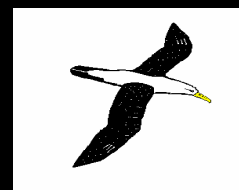


Tahuna News



Welcome

Over the last month I have received wonderful feedback about Tahuna students, students who obviously enjoy their school and learning. This time it has been from parents of students enrolling for 2007. They have commented on the positive way students have shared their learning activities, and the clarity of their sharing about why Tahuna is a great school. Add to this the smiles, the people skills and the enthusiasm they demonstrated, and parents were greatly impressed. I'm pleased to pass this on to parents. Your children are fantastic.

The Minister of Education has circulated the new Draft Curriculum for New Zealand. A Teacher Only Day has been allocated to each school for discussion on the document and implications for class programmes. **Tahuna will be holding this Teacher Only Day on Friday October 20th.** This was a suggested day for Dunedin's Primary Schools, and Tahuna is supporting this and hopes that early notification and schools working together will enable families to take advantage of this as a long weekend. The following Monday is Labour Day.

A reminder that parent interviews will be available

shortly. A notice will be sent home by class teachers.

Just like those advertisements on the TV, - a reminder that the procedures to follow if you have concerns are outlined on the School website. The class teacher should be the first person to contact.

Brent Ward

Principal.

Netball

What a most successful netball season we have had. With record numbers involved this year, Tahuna netball remains strong. Our 14 teams did exceedingly well with four teams going on to win their Section:

Section 2: Red Team
Section 3: Gold Team
Section 8: Black Team
Section 9: Pink Team

A special mention must also go out to the following students who made the Otago Rep Team.

Ranui Ellison Collins
Polly McMullan
Ariana Knox
Maxine Shanks

With so many students involved there is so many to thank. Without the help and support of all of our coaches and umpires, we simply could not have provided this opportunity. Thank you to Mr Hokianga and Mr Smith who regularly came down to support the children.

Finally thank you to the players, we are proud of how you represented our school, for those going on o High School, we wish you all the best with your netball in the future.

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 15th October with the last on the 10th 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.

Marae Week 4th – 8th September



Over this week our year 7 children are currently involved in Maori studies where we are greatly assisted by some of our year 8 students and a fine team of College Teachers. Consequently, we are offering a good variety of activities where

the low adult / child ratios are suited for the learning of new knowledge and skills. Children are moving about the school more and there is a greater emphasis on the practical, creative and co-operative aspects of learning.

Some of the activities the children are involved in are: - Haka, tukutuku panels, kite making, kumara chip making, maori designs on wood, flax weaving, boat construction, poi making and use, powhiri, legends, Maori plant use and visits to the Maori section of the museum.

This week will culminate on Friday with a hangi for 300 and a concert where the children will show and tell what they have made and/or learned during the week.

Writing Challenges

Lots of exciting and accurate writing is taking place at Tahuna with more and more children getting involved with our weekly challenges. Recent winners are as follows:

Year 7

Wk 6 Erana McKinlay
Wk 7 Bronwyn Halley

Year 8

Wk 6 Sharrayah Temita
Wk 7 Maddie Kelly

Highly Commended

Year 7

Wk 6 Saraha McDonald
Wk 6 Ben Davies
Wk 7 Erana McKinlay
Wk 7 Emma Brown

Year 8

Wk 6 Katie Day
Wk 6 Brent Cheshire
Wk 7 Beth Goulstone
Wk 7 Andrew Harper

Otago Schools' Maori & Pacific Island Festival

On the 7th and 8th September, the Otago School's Maori and Pacific Island Festival is being held at the Regent Theatre. Our large Kapa Haka group has practised hard with Mr Hokianga, as has the newly formed Samoan group, under the leadership of Sharrayah and Kirnjit. To Mr Hokianga and the Temita family, a huge thanks for all you hardworking efforts, that have enabled the performers to embrace this unique cultural opportunity.

School Support

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

Mc Donald's
KFC
Video Ezy
\$2 Shop

Congratulations

Well done to Gemma Baldock for her great poster on "A healthy Lunchbox". This is another art competition win for her and the school is delighted to receive \$ 200 from the Heart Foundation, for this recent success.

It was great to hear that Sharrayah Temita had also had her poem – "My Reality" accepted by an American publisher for publishing in their forth coming edition of "Immortal Verses."

We are riding on a high at the moment with our written language and it was very pleasing to have a call from the editor of Extra to inform us of the place getters in the 2006

Extra Short Story Competition for Yr 7 + 8 children.

Larissa Hinds in Yr 7 was awarded first place with Penelope Polson in Yr 8 taking out 3rd. These are our best results for some time and it should be noted that many entries from numerous South Island and some North Island schools, are received for this challenge. Thanks also to our other children who wrote on this occasion.

Congratulations

On the 26th August, Greg Thompson 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 12years 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 12years of age but under 16 years. Well done Greg.

A Time for Dance

This refreshing performance from creative and enthusiastic children was held at the College of Education Auditorium recently. A good number of schools contributed a variety of entertaining dance items right from the Year ones through to the senior girls and boys from two High schools. What a night.

Our Tahuna dancers performed a modified version of the "Ring of Fire" and it was beautifully danced and enjoyed by both the audience and the dancers.

Our Hip Hop Group [Sophistafunk] consisting of Bianca Keen, Kirnjit Singh, Sharraya Timita and Charlotte Hayward- Gillan, also

performed under hardship as they had to change their dance at the last moment due to Charlotte's sickness. On the night there was no hint of change and the three of them looked the true professionals that saw them take out second at the regionals. Again, the audience loved what they saw. We wish them the very best as they travel to the Nationals in Invercargill this weekend.

This Weeks Year 7 Rugby

Yesterday our team travelled to Bishops Court to play Balmacewen Intermediate. Reliable reports indicate that they were a competitive team and tested our lads, making it probably the best game to date. Tahuna forwards worked well as a unit and provided good ball for the backs. Our second try was ably finished by the speedster, Tyler Helm after most of the team had touched the ball as it moved down the length of the field. Whenua and Sam scored a couple of good tries after barging runs through the opposition defence while Jake drew loud applause after a speedy solo run of 50 metres to score. The final score was Tahuna 46 -14.

School Council Update

The School Council supported the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day Appeal on the 25th August by selling the decorative daffodils and each class decorated a Daffodil poster with coins. Classic Hits collected these for the Cancer Society and were impressed with the school efforts. Special mention needs to be made of Room 10's effort which was a visual and monetary symphony. Well done!

Councillors also had a chance to test their badminton skills against a staff team, during a recent lunch period. Huge numbers attended and competition was fierce. Imagine the finale, which came down to a one-point loss for the Council. Great fun and effort everyone. Maybe next year?

Councillors are continuing to oversee our weekly support for the Otago Rugby team. We are sure this has been a factor in the great start to the season.

Finally, the School Council Mufti Day will be on Friday, 15th September. This will be a gold coin donation, which will go towards subsidising the Life Education Trust visit during November.

Y.I.P Card Awards

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

Gold Cards

Emma Chamberlain
Kirstie Smitheram
Gabrielle Mulder
Ella Fielding
Katie day
Maddie Kelly
Nicola Wilson
Nebeelah Saib
Brent Cheshire
Antoinette McIntosh

Silver Cards

Adam Turnbull, Kristie Nicholson
Katie Doig, Ryan Sapwell
Melissa Ibbotson, Peter Sise
Courtney Jones, Cameron Ryder
Lilly Burrows, Joshua Livingston
Amy Foster, Francie Hooper

Andrew Shearer, Kyla McCullum
Henri Faulkner, Micah O'Loughlin
Rene Louie, James Miller
Phoebe O'Leary, Eliana Anderson

Ariki Children's Athletic Club

Both non-competitive and Saturday competitors welcome. The club caters for boys & girls from 6-14 years.

Registration night will be held at the Ariki Club Rooms, Bayfield Park, Monday 18th Sept (6 – 7.30 pm)

Fees - \$35 non-competitors, \$55 competitors. Family discounts.

Club training begins on Monday 9th Oct – 6-9 year olds from 6-7pm, 10-14 year olds from 6.50-8pm.

Please phone Bronwyn Horner 454-6365 if you require further information.

Secondary School Enrolments for 2007

All applications for enrolment for Secondary Schools should be in now. If you need another form, please contact the respective school office.

Kings High School

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

We would like to have all enrolments into King's High School as soon as possible.

Any questions, please call the school, 455 7547.

Bayfield In-Zone Enrolments

A reminder to all prospective enrollees that in-zone enrolments are now due. Additional forms and enrolment packs are available from the Bayfield High School Office or on our website www.bayfiled-high.school.nz

Kids Acting on Stage School Holiday Programme

A full & fun programme. -drama, art, cooking, movies, pool, Chan Karla Farm Park, Taieri Mouth, Museum, Mini golf etc. Prices range from \$90 – 150 for a full week. Dates 25th Sept – 6th Oct Ph 455 1366 to register.

Holiday Riding School

Have your own pony for a week. Lessons include : developing your riding skills, catching a pony, pony care, saddling & unsaddling, feeding, & basic theory. The school holiday programme runs during the following weeks. Mon Sept 25 – Fri Sept 29 Mon Oct 2 – Fri Oct 6 Lesson times are 9am–12.30 pm Price \$175 for whol week or \$45 per day. Be in quick, places filling fast Call to book now 489 8600

National Muffin Day -Friday 8th September 2006

On this day Muffin Break Meridian will donate a \$1 from every muffin they sell, to raise funds to provide educational resources for “kids who are blind”. Packs of 6 muffins can

be pre-ordered also. For further information contact Keith on keith.m.henderson@xtra.co.nz or fax 4546755.

Tuition that Really Works

Number Works is running a holiday course for students who want to get ahead with their mathematics. **When?** Monday 2nd October – Friday 6th October **From** 4.30 – 6.30 pm. Ten hours of intensive tuition on individualised programmes for \$360. Ph 474 1104 for more details.

Diary Dates

Monday 4th September – Start of Marae Week.
Monday 4th September – Thursday 7th – All Yr 7 classes to visit Museum 10.10 – 12.30am re- Marae Studies.
Tuesday 5th September – Rms 12+13 off on Winter Tramp
Wednesday 6th September – Rms 5 + 6 out on Winter Tramp
Thursday 7th September - 9.35 - 12.35pm Rm 6 out on Recycling Study.
Thursday 7th September – 10.45 – 12.30 Rm 1 out on Beach Clean Up.
Thursday 7th September – 12.10 – 2.45 Multicultural

Group to perform at the Otago Schools Multicultural Festival at the Regent Theatre.
Friday 8th September – 12.15 – 2.40 pm - Int Cross Country on Bal Mac Int Course
Thursday 14th September – Evening Interviews for Parents / Teachers
Tuesday 19th September – Last after school art class for this term.
Wednesday 20th September – Disco by invitation.
Thursday 21st September –Ext Music assembly.
Friday 22nd September – Opening of new Buildings + Last day of Term 3.
Monday 9th October – First day of Term 4.