Tahuna. All our Contributing Schools visited the school to see classes in action, and the Open Night was another very positive time. There was a large number of people on Open Night, with 540 seats in the hall, and many standing at the back.

My thank you to all students who shared their school so proudly and confidently. I was impressed with the way you were welcoming, helped engage visitors in activities, and for the way you showed the happy learners you are. Thank you.

A reminder that all Out of Zone enrolments must be received by Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. It is our hope that everyone interested in attending Tahuna in 2007 will be able to be accepted. We wait the enrolment forms with interest.



It was with huge excitement that we moved into the new Foods and Textiles Rooms on Tuesday. Open Night was our

first time in the rooms. Students and visitors were impressed by the many special features of these new facilities for Tahuna.



Written language challenges for all students have been giving an extra purpose for students to get their ideas on paper. The aim is to enthuse our students to write and to refine their skills. We look forward to our next winners being announced.

When we add the Science Fair, Mathletics, Classics, Remuera visit, ERO Review, and Ski trip to the programme over the last few weeks, you can see it has been a time of many opportunities, and very busy learners.

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## Writing Challenge Awards

Congratulations to Beth Goulstone, Lee van Der Lem, Alex Mac Donald and Hollie Beharrell for their fine efforts of late.

Highly commended efforts came from : Penny Polson, Alesha Hamlin, Georgia McDonald and Erana McKinlay.

## Peninsula Art exhibition

Well done to Cecily Reed for her 1st place in this exhibition. She was closely followed by two other fine artists who also produced commendable pieces – Darryn Wells and Beth Goulstone.

## School Council Update

During the second week of this term, the School Councillors collected spare 5c coins for Plunket. On Friday the Plunket Society were delighted to receive our \$150.45.

Congratulations to Rooms 12 and 16 who raised the highest totals for their respective years.

## Year 8 K.O.S.

In the last week of term Year 8 classes welcomed Constable Jeanette Parcell, a Police Youth Education officer, to their classes. Constable Parcell revisited key concepts from the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, which Year 8 students have been involved in, over the term. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions privately or publically, and this was a valuable way to round off K.O.S., especially with input from a law enforcement perspective.

### **Australasian English Examination**

Yesterday I received the results from Australia for this the second last exam that the children sat - only the spelling results to come. 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.

TNIS Yr 7 = 34.2 NZ = 32.4  
TNIS Yr 8 = 37.1 NZ = 33.4

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

#### Yr 8 High Distinction

Peter Sise  
Beth Goulstone

#### Yr 8 Distinction

Courtney Dunne  
Ella Fielding  
Amy foster

#### Year 7 Distinction

Ben Black  
Matthew Chilcott  
Sam Gabbusch  
Erana McKinlay  
Chelsey Templeton  
Jiaheng Wang  
Anja Waugh

### **Classics**

We had up to 35 children attending the extension sessions on Classics over the last three busy weeks. These children were keen to look into the Gods, weapons , houses, language , statues , coins and language of the early Greeks and Romans. To cap off these sessions we visited the Otago Museum to view the real articles which we found very useful.

Then our three teams lined up at the University last night to face challenging questions. KVHS

made a great start in the first two rounds gaining maximum points and this lead they never relinquished winning with 21 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 19 points to our 17 points in third place. We also took out 4<sup>th</sup> place and 5<sup>th</sup> equal. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place were: Kyrin Hanning, Jordan Seaward, Daniel Barnett and Tomas Rowley.

Others to represent the school were :

Esther Garbutt, Scott Oakes, Josh Livingston, Dane Crosland, Chelsey Templeton, Morgan Harris, Henri Faulkner, and Penny Polson.

### **Kidslines Posters**

Many students have been applying their creativity through art in the 2006 Kidslines Poster competition. Lots of wonderful entries have been sent in from Tahuna and spot prizes were distributed at Assembly.

### **Multicultural Update**

The Multicultural group has been busy performing welcomes for visitors to our school. Last week it was for the visiting E.R.O. team and this week we welcomed Remuera Intermediate. There was also a brief visit to Musselburgh as part of a conclusion to Maori Language Week.

### **Open Days**

Tahuna was certainly a hive of busy activity over Monday and Tuesday of this week as keen year 6 children from local schools came to see us in action. Overall we had about 270 youngsters through the school ably guided and assisted by Tahuna children. It seems as

though they liked what they saw as the following comments were passed on to me.

It's a big school.

There are lots of children here. Most of the kids are smiling and they stopped and talked to us.

I liked the new buildings.

I hope I can get into the dance or the multicultural groups.

The new cooking room is so big and bright.

I hope I get in!

There are lots of things to try here.

It would be best to be in an upstairs classroom as you can see more.

Lots of children are working on laptops.

There is lots of space in the hall.

The guides told us lots about the school as we went around.

### **Open Night**

This event occurred on Tuesday evening and there was standing room only as the multicultural group, choir, BOT chairperson and Principal welcomed all visitors to the school.

After about 15 minutes in the hall our visitors could freely tour the school. Children and their parents /caregivers could be found in any or our numerous rooms.

Popular locations were the making areas of technology where completed projects and works under construction could be seen. Lots of visitors crowded into the Arts block and Room 9 to see various performances. Room 19 was an outdoor education venue and the BBQ reassured us that our smoke alarm system was fully tested and operative.

All the other subjects taught at Tahuna could be seen operating

and/ or displayed in the other classrooms. It was a great night and again comments shared with me seemed to back up this positive feeling which exists about Tahuna – Thankyou.

Some of these were:

There is a buzz and vibrancy about this place.

It is a busy place

It is great to see a high standard of art all around the school.

Kids seem very happy and smiling.

Some of the Dads were pleased to see that tools were still being used to make projects.

It was a relaxed children's night.

Compared with other open nights, there was not the big push to come here. We liked the low key approach.

I did not realise that the class teachers taught nearly all of the subjects.

We liked the Tahuna children giving us information as we moved about.

Some Dads were surprised that sewing was still taught at Intermediate.

You are so lucky to have all those new buildings

It was a lovely night where the kids were selling the school.

Ex-pupils, now parents, commented on the widening of the craft room.

You seem to have a lot of computers in use right across the school.

Parents liked seeing children making useful technology projects that could be taken home and used.

Children obviously enjoy being here.

Please feel free to contact us at the school on Ph 4553994 if you require further assistance with regard to visits / enrolments.

We appreciate the early return of enrolment forms and to date we have a sizeable pile already.

Out of zone applications must be in by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** as the ballot will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** allowing us to inform you of the results within three days.

### Room 16 & 17's Tramp



The Pineapple track

On Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, room16 and 17 walked up the pineapple track from the bull ring and down through Ross Creek. We couldn't believe our eyes were seeing so much snow. With people throwing snowballs it made the walk more enjoyable. Up the top there was lot's of sun shining down on us and a great view over Dunedin where of course, we saw MITRE 10 MEGA, the Warehouse, and many more buildings including the school. Looking out at the hills now scares most of us because we didn't realise we had gone **that** high! When the bus came everyone was glad because after that we all felt like collapsing and falling off to sleep.

Thank you to all parents who helped out on this tramp.

By Bronwyn and Elizabeth

### Congratulations

Well done to Demetri Raffills for being placed in the 11year boys Downhill slalom on the Treble Cone course on the last Saturday of the July holidays. He told me that he had been fortunate to have attended a week long academy Ski week on the mountain and was well prepared for this big ski race down the steep slope negotiating about 20 gates on the way.

### Otago Rugby Representation

After good numbers being selected for the various Metropolitan weight teams we heard about their practices and finally their trial games.

Now we know that the following boys have Otago Rep status and we congratulate them for their selection and wish them well with provincial encounters.

#### U38 Kg

Robert Soper

#### U 48 Kg

Max Aitkenhead  
Isacc Cadogan  
Aleki Morris  
Sam Griffiths

#### U65 Kg

Ben Dolan  
Dan Fowler  
Ryan Williams  
Caleb Van Der Byl  
Conor Kemp

### Otago Basketball

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday I played basketball for Otago. We played in the arena at the Edgar centre. We won two games and lost four games. We

never made it to the finals. It was a tough tournament although our team played a good game.  
**GOOD LUCK U13 OTAGO BOYS**

Kia ora  
NA Papatuanuku  
It should be noted that Papa is an 11yr old in this U13 team and I also heard that during the tournament she was named player of the day on six occasions. This is an amazing achievement .

### Poetry

### Family

Family means happy times, special times, sad times and sometimes even mad times. The memories that are shared together. Are the memories that are remembered forever. Family means love, friendship and care. Family you know will always be there.

Families are different and not all the same. But the love from a family will stay like a stain. It's a feeling from the heart that you will feel. Like a hot apple pie or a yummy warm meal.

Family means memories that are shared together. Family means love remembered forever.

Julia Newton

### Freelance

The leaves fall sadly yet rhythmically upon the desolate road.

They remain unscathed but are still.

I walk the prison then stare through the bars and into the lonely cell.

I carved the flawless wave, captivated by the heavenly power it expresses with its rogue freedom.

Leni Maiaia

### Celia Lashlie

Come and hear prominent public speaker and author of "The Journey to Prison-Who Goes and Why" and "He'll be OK – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men"

Thurs Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm in Hislop Hall, Taieri College, Mosgiel.  
Tickets \$10 – limited seats so be quick.  
Ph Janine 489 1438  
Robyn 489 8868  
Or email [shazac@actrix.co.nz](mailto:shazac@actrix.co.nz)

### Anglican Family Care

### Caregivers wanted.

Have you got room in your family for one more?  
Family Care urgently needs caregivers to provide short term

and respite care for children 0 – 16 years.

Quality training & support provided. Remuneration by way of a Board Payment  
More info  
ph Rose Scott 03 477 0801

### Diary Dates

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August - 4 x teams basketball teams have the opportunity to attend the NZ Tall Blacks Practice over at the Edgar Centre.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Prize Giving for Otago Science Fair.  
Week 5 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August – Mathematics Week.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Rooms 26 + 27 off on Winter tramp to Victory Beach.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Room 15 assembly

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Volleyball Fun day at the Edgar Centre.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Rms 14 + 15 out on Winter tramp

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Rm 1 assembly

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Dance Festival at Dn Teachers College

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Start of Marae Week.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Rms 12+13 off on Winter Tramp

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Int Cross Country on Bal Mac Int Course