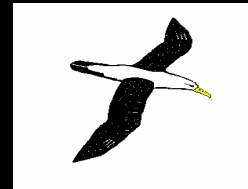


Tahuna News



Welcome

Thank you for listening to the radio re school closures or late starts. Obviously advice and forecasts received led to closures that could have been avoided, but the person making the decision at the early time required has a difficult task.

The procedure for decisions to be made for all schools in the greater Dunedin area is for the safety of students. It aims to inform all families quickly over the radio cancellations. Individual schools making independent decisions and then trying to notify families caused safety issues for students in the past. Some schools couldn't notify the radio stations as lines were clogged with people all checking if their school was closing. This left some students in unsafe situations.

In this newsletter we acknowledge the fantastic successes in the Tahuna and Otago Science Fairs. The results show our students are keen, organised, and well supported by families and the school. Well done everyone.

Over this last fortnight I have taken a number of families who are keen to have their son / daughter at Tahuna in 2007 around classes. As always it is a pleasure to see our students actively engaged in their learning, and demonstrating

sound work habits. The choices and opportunities for students is another aspect of Tahuna that continues to impress parents.

A reminder that you can receive Tahuna newsletters by email, or read it on the website. Contact me at tahuna@tahuna.school.nz if you would like to be added to the newsletter mail group.

Brent Ward

Principal

Writing Challenge

Mrs Thwaites is certainly coming up with some thought provoking tasks for the weekly written language challenges. Recent winners were:

Year 7

Whetu Luna

Year 8

Conor Kemp

Highly Commended

Year 7

Thomas Stevens

Henry Malthus

Year 8

Ruby Jones

Andrew Harper

Congratulations

Well done to Sharrayah Temita for having her poem "A healthy Lunchbox" published in Issue 2, July 2006 of "The NZ Health Teachers Association" magazine. It is

indeed a real honour to know that her efforts are being appreciated right across New Zealand.

I was also delighted to hear that Hannah Vickers had had her poem – "Solitary Swallow" accepted by an American publisher for publishing in their forthcoming edition of "Immortal Verses."

Activ8



Eight students enjoyed a variety of challenges around the north of Dunedin in this years Activ8. The skills, speed, enthusiasm and team work of the group was very pleasing to see.

Tahuna Science Fair Results 2006

YEAR 8

First

Hope Duncan and Fern Ritter
Can You Read

Second

Hope Duncan
In The Mood For Diabetes

Third

Kirstie Smitheram

Mark My Words
Peter Sise
How Fast Are You

Matt Mulconroy
Eye Witness Accounts

Fourth

Sam Arnold
Would You Swim In The Water

Hebe Robinson
Lolly Look Alike

Highly Commended

Kathryn Lammers and Erin Batchelor
The Best Soap Is...

Tim Wight
Coca Cola Dilemma

Nabeela Saib
Awesome Laser Power
Courtney Jones and Esther Garbutt
Bright Lights

Penelope Polson
Postage Problems

Kyrin Hanning
What's That In Your Water

Ruby Jones and Fran Myers-Baird
Capillary Action

Ashley Hinton
Outlook For Dunedin

Kate Ellison and Rachel Oakley
What Waxeyes Prefer To Eat

Maxine Shanks
Colours –v- Words
Alice Tonks
Put Your Taste Buds to The Test

YEAR 7

First
Caitlin Barnes
Possum Peril

Second
Erana McKinley
Death On The Highway

Third
Demetri Raffills
Ice Socks

Fourth

Jeremy Barnes
Optical Illusions

Meredith Wills
The Perfect Chip

Highly Commended

Thomas Stevens
Water Bottles – Toss em or keep em

Cecily Reed and Alexa Anderson
Super Smarties

Richard Milne
The Highs & Lows of a Solar Panel

Mathew Mitchell
Magnetic Train

Greg Thomson
Warm Your Room Efficiently

Esther O'Loughlin
Mould Mania

Morgan Harris
Does Magnetism Effect the Growth of Plants

Chelsea Templeton
Pavlov's Theory For Goldfish

**Otago Science Fair Results
2006**

YEAR 8

Awards
Hope Duncan
In The Mood For Diabetes
2 Awards
Peter Sise

How Fast Are You
2 Awards

Matt Mulconroy
Eye Witness Accounts
1 Award

Kyrin Hanning
What's That In Your Water
1 Award

Maxine Shanks
Colours –v- Words
1 Award

Highly Commended

Hope Duncan and Fern Ritter
Can You Read

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Sam Arnold
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Put Your Taste Buds to The Test

YEAR 7

Awards
Demetri Raffills
Ice Socks
PREMIER AWARD
**one of only 6 awarded
(best commercial potential)**

plus 2 Awards

Caitlin Barnes
Possum Peril

3 Awards

Esther O'Loughlin
Mould Mania

3 Awards

Erana McKinley
Death On The Highway

2 Awards

Jeremy Barnes
Optical Illusions

2 Awards

Meredith Wills
The Perfect Chip

2 Awards

Greg Thomson
Warm Your Room Efficiently

2 Awards

Cecily Reed and Alexa
Anderson
Super Smarties

1 Award

Mathew Mitchell
Magnetic Train

1 Award

Chelsea Templeton
Pavlov's Theory For Goldfish

1 Award

Highly Commended

Thomas Stevens
Water Bottles – Toss em or
keep em

Richard Milne
The Highs & Lows of a Solar
Panel

Morgan Harris
Does Magnetism Effect the
Growth of Plants

**Group Poetry Writing from
Room 6**

Snake Began

Snake began.
It stole the smoothness of silk,
It stole the frost from the hills,
And made its scales.

For its eyes
It stole the yellow from the sun,
It stole diamonds deep from the
earth,
It stole the glare from a tiger
statue.

From the baby's cot
It stole the shake of a rattle,
It stole the whoosh of a strong
wind,
For its sound.

Snow in the night
Went into the silence of its
movement,
It stole the twist of the vines,
And the speed of the shark.

From the alphabet it stole the
letter Y,
It stole the sharpness of the
soldier's sword,
It stole the red from Mexican
chillies,
For its tongue.

And the snake was made.

Positive ERO Feedback

After reading numerous pieces
of children's writing, I can see
why the ERO team made the
following comments about
Tahuna in their Sept 2006 Draft
Report.

"Students show high levels of
participation in class and school
-wide activities and sustained
engagement on learning tasks."

"Students have frequent
opportunities for purposeful

writing and their written work is
displayed and celebrated."

"Teachers provide a range of
interesting activities, tasks and
resources to support student's
learning.

Music



Music assessment time can be
a challenge, but can also be
fun.

Thank you

We really appreciate the help we
get from our parents, caregivers
and friends of the school. This
was especially evident of late
with regard to families who took
Remuera children into their
homes for five nights and
provided a wealth of southern
experiences.

We are also extremely grateful to
all those adults who have
supported our Winter Tramps.
Careful consideration is given to
the terrain and weather
conditions before we venture
forth on these unique challenges.
With children toggged up in the
appropriate tramping gear I have
heard that those finding snow
blended with spectacular views,
had a real ball.

Thanks also to those who have
transported children to sporting
venues and / or on educational
excursions.

School Support

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

Mc Donald's
KFC
Video Ezy
\$2 Shop

Queens High School Enrolments

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their enrolment forms for Year 9, 2006.

We would like to have all enrolments into Queen's High School, by the end of August if possible.

Any questions, please call the school - ph 455-7212

Languages Week

Go to www.newbeginnings.co.nz and enter the \$500 Languages Week Giveaway. Purchase any product from them, nominate our school and we receive 20% of your order in FREE Product of our choice!

Programme for Separated Parents

The Ministry of Justice has recently launched a programme to help parents help their kids when they separate. The programme is a practical initiative to give parents some information and skills to get through this difficult time so they are in a better position to put their children's interests first.

Parents are able to access the programme by contacting 0800 211 211 or the Ministry's website

www.justice.govt.nz/family

Guides NZ

Would you like your daughter to have fun and learn skills as a member of an up-to-date organisation in your local area? If so, Guides NZ can help.

We cater for:

Pippins 5 & 6 yr olds
Brownies 7 – 9 years
Guides 9 – 14,5 yrs
Rangers 13-19 years

We would be happy to hear from volunteers who would be interested in helping with leadership.

For info phone Nicola Wilkinson ph 454 4730 evenings

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd August – Rms 14 + 15 and Rms 1 + 11 out on Winter tramp

Friday 25th August – Rm 13 assembly

Monday 28th August - Dance Festival at Dn Teachers College

Tuesday 29th August – Volleyball at the Edgar Centre.

Monday 4th September – Start of Marae Week.

Tuesday 5th September – Rms 12+13 off on Winter Tramp + last day for Tuesday, after school art class.

Wednesday 6th September – Rms 5 + 6 out on Winter Tramp

Friday 8th September – Int Cross Country on Bal Mac Int Course

Thursday 14th September – Evening Interviews for Parents / Teachers

Wednesday 20th September – Disco by invitation.

Friday 22nd September –Ext Music assembly.

Friday 22nd September – Last day of Term 3.

Monday 9th October – First day of Term 4.

It is always great to hear of Tahuna students' achievements. Please let us know of successes as we would like to acknowledge the efforts of our students in there many fields of interest and talents.