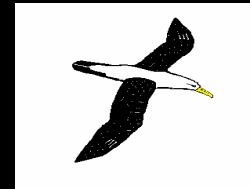


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

A warm welcome back to the new term. The first week was a real wintry blast, and I congratulate students for their behaviour on the days when the weather restricted activities to inside their own classrooms.

Year 8 students have been busy attending Secondary School Open Nights over this last week. Schools are keen to answer any of your questions, and help in the decision process. If unsure about anything, give them a call. They are the experts on their own school.

## Tahuna Open Night

Tues Aug 8th

Tahuna has its Open Night coming up. It will be held on Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8.30pm. Many students will be invited to share their work, to explain their class programmes, and to be part of planned activities on the night. Notices will be sent home shortly about this. We enjoy opening the doors and having so many keen youngsters bring their parents through. Always a very positive night.

In the few days leading up to this Open Night, our Contributing Schools are invited to come and see the class programmes in action. Our students proudly tour groups around the school, often

recounting their first few days at Tahuna.

The Minister of Education is just about to release the New Curriculum for New Zealand Schools. It has been a long wait to receive the new Key Competencies that will form an umbrella over the revised curriculum statements. Tahuna will be seeking community feedback on the priorities Tahuna will set for the future. This will then form part of our curriculum plan and our annual review. I look forward to input from many parents.

Brent Ward  
Principal

## Physical Education



Energetic work in the fitness and warm up activities.

The current unit in PE is one on gymnastics. Equipment is organised around the hall and

students work through a range of graded cards. Extra staffing assistance means that more students can be helped to refine or extend their skills safely. Peer assessment is completed at each activity.

## Collaborative project

Tahuna has been working hard with its Contributing Schools, putting an application forward to the Ministry of Education for funding to support Professional Development in ICT. All schools involved are enthusiastic about the proposal that aims to have schools building their learning communities around the use of ICT. We wait eagerly to see how our application fares.

## Technology - Textiles

Last week I went to Miss McKee for Technology.

This was the first week of sewing and I was really excited.

I decided to make a swimming bag because I thought that it might be fun to make and I needed a new one anyway.

On the first day we learnt how to use the machines and we also did some practise sewing before we started making our projects.

The next day I chose my material and I used pink towelling, then I started to sew and sewing is harder than it looks. After that day I was sewing it all up and adding things to it. On the last day I was doing the finishing touches to it. I cut out wavy lines for waves with blue plastic type

material, and then I made a fish with green and red material.

I liked technology this week it was fun, interesting and exciting.

By Amy

### **Australasian Science Examination**

We were very pleased recently to open our parcel of results from Australia. Once again your children have done us proud with both Year 7 and 8 averages exceeding national averages. The NZ Yr 7Av = 23.1 and our Yr 7 Av was 26.0 while the NZ Yr 8 AV = 28.6 with our Yr 8 Av being 32.5.

When looking at our best scores in the skill areas, we see that our Yr 7's had the following successes in this order of achievement: -

- a) Interpreting
- b) Predicting / concluding.
- c) Reasoning / problem solving.
- d) Investigating.

On the other hand our Yr 8's were successful in:-

- a) Predicting / concluding
- b) Reasoning / problem solving
- c) Interpreting
- d) Investigating.

Well done to all who accepted this extra challenge and congratulations to the following high achievers:-

#### Year 7

##### High Distinction

Matthew Chilcott

##### Distinction

Benjamin Davies, Sam Gabbusch, Morgan Harris, Jacob Milner, Jiaheng Wang.

#### Year 8

##### High Distinction

Peter Sise

##### Distinction

Sam Doran, Courtney Dunne, James Tocher, Michela Verway, Andrew Shearer

### **Australasian Mathematics Examination**

Our Mathematics results also arrived at the end of the term and again the results were most satisfying to read. Our year 7 participants had an average of 23.3 compared with the NZ Yr 7 Av of 22.9. The year 8 did even better with an average of 27.4 while the NZ Yr 8 Av sits on 25.4. Our Year 7 strengths were in: -

- a) Number
- b) Measurement
- c) Space

The year 8 students had the same strengths in these three skill areas but they were in a different order. First for them was also :-

- a) Number
- b) Space
- c) Measurement.

We acknowledge all the students who sat this challenge and congratulate the following for their fine achievements.

#### Year 7

##### Distinction

Matthew Chilcott, Cameron Mackintosh, Erana Mckinlay, Lane Savell, Jiaheng Wang, Fraser Mackenzie

#### Year 8

##### High Distinction

Stella Chisholm  
Peter Sise

##### Distinction

Sam Doran, Alicia Jackson, Daniel Procter, James Tocher

Michela Verwey, Hannah Vickers, Hamish Carraher

### **Green Report**

The Greenies have put a lot of their ideas into action. The Greenies sorted out a roster in which every Greenie would participate in going around the school picking up rubbish, checking out litter rate and finding out which is the most common litter. We found out that 'Juicy packets' are our biggest problem.

Greenies also did a bit of greenie therapy. We went around the gardens taking all the weeds out that were harming our precious flowers. It was good learning, as some of our members did not know the difference between a plant and a weed.

Greenies are also working on a number of other projects. One involves an audit of the rubbish bins around the school and their use.

The new paper-recycling scheme is going well, with only a few not realising that by recycling our paper, we can save more trees.

We are very pleased to see that the litter is decreasing and that people are watching where they put their rubbish, without being told by one of our undercover Greenies. Please remember to try and co-operate with all the happenings around the school and remember, STAY GREEN!

Sharrayah Temita

### **School Cross Country**

Weather conditions on the Thursday were unfavourable and so we carried it over to Friday which was the last day of term 2.

It was cool but the sun appeared and under foot conditions were fine. Children ran in competitive and non-competitive races on the old Tahuna Show Ground Course – opp the school . A lengthened course was introduced for the competitive runners which gave them a truer indication of what they would be running at the Otago champs. It is also closer to our badge run distance of 2.4 Km.

Big numbers ran in the competitive races with fewer in the non-competitive and a small group went out on a power walk. It is most satisfying to see our children participate at their level. Like last year the classes were spread out around the course and it was great to see and hear encouragement being given to the runners as they ran by. A new addition was the awarding of house points for those who ran, and to encourage the majority to run the competitive course, more points were earned for running in these races. We thank all participants for training for this event and congratulate the following placegetters over the 2.4 Km circuit.

### **Year 7 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Anna Keen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ashlee Hammond
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Natalie Hill
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Esther O'Loughlin
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Joanna Jolly

### **Year 7 Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Anthony Trainor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Stefan Zetko
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Aleki Morris
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Reed Hulleman
- 5<sup>th</sup> - David Van Der Byl

### **Year 8 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Phoebe O'Leary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fran Myers- Baird

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rebecca Thom
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Jasmine Ogilvie
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Maxine Shanks

### **Year 8 Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Caleb Van Der Byl
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ben Dolan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bennett Jones
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Harper
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Cooper Te Ahuru

### **School Council Disco**

On the last Thursday of term the well attended School Council Disco was held and thoroughly enjoyed. Our D.J. had a wide range of tunes on the night, including recommendations by pupils beforehand.

It was most gratifying to have raised \$674.95 and suggestions on where to allocate the money will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Many thanks to staff and College teachers, who gave up their time to supervise this occasion. We were impressed with the Disco behaviour and commend the pupils on this. Thank you also to the parents, for collecting children promptly at 9pm from the appropriate exit.

### **Tahuna Ski Trip**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of July some of Tahuna's skiers went on the Tahuna ski trip. Experienced or beginner they all came along. After the 5 hour trip to Coronet Peak, we finally arrived at 8:30 at night. Over the night there was a heavy snow fall which was great. We were made to get up at 7 o'clock to have breakfast. Then we were off to ski. First up we had lessons, they were great as they improved my skills at skiing. I rode some of the intermediate slopes and I also rode some black advanced runs at the end

of the second day. This was a great experience for me as my family like to go to Cardrona most of the time. I think the Tahuna ski trip was great and look forward to it again next year.

By Ben Larson  
Room 10.

### **Badminton Under 14s South Island Champs.**

In the first week of the holidays we went to Blenheim to play in the South Island Tournament for badminton. It lasted a week and we both played in the team's event and the individuals. We played for the Otago B team and we came 8th. In the team event there was a mixture of doubles, singles and mixed matches. In the individuals we were playing for ourselves, Nicola was runner-up in the classics singles final plate and Alex got into the quarter finals for his doubles. We had a great time and enjoyed it very much!

We encourage everyone to play badminton it is a great sport.

By Nicola Wilson and Alex Poulin!

### **Congratulations**

#### Rugby

I have recently been informed that Sam Griffiths and Jonno Pawluk are to be added to the lengthy list, already published, of Tahuna boys who have been selected as Metropolitan Rugby representatives for the U48kg grade. Well done to all of you .

#### Soccer

Andrew Harper has been successfully named in the 13<sup>th</sup> Grade Otago A Soccer Team and eagerly looks forward to his inter provincial fixtures.

Congratulations also to Leni Maiai and Devon Kettings for making the 13<sup>th</sup> Grade Otago B Soccer Team.

#### Netball

A couple of smiling faces were behind the source of good news which informed me that Anna Keen and Ranui Ellison-Collins had been selected for the Otago Yr 7 netball Team. We hope they have loads of success in their representative games.

#### Skating

Two weeks back Sarah MacGibbon had success at the South Island Figure Skating Championships when she took away the silver in the Technical and then a bronze in the free skating sections for the U12's. Exciting news.

#### Badminton

While competing at the South Island Champion ships in Blenheim, Nicola Wilson came runner up in the Classics Plate –Singles. Another fine effort.

#### Dance

Recently the Edge Dance Off was held in the Dunedin Meridian with achievements going Tahuna's way.

In the individuals section Fran Myers Baird was 1st with Ashlee Reader coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It did not stop there as our fine troupe of dancers consisting of Sharrayah Temita , Charlotte Hayward- Gillan, Bianca Keen and Kirnjit Singh took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the groups section. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place we had "Xtend " with Kelsey Jones as one of their dancers Overall, a fine representation of Tahuna dancers stepped up on this occasion.

#### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30 – 5.00 – After school art classes commence

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00 – 12.00 a.m. – Boys have the opportunity to visit OBHS in action.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00 Australian Mathematics Examination in Rm 28. + Rms 12 and 13 off to the Landfill.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 9.10 am Remuera group touch down at Momona Airport and collected by billeteers.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 – 1.00 Netball Tournament .

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 9.00 - We welcome our Remuera visitors to the school

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 4.15 - Year 7 Mathletics Competition in the Town Hall + 5.15 pm - Year 8 Competition in the same venue.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Tahuna Normal Int School Science Fair set up in our Arts Centre. Open to the public Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 3.00 – 6.00pm and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 9.00 – 2.00pm.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - Remuera Group off to the Mountains.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Poems and Art for Heart Foundation Competition due in – Time extended

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug – Remuera Group return from the snow.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug– Remuera Group bussed from Tahuna to airport to fly home.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Otago Science Fair set up.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Group of 8 x Japanese children to visit school Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August - OPEN NIGHT.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Rms 1 + 11 out on Winter Tramp

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 6.45pm Classics Competition at the University of Otago, Commence Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – on Cnr Clyde and Union Streets

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Prize Giving for Otago Science Fair.