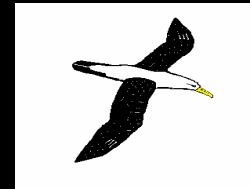


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Term 3 will conclude with the Opening of the New Art & Technology Block on Friday. Students have their fun class photos being signed as a record of the students on the day, and will enjoy the sausage sizzle earlier in the day. At 2.15 we hope the weather will be kind so we can have our opening outside. This will enable all students to be part of the ceremony.

The judging of the fun & creative hats will be followed by the official cutting of the ribbon.

On Friday we will be having our assembly in the hall at 11.45am. Extension music groups will present items for our enjoyment. All welcome.

A special thank you to all parents who have helped with class activities, trips, sport, and in so many ways. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I wish everyone the best of term breaks, and look forward to the return to school in term 4 with batteries charged and keen to make the most of every opportunity.

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

In Term 4 the Life Education Bus will be at school, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November till the 26<sup>th</sup> of

November. Ms Trudy Harpur is the fully trained facilitator, who will be conducting the Year 7 and 8 programmes, with the classroom teacher supporting. The \$3 cost has been subsidised by the School Council, so there is only a \$2 charge per student.

In Year 7, students will be involved in the "Warrant of Fitness" module, which was created in response to a growing need, expressed through our schools across the country, for a senior nutrition focused programme. It is presented in 3 parts, beginning with an exploration of basic nutrition, the food pyramid and importance of breakfast. We then move on to advertising and its influence on our food choices. The programme concludes with a look at body image, exercise and energy, and coming up with solutions for a variety of lifestyle scenarios.

In Year 8, the students are involved in the "In the Shadows" programme. It was developed at the request of Intermediate principals in Manawatu, and has received pleasing professional feedback since its inception.

'From the Shadows' is however more graphic and hard hitting than any other Life Education programme. It explicitly presents the effects drug taking and alcohol consumption can have on the developing adolescent brain and physiology. Through discussion, scenarios and keynote speakers, students are

given the opportunity to think through factual data. By being more informed, decision making should be better based. Any subsequent actions can be made, knowing full well the probable consequences. Throughout the programme linkages are made to the body changes experienced during the pubertal years and the effects that specific substances can have on organs and systems.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Mrs Toa through the school office.

## National Schools Aerobic and Dance Championships

After being placed in the Regional Finals for Otago / Southland, Bianca Keen, Sharrayah Temita, Charlotte Hayward - Gillion and Kirnjit Singh, headed south to Invercargill for the New Zealand finals. Taking the group name of "Sophistafunk" they danced with precision and enthusiasm on Saturday to be invited into the Sunday final. The standard was high and the competition was hot with other groups traveling from Christchurch and Wellington with the intention of being the standout gold winning performers. When the points were counted it was a win to the Hoon Hay Rockers with our girls close behind accepting the silver while Macandrew took out the bronze.

Much credit should go to these four girls who had a major part

in the choreographing of this, their own original dance. It was a most satisfying weekend for both the girls and adults involved and we thank all those who made it happen.



### **Congratulations**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> August, Greg Thomson entered the Dunedin Performing Arts Competitions. Playing his cornet he had a very successful time as he came first in the Baroque Solo for those 12 years of age but under 14 years. He followed this up with a second in the Contemporary Solo and also a second equal in the Duet for those 12 years of age but under 16 years. Well done Greg.

**Congratulations to Shaunee Swain** for a top placing in the Otago 13 and Under Fencing Championships ( foil event ) recently.

### **Otago Cross Country**

Last Thursday a bus full of Tahuna reps headed off to Balmacewen Intermediate in an attempt to retain the teams trophy which we won last year. As usual there were four races covering the two age groups for the boys and girls. We were happy with the team running but did not do quite enough to bring the trophy home. Instead we settled for the runner up position but we did appreciate all the fine efforts from all our

runners. Congratulations to the following for their personal achievements:

#### **Year 7 Girls Race**

1<sup>st</sup> - Anna Kean

#### **Year 8 Girls Race**

1<sup>st</sup> - Phoebe O'Leary

#### **Year 7 Boys Race**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Anthony Trainor

4<sup>th</sup> - Stefan Zetko

#### **Cross Country Runner Anna Kean.**

Gliding over the ground with ease and grace

Anna Kean establishes a relaxed steady pace.

No threat at all as sweat licks her lip

Not one rival close to her hip.

A look to the left and a glance to the right

her competition is no where in sight.

A roar goes up from the gathering crowd

clapping and cheers just seem to get loud.

Relaxed and composed, she's feeling fine

she has just won her race as she crosses the line.

From everyone in Room 10.

### **Staff Professional Development**

Written Language / Reading  
Five staff members attended the day long Writing Workshop at the Dunedin College of Education last Saturday. Having the greatest number of teachers there meant a spot prize of five lovely books for the school library.

All presenters were outstanding and their messages informed,, entertained and inspired us in such a way that we all eagerly

tried new ideas on Monday with the children.

### **Term 4 After Hours Art Classes**

We are already taking enrolments for these classes which will be held on Saturday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00. The first session will be on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> October with the last on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are keen to send children in Yr 4 - Yr8 classes then collect an enrolment form from the school or just record the following details :- child's name, age address, ph number and enclose \$20 before posting / dropping in at the school.

### **Writing Challenges**

Exciting writing continues and this week we had some great pieces submitted for our writing challenge by our year 8's.

#### **Year 8**

1<sup>st</sup> – Joshua Livingstone

#### **Highly Commended**

Matt Mulconroy

Rebecca Thom

Tim Notman

### **MULTICULTURAL UPDATE**

The Tahuna representation of our Multicultural group who performed at the Otago Schools" Maori and Pacific Island Festival are to be commended on their inspired performances. All the hard work at practices really came to fruition and both groups were a real credit to the school. Special thanks to Mr Hokianga, the Temita family and the tremendous parents who so ably assisted on the day. Thank you.

### **The Regional Basketball Tournament**

On Saturday the Year 7 boy's basketball team played in a regional tournament. There were 4 teams in our section so we played each team twice. Lewis's play was awesome, I think he averaged a double double. We had some really hard games like against DNI, who we had lost to in the regular season and North Otago who is a rep team that Lewis, Ben and I have played against before when we played for Otago. Between games we either watched the Year 8 boys play or watched Andy Bay play.

Luke Miller Room

Ps: We won

### **Miniball**

Once again Tahuna teams have performed very well during the season in the local competition and then over the last weekend pulled out top efforts in the Otago Regionals. These Regionals cater for many teams from near and far so the children do come up against combinations that they have never seen before. Southland and Central Otago Teams made the trip and added more to the competitive mix. Some great games were played to the delight of the spectators and the challenge to play well was accepted by the players.

### **Otago Regional Results**

Year 7 Boys - 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 8 Boys - 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 8 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Over the season our teams have played very well entering into the spirit of the game, displaying fine skills and acknowledging sportsmanship. Last week we had three teams in the four finals

and after two hours of exciting basketball we came away with two wins and a runner up position. Thanks to all players, coaches, parents and caregivers for these great experiences and rewarding results.

### **Season Results**

Year 7 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 8 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 8 Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **DISCO**

The School Council Disco is being held in the school hall tonight, from 7pm till 9pm. This is by invitation only and a top standard of behaviour is expected. In the interest of safety we would appreciate students being met at the appropriate hall exit by parents, promptly at 9pm.

### **Year 8 Rugby Final**

Last Wednesday the year 8 team traveled over to Bathgate Park to play Macandrew Intermediate. There were some very tall athletic lads showing their rugby skills and several certainly had the wheels to score tries. Each side had periods of dominance with points accumulating after successful periods of play. Tahuna looked dangerous when they ran the ball and took it out wide away from the action.

After two, 30 minute halves it was a win to Macandrew by 48 – 42. It was a good overall team effort but Ben Dolan stood out when he ran in four tries while Roden Nand dotted down twice to keep the score board ticking over.

### **Strike Tour**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 50 students were lucky enough to

go and see a percussion band called "Strike". These three percussionists performed in the new Queen's and King's auditorium.

They played a variety of pieces written by group members. Drums, cymbals and other objects which made a neat sound [ hubcaps and pieces of metal ] were hung at different heights on pipes in a cube.. They played these instruments high and low to create a visual effect as well as a great sound.

The music they played was loud and had many different tempos which made it very exciting. There was also audience participation and on this occasion they played on the small wooden Polynesian drums.

We would recommend this performance for all age groups.

By Amelia, Michela, Paige and Gabrielle.

### **Y.I.P Card Awards**

The following children have been rewarded for their efforts and attitude in and about the school.

#### **Gold Bar**

Michela Verwey  
Rebecca Peace

#### **Gold Cards**

Ashley Hinten  
Maxine Shanks  
Penny Polson  
Katherine Plant

#### **Silver Cards**

Phoebe O'Leary  
Eliana Anderson  
Tyla Cochrane

### **GREEN AWARDS**

Greenies have been using their "green fingers" lately to grow

plant seedlings to brighten school gardens next term. They are also participating in the "Spud in a Bucket" competition.

Cadbury's have again stepped up to encourage our positive environmental care promotions. A block of chocolate is awarded to a nominee from class teachers, who have spotted students caring for their class or wider school environment. We are very grateful for this generous gesture and appreciate this support.

### **New Zealand Wrestling**

Well done to Lee Van der Lem and Ben Mc Kinley for their GOLD winning performances at the NZ Wrestling Championships held at the Edgar Centre over the weekend. Lee competed in the 12 – 13yrs of age and under 38kg division while Ben faced competitors aged 12 – 13years and under 42kg. I heard the competition was tough and we are thrilled with these achievements against both Kiwi and Australian wrestlers.

### **St Clair Tennis Club**

Opposite Forbury Park  
For more information phone  
Alison 454 2930  
Or Bessie 455 2840

### **Kaikorai Valley College Adult & Community Education**

For information on Term 4 courses see  
[www.kvc.school.nz/comCourses.asp](http://www.kvc.school.nz/comCourses.asp)  
Classes are filling fast, so enrol now!

### **Dunedin College of Education Courses**

For parents and caregivers of children & adolescents  
*Building Strong Relationships between Parents & Teenagers.*  
*Parents & Teenagers Survival Guide*  
*Helping Children Develop Positive Behaviour*  
Further details from Kate Lovell  
Ph 477 2289 ext 818  
Or email  
[Kate.lovell@dce.ac.nz](mailto:Kate.lovell@dce.ac.nz)

### **Otago Cricket Holiday Programme**

Second week of holidays.  
Girls only day on Mon Oct 2 costing \$10, 1 – 4 pm for 10-15 year olds, and a 3 day programme for boys & girls on Tues 3 – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> which costs \$30. Sessions are 1 – 3 pm for 9 – 13 year olds.  
Phone Raylene 477-9056

### **Netball Holiday Programme**

Mon 2 Oct – Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct from 9am – 1 pm at the Edgar Centre. \$20 per day or \$50 for the 3 days.  
For information ph Trish Conrad 455 1702. Limited spaces so be in quick.  
Notices available from the Tahuna Office.

### **Holiday Knitting Workshop for Children**

At Knit World 139 Stuart St from 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10-11am & 2-3 pm  
A \$10 kit includes everything needed and free knitting lessons

Call now on 477 0400 to register.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Last after school art class for this term.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Disco by invitation.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 11.45am to 12.30 – Ext Music assembly.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2.15pm – Opening of new Buildings + Last day of Term 3.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – First day of Term 4.