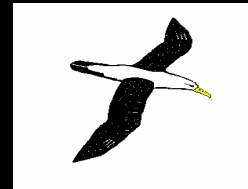


Tahuna News



Welcome

Winter has certainly struck this week. The phone line was hot yesterday morning, many callers checking to see if Tahuna was open. If we are going to be closed, or opening late, it will be broadcast over local radio stations. It is important that families do listen carefully on these days, as this service helps keep phone lines free for emergency and important calls.

Teachers are working long hours at present writing reports. These reports will be sent home on the last Friday of term. Care to check all work completed, grades and comments for units, and discussions with senior staff are part of the process. Having read a good number of reports already, I must say congratulations to students on the efforts and progress to date, and thank staff for their efforts and suggestions for future learning. Looking at the lists of extra activities students have been involved in, it is clear that many students have very busy lives. Well done!

We are receiving many enquiries about enrolments for 2007. We have an agreement that Secondary Schools will wait until the 3rd term before starting their recruitment and promotion drives. Tahuna appreciates this, and waits until this same time before forwarding enrolment material.

Brent Ward

Principal.

Maori Parents Meeting

A reminder of the meeting tonight, June 14th, of our Maori parents. This is an opportunity to discuss the Te Roopu group activities, goals, expectations and progress in your child's schooling.

This short meeting is scheduled for 7 – 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

International Dance Heritage Day

The Tahuna Dance Group once again lined up to dance at this occasion at the Glenroy Auditorium on Sunday 11th June. Along with 26 other groups our children performed two dances : one contemporary and the other a Hip Hop .

The children watched a great variety of dance, some of this was :-

Tap, Ceroc, folk, Indian, ballet, line, rock & roll, square and round dancing.

Some of our dancers had the opportunity to join in with the Rock and Rollers when they invited the public to try one of their group dances. They certainly mastered the moves with ease and had a lot of fun in doing so.

After a few hours of watching one would have gone away with the knowledge that Dunedin has many dance groups you can join. Secondly, it was obvious that people of all ages dance and thoroughly enjoy what they do.

Australasian Computer Examination Results

The 2006 results have arrived in the school and once again we are very happy with our children's successes.



On looking at the break down of results I noted that the Yr 7's average was 22.1 compared with the New Zealand average of 20.7.

Our Yr 8 's went one better and had an average of 23.6 which was better than the New Zealand average of 20.8.

Our Yr 7's were best at questions on :-

Graphics and Multimedia
Internet and Email
Databases and spreadsheets

In comparison the Yr 8's excelled at:-

Programming
Word processing
Internet and Email

Well done to all children who sat and congratulations to the following.

High Distinction

Daniel Barnett
Matthew Chilcott

Distinction

Andrew Shearer
Kyrin Hanning
Hebe Robinson
James Tocher
Sam Gabbusch
Erana McKinlay

Credit

Sam Doran
Elijah Cameron
Micah O'Loughlin
Ben Larson
Ben Black
Benjamin Davies
Andrew Randell
Jeremy Rei
Anja Waugh

The standard in this exam was very high. To earn High Distinction you needed to score 99% or more, While Distinctions needed 95% or more. And the group who earned their Credit

Certificate pass scored very highly too.

Intermediate Schools Music Festival

This annual occasion will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 22nd June starting at 7.30pm.

We will again have numerous children from the school performing on stage.

Around 40 children will play in the orchestra while another 100 or so contribute to the massed choir. Our special choir are also in the massed choir and a group of boys from the multicultural group will play a part in the presentation of the National Anthem.

It is going to be a brilliant night of music so grab an envelope and record your child's name, their room number, the number of \$7 adult tickets and the number of \$2 children's tickets wanted.

Then, put in the required money and send into school over the next few days. Students performing do not need to have a ticket, seating is organised for them.

Remember its:-

Child's name
Room number
No of Adult tickets
No of child tickets
Include the \$\$\$\$\$\$
Send envelope and \$ to school.
Many Thanks

A Very Talented Artist

We were thrilled to hear that Gemma Baldock had been named in the 2006 Christmas Stamp Design competition as one of the ten **National winners**.

Winning designs are being developed into stamps and Christmas cards.

This is indeed an impressive achievement as they received 17,000 entries from all over New Zealand. She has won lots of prizes and money for herself and....money for the school but will also have the joy of knowing that her art is being sent around New Zealand and the World. What an honour.

In addition to this achievement Gemma has also won a competition for designing a cover for one of the NZ Post book nominations. Her design was for " Sil " by Jill Harris. Again more prizes and pleasure have come with this result. Two competitions, and two prizes - Well done Gemma.

Inter School Chess

Last week the A team continued on their winning way after a 4 – 0 win against Brockville School. With only two rounds to go they are hoping to keep their results in the positives. We wish them the best.

It also seems that when it came to selecting chess teams that some players understated their ability while others did the reverse or was it just one of those days!

This was clearly evident when the C team played the B's and came out winners by 3.5 to the B's 0.5.

Children involved are enjoying the interschool competition and learning lots from others about the game of chess.

Jewellery making

In technology last week I was making jewellery.

I decided to make a bracelet, earrings and a necklace because it was my sister's birthday. I wanted to make something for her because I haven't made a birthday present for my sister ever. Mr Boyes kindly showed me how to make the earrings. I used hooks, beads, wire and crimps. I liked the earrings because they looked so professional.

Then I went onto making my bracelet, I used black, white and brown beads on a black wax string.

I used those colours because my sister likes that Maori colour theme.

The next day after giving the bracelet and the earrings to my sister, I decided that I would make something for me. And since I didn't have much time I made a necklace. As before I used a piece of black wax string, one by one I put on black and white beads. I then took a picture of my necklace. I really liked making jewellery this week because it was fun, interesting and cool.

By Amy Pollitt.

Thank you for Telecom Points

Thank you for the continued support from the Telecom School Connection Scheme. It costs you nothing, but our students benefit from the purchases we can make from the points accumulated.

We are just in the process of ordering more data projectors and more digital camera for classrooms. This will continue

building the ICT tools our students and teachers have for today's schooling.

If you know anyone else who could support us, ask your child to pick up a form from the office. Thank you.

Polar Fleece

We currently have eight unnamed polar fleeces in the school office and other possessions in lost property, waiting to be claimed. As you can imagine this can be a time consuming task as we try to determine if it belongs to child A or child B or is it child K who does not even know they have lost theirs.

In short, named possessions which are misplaced are usually returned to their rightful owner very quickly. So if you are not sure grab a permanent marker now and name your child's possessions or just go over those faded labels. It helps in the long run and we appreciate your help.

A reminder that long sleeved polo tops are available from Wolfenden & Russell. In the cold winter months, a plain black, blue or green sweatshirt is ideal for fitness and PE sessions too. These are available from many outlets at competitive prices.

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Selected for Otago

In these days of high profile World Cup Soccer I have just heard the news that we have some boys selected for higher honours in this sport.

Well done to the following who have been selected in Otago Teams.

11th Grade A - Mike MacRae
11th Grade B - Mathew Offen – Mitchell

12th Grade A - Thomas Stevens and Jonathan Wallis.

12th Grade B - Luke Aicken, Mark Burnett, Joseph Clark, Lian Lam, Stefan Zetko and Sam Riley.

We wish them all success in their representative fixtures.

Recipe for the Perfect Book

Ingredients:

7 Cups of humour herbs
1 Teaspoon of suspense sugar
A dollop of horror cream
A sprinkle of action
Ground mystery garlic
5g of paper butter
Squeeze some fantasy juice

Method:

1. Put the paper butter into a medium sized bowl along with the humour herbs and mix well.

2.Squeeze in some fantasy juice to the mixture to add that extra unreal feeling.
 3.Then add a dollop of horror cream to give it the additional fright but be careful, it could petrify you if you dollop too hard!
 4.For the third last step add the wonderful suspense sugar to make the book sweet and a great read.
 5.Stick all of the ingredients into the oven for about 2 hours then after the long wait take it out.
 6.Finally to top it all off, add a sprinkle of action! And there you have it, the Recipe for the Perfect Book.

By Ben Drysdale

KAOS

Kids Acting on Stage

School Holiday Programme

It's our 6th birthday and to celebrate we have lots of fun ahead. Full – Part Time care available. Prices range from \$90 - \$130 for the week.

Activities include : Science festival activities, library, Moana Pool, movies, production in the second week, and much more. July 3rd – July 14th.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th June, 6.30 – 8.00 – Spelling Quiz – Tahuna Normal Int School Hall + swimming at Moana Pool for Rms 1.11.12.13

Thursday 15th June – Australasian English Examination.

Friday 16th June, 2.15pm – Room 14 Assembly

Tuesday 20th June - Int Schools Music Festival Practice at the Town Hall

Wednesday 21st June – Swimming at Moana Pool for Rms 5.6.14.15

– Rm 7 &10 Winter Tramp.

Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm – Int schools Music Festival in the Town Hall.

Thursday 29th June, 10.45 – 12.00 School Cross Country at Tahuna Park + 7.00 – 9.00 Disco by invitation.

Friday 30th June - postponement day for Cross Country.

Friday 30th June – Reports sent home

– last Day of Term 2

Monday 17th July – Term 3 starts.



More dancers in action on Sunday

Please sign and return the following slip to acknowledge receipt of newsletter. Returned slips will go in the draw for a canteen voucher.

Newsletter Received

Name _____

Room _____

Yes I have received this weeks newsletter

Signed _____