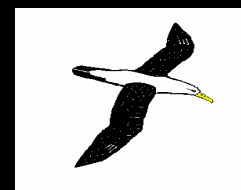


Tahuna News



Welcome

I congratulate students for the positive tone in all classrooms right through to these last days of this first of the winter terms. The weather has meant some lunchtimes have had to be inside days, and there have been days when the grounds have been out. But positive attitudes and behaviours have been enjoyed throughout these challenges. Well done.

The Tahuna newsletter is largely written by students, sharing their successes and informing you of programme activities they have been involved in. The important section on Diary Dates which highlights events and dates coming up is worth sticking on the fridge.

A reminder that all newsletters are posted on the website, and if you would like a copy emailed to you, please let me know. The aim is to keep parents informed, and I hope that one way or another you receive a copy.

During this term break it is hoped that we can move into the new Art, Food & Textile rooms. There are many finishing tasks to be completed in the new block, but plans are in hand for the exciting move.

There have been many highlights throughout the term, but we need to now set our sights on this next 6 months. Perhaps discussing with your

son / daughter about resetting goals for the remainder of the year would be useful. Clear goals that can sharpen focus are important for everyone.

Tahuna aims to create opportunities for our learners. With Tahuna's real expectations, support and challenge, I am always impressed by the talents of our young students. And more importantly, I love the way they use their talents. Keep it up.

Reports will be sent home this Friday, and we plan to have parent interviews at the end of Term 3. This will mean there will be reporting on progress each term, and ample opportunity for open communication between home and school.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Multi Cultural Group at Carisbrook.

Mrs Toa had organised the group extremely well and thanks must go to her for her efforts behind getting 100 odd members of the Multi cultural group to Carisbrook for their excellent performance last Saturday. Rehearsals with a taiaha wielding Dunedin group added to a wonderful experience and certainly the group's proudest moment, as the items performed were beamed around the world. The Multi cultural group were asked to perform as part of the pre match entertainment for the game between Japan and the

Junior All Blacks and they were brilliant. It was a great time, by all involved but once again thanks Mrs Toa.

TECHNOLOGY

HARD MATERIALS

June 2006

Well, it looks as if I must have won the jousting competition, so to speak, to be first to use the revamped workshop. Mr Boyes has graciously agreed to exchange rooms to best fit our new programmes started over the last couple of weeks.

Students have found it exciting with the wonderful sense of space provided by the widening of the Workshop. Having the bench saw and other heavy duty machinery in their own proper area out of the main floor space has greatly improved the working environment.

A new unit has been introduced to the Year 8 programme to use some of the skills previously taught in the Racing Car Project and the Plywood Shield Project. Students are given the opportunity to experience working with plywood as a medium combined with the challenge of natural timber. Planing rough-sawn edges of timber may bring back some 'fond' memories for our parents from days gone by. Yes, the Try Squares are still there, and it is still a mission to produce a

smooth, straight, square edge to work from!

Students have been coming back at lunch times and any other free moment to complete work from our busy programme. Some awesome CD Covers have been designed for homework; examples of these are currently on display in the reception area.

Our year seven students have hopefully been asking questions around the dinner table about their backgrounds and what countries their forebears originated from. We are working with Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF) and telling a story of our family backgrounds through carving. Those Vee Chisels are running hot and some great work is being generated by many enthusiastic children.

Tim Arnold.

Musical Festival

Over the last term the choirs and orchestra have been practising their songs and combining with the other intermediates around Dunedin. At the end of the term the Intermediate Music Festival was going to light up the stage. Everyone from children to teachers had been practising for weeks on end. Then the big night arrived.

The Town hall was quickly filling up with people and the spot lights were shining on the stage and all the children were talking to their friends.

Out back, the orchestra were tuning up and waiting until the time came to show their stuff.

When Mr Hutton walked out onto the stage to introduce us the crowd went wild and the show began.

There was a big start from the orchestra with the playing of the National Anthem.

Overall, the night was so musical and full of fun and we hope the audience enjoyed the show.

By Rebecca Peace

School Council Disco

On Thursday evening, the Tahuna School Council is organising the end of term Disco, in the school hall, from 7pm till 9pm. Entry is by invitation only, at a cost of \$3.50 per pupil. There are no door sales.

We would greatly appreciate parents personally collecting their child from the appropriate exit, in the interests of student safety.

We are all looking forward to a fun filled night together and hopefully snow free.

Artist on a Roll

You might recall that Gemma Baldock recently had success in stamp design and a cover design for a NZ Post Book Award nominee. She has continued on her winning way by winning an art competition run by Mitre 10 and the other was for "Beauty and the Beast" tickets

We eagerly look forward to more of Gemma' art creations.

Congratulations

Well done to Anja Waugh for her selection in three Otago Teams:- Water Polo, Surf Lifesaving and U13 Basketball. What a fine achievement.

Basketball – Lewis Paterson has also been selected in the U13 Boys Otago Team.

Softball – Samara Henry has won selection in the U15 and U13 softball Teams.

Badminton – Nicola Wilson has also achieved Otago status in the U14 Badminton team. She is off to Blenheim in the first week of the holidays to play in the South Island Tournament. All the best Nicola.

Soccer – Michael MacRae and Rhea Brisbane have also had success in being named in the U12 Otago Soccer team. Well done to you all.

Rugby Representation

Congratulations to the following boys who have achieved Metropolitan Representative status in the following grades.

U 48Kg .

Nick Askin
Max Aitkenhead
Isaac Cadogan
David Van -der-Byl
Lewis Paterson
Alex Faulkner
Ben McKinlay
Tyler Helm

U65 Kg .

Ryan Williams
Nick Sommerville
Jayden Smith
Dan Fowler
Caleb Van Byl
Conor Kemp
Tyrone Smith
Ben Dolan.

Hockey

It was also pleasing to hear that the following boys had been named in the Hatch Cup A Training Squad.

Sam Doran
Ross Howard

Matthew Krawiec

Jacob Milner

Peter Sise

We wish them all the best in their training and in their encounters with other representative teams.

Soccer.

Another great season for soccer at Tahuna with our Yr 7 Boys winning their competition and the Yr 8 Boys pulling off an excellent draw in their final game with the year 8 champions and finishing runner's up.

For the first time also, an all-girl's team competed with Balmacewan and after 5 games, the scores were all locked up with a win, a loss and 3 draws each. Well done ladies.

All team members will be enjoying a shared meal this Wednesday where coaches and players can reflect on another successful season.

Late Start for School

Winter is definitely here and evidence of this is seen in the paper, on television and heard discussed on the radio.

Last Thursday the Police announced dangerous icy conditions on roads in and around Dunedin. Consequently, drivers were asked to stay off the roads unless travel was necessary. All primary and Intermediate schools were given a 10.00am start to allow conditions to improve and

provide safer roads. Buses ran an hour later.

For the majority of our families this was a smooth operation but around 8.30am there were about 60 children at school. This posed a problem as staff also have to drive to school and

some have to travel some distance while others have to negotiate challenging hilly conditions.

Can we applaud those families who listen to local radio stations for cancellations and late starts when there is a question of bad climatic conditions, and then act accordingly.

Winter Tramp rooms 7 and 10.

Last week we went on our Winter tramp and it was awesome. We went with Room 7 and we had to walk to the start of the Pineapple track because the bus couldn't get up the hill.

We had to walk about 500 meters once getting off the bus. We were put into groups of 5 with each group having an adult. My adult was Mr Hinds and he was neat to be around.

When we got to the summit it snowed and it was amazing. Some in our class had never experienced anything like this. We saw the city of Dunedin on our way down and when we got towards the bottom of the track the sun came out. (4 seasons in one day).

This would be a highlight for me at Tahuna and despite the cold we were all very warm. Mr H made sure of that.

Thanks to all the parents who helped our class.

Keegan Room 10.

Intermediate Schools Music Festival

This great music occasion once again was a hit in the Town Hall last Thursday night. A most appreciative audience watched and listened to children performing in the massed choir, massed orchestra, special

choirs, supporting band and kapā haka group.

Our guest school was the Terrace from Alexandra and they joined the Intermediates of Tahuna Normal, Balmacewan, Dunedin North and Macandrew to make this a successful night.

It was a fast moving show with the grand opening of the National Anthem involving all children and the audience, setting a high standard and pace which would follow through the night's performance.

There was an exciting variety of eight massed songs, four well played orchestra pieces and five wonderful items from each of the school's special choirs.

We had many staff involved as ushers, in ticket sales, back stage but most work came from Mrs Sanford, Ms Freeman and Mrs Ward who have spent time over previous months getting the children to a high standard of readiness.

They certainly did us proud on the night and comments and calls from those who were there endorse this.

Ex- Pupils in the Arts

Watching the children perform at the Town hall Music Festival reminded me that children from Tahuna go to many countries and get into a variety of occupations and follow many interests once they leave us.

Recently, I have watched Greg MacLeod and Gemma Cocker performing in major roles in the Beauty and the Beast while

many other ex pupils are cast members in the same show. Greg is also on staff as he admirably fills the art teachers role as Mrs Whitson's takes her maternity leave.

Danyon Loader also has showed us that he is more than a top flight swimmer as he has gracefully glided across the stage in "Dancing with the Stars".

Dean Hollebon player and conductor of the Dunedin Symphonia also attended our school as did Penny Muir whose wonderful voice was heard on Saturday at Carisbrook and on television singing the National Anthems for Japan and New Zealand.

50 Word Story

I woke to find my dog in my room, just standing there looking at me. I screamed then stopped, I felt a long wet lick on my face . No!!! my dog was dead. I ran to Mum. She said it was Jess our new dog, so go back to sleep.
By Jodi

My cat is....
My cat is like a walking snowball the way it follows me around
Tesheena Nash

Diary Dates

Thursday 29th June, 10.45 – 12.00 School Cross Country at Tahuna Park
Thursday 29th June, 7.00 – 9.00pm - Disco – By invitation.
Friday 30th June - postponement day for Cross Country.

Friday 30th June – last Day of Term 2
Monday 17th July – Term 3 starts.
Thursday 20th July, 9.45 – 12.15pm – Boys able to visit Kings High School in action.
Friday 21st July, 12.30pm Children leave for Coronet for ski weekend. + OBHS and OGHS group to perform at assembly.
Sunday 23rd July, 8.30approx – Ski Group return.
Monday 24th July – Poems and Art for Heart Foundation Competition due in.
Wednesday 26th July a.m. – Boys have the opportunity to visit OBHS in action.
Sunday 28th July, 9.10 am Remuera group touch down at Momona Airport
Monday 31st July - we welcome our Remuera visitors
Monday 31st July, 4.15 - Year 7 Mathletics Competition in the Town Hall + 5.15 pm - Year 8 Competition in the same venue.
Thursday 3rd July – Tahuna Normal Int School Science Fair set up in the Arts Centre.
Thursday 3rd July – Remuera Group off to the Mountains.
Sunday 6th July – Remuera Group return from the snow.
Monday 7th July – Remuera Group fly out of Dunedin.