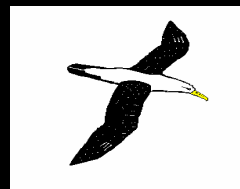


Tahuna News



Welcome

It has been an outstanding start to Term 3 for Tahuna.

Winning the National Trophy for the Police Blue Light PCT Challenge in Wellington, winning both Year 7 & 8 Mathletics, two teams in the finals of the Chess, and wonderful results in the Australian Maths Exams are some of the top successes acknowledged. Four students are in preparation for their trip to Wellington for the National Final of the Robotics too. Well done everyone involved.

This week we have had many Year 6 students from all our local Contributing Schools visiting. Guides who had attended these schools, escorted the groups around with skill. It was interesting to note how well they explained everything about Tahuna, and how confident and proud they were. Thank you to all guides for your excellent work.

Tonight, Wednesday August 8th, at 7 pm we welcome parents and Year 6 students to our Open Night.

The evening starts with a short welcome and performances by some of the Multi Cultural Group & Choir. Families are then invited to tour around classrooms at their leisure. Our students and staff will be able to

answer questions as well. I'm sure it will be another positive opportunity for people to see Tahuna.

Out of Zone enrolments must be returned by Wednesday August 22nd.

It is hoped that we are able to accept all interested and keen enrolments this year, including all out of zone applications. This can only happen if enrolments are received by the above date.

In Zone applications are needed by the end of term to enable staffing and class organisation to be completed.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Gymnastics

During weeks 3, 4, and 5 of this term the P.E focus has been on Balance and Gymnastics. Children have been enjoying these sessions with Matt Leach involving a fun warm up and then splitting into groups of 3 and rotating around the 10 apparatus set up in the hall each day. Each of these 10 activities have Gym Fun Cards with them which enable children to challenge themselves at their level. Each pupil assesses someone in their group and they are assessed by a peer, making for a fun and competitive time during the sessions.

Mathletics

Last Monday night the annual Mathletics challenge was competed for at the Town Hall. In the Year 8 competition there were 52 teams from around the town and province and 45 teams in the Year 7 section.

In the Year 8 section, Tahuna E, containing Kirk Brocklebank, Alex Gibbs, Jaiheng Wang and David Van Der Byl managed to complete the allotted questions well with the time constraints and did not forfeit any questions. As they finished first they were deemed Year 8 champions. This added to the pleasure of the Year 7 team of Fergus O'Leary, Ben Seaton, Rhys Bayly and Ewan Baker winning their competition. This is a marvellous result having both teams win in the same year.



The mighty, winning teams in this years Mathletics Competitions. David van der Byl, Alex Gibbs, Jiaheng Wang, Rhys Bayly, Fergus O'Leary and Ben Seaton. Ewan Baker absent. Well done teams!

National Title to Tahuna

After being the second fastest team of two boys and two girls, around the Police fitness Course in Dunedin, our top Tahuna team was selected to attend the NZ Final in Wellington. They looked good in Dunedin after having just run our school cross country an hour before ,so we thought they could do better when fresh. They certainly performed at a very high level in Wellington.

On Saturday Mark, Aleki, Jenna and I flew up to Wellington for the National PCT police challenge. During our stay we had to do five different challenges and try and get the fastest time. The challenges included an obstacle course like the course we did down here in Dunedin, a really gross eating challenge where we had to eat a sloppy mixture of porridge, rice, leeks, Brussels sprouts and broad beans. Yummy!! We also had to take part in a 1000m rowing challenge and a competition in the pool but we forgot to bring our togs so we had to do it in our clothes.

In the last course we had to push a police car 20m. Afterwards we had a meal at the police hall, of good old New Zealand pies and then the prize giving. Amazingly we won. Yay!!! We had a trip around Te Papa the National Museum and then flew home to Dunedin at 7:30 because our flight was delayed.

By Anna Kean

Staff changes

Later this month we farewell Mr Hunter who has been offered

an amazing opportunity to play rugby and teach in Ireland. They certainly put together an exciting offer for him and we wish him well in his travels and experiences. Mr Hunter has worked well as part of our staff team and his efforts will be missed. All the best Mr Hunter.

Mr Leach returns to teach at Tahuna and is keen to be in Room 17 working with the class for the remainder of the year. Mr Leach has been working in England and has returned with valuable experiences and ideas for Tahuna.

2007 Interschool Chess Finals

We were pleased that two Tahuna teams made the finals this year. We came up against some talented players and had to be content with the silver medals in both cases. Players are keen to practise a little more and see if they can improve on this in 2008.

Classics Challenge

A keen group of children have been preparing for this event on the Wednesday 15th August at the University of Otago. We have entered three teams and we know their knowledge of early Greek and Roman life will be tested by the university staff on this night.

Yip Card Achievers

Recently these children were awarded their silver cards at Friday assemblies for good effort and good attitude about the school.

Silver
Gabriel Freeman

Jasmine Hardie
Ben Larson



Great Art work Kirnjit

Hot News

If it is news then please contact us at the school and let us know so we can celebrate the achievements with the children. A note, letter, fax, phone call or email keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz would be appreciated

Congratulations

Otago Rugby

Well done to the following boys who played well in the trial games and have been selected for higher honours of wearing the Otago jersey.

U38 Kg

Cye Knox
Chris Dickie
Jake Dungey

U48 Kg

Charlie Holloway
Ben McKinlay
Aleki Morris
Cole Bardwell

U65 Kg

David Van der Byl

We congratulate them all and wish them the very best in their representative fixtures.

Metropolitan Rugby

Well done also to these lads who made the age grade Metropolitan teams and Brandon who we missed out of the last newsletter.

U11 Metropolitan Rugby team

Richard Buchanan

U13 Metropolitan Rugby team

Tyson Mc Kenzie

U48 Metropolitan Rugby Team

Brandon Apaipo

Otago Hockey

Hatch A

Matthew Krawiec

Jacob Milner

Sam Paris

Morgan Harris

Ryan Kelly

Collier A

Natalie Hill

Collier B

Ashleigh Hammond

Wrestling

New Zealand Club Champs

U 42 Kg

1st – Lee Van Der Lem

Another fine effort from Lee and a special achievement at the NZ level. Great result!

Otago Soccer

“Bend it like Beckham”, was an entertaining movie and Tahuna have two girls who are stars on the pitch also. Yes, we have heard that Georgia Hume and Sian English have both been named in the U12 Girls rep team. All the best .

Otago B Basketball

Kate Sparrow stepped up recently and showed by being named in the U13 rep team, that she has the skills and team play to match it with the best of her age group in Otago.

Bayfield High School Scholarships

Just a reminder that the Bayfield Scholarship exam will be held on Tuesday 14th August 10am to 12pm. Entry forms are in their enrolment packs or they can get one from the Bayfield School office.

Dental Therapists

During the month of August, your Dental Therapists, Robyn & Amy will have a final year dental therapy student, Judith, from the University of Otago working with them. Please feel free to meet with Judith. She would love to tell you all about Dental Therapy at the University of Otago.

As part of Public Health South's quality control procedures Kate Hall and Heather Crosbie, Dental Therapists, will be visiting school to check some children's teeth on Tuesday 14th August.

These examinations will not take long and procedures will be carefully explained to each child. If you have any queries regarding this please telephone 03 479 9569.

Mirren Peterson, Otago School Dental Service.

Diary Dates.

Wednesday 8th August, 7.00 – 8.30 pm OPEN NIGHT.

Thursday 9th August – Rms 16 + 17 on Winter Tramp over Pineapple Track.

Friday 10th August, 2.10pm - Rm 11 Assembly.

Wednesday 15th August – 7.00pm Classic Quiz at The University of Otago Commerce Building, Cnr Clyde and Union Streets.

Thursday 16th August- set up school Science Fair.

Friday 17th August, 2.00 – 2.45pm Dn Drama group in to perform for school.

Sunday 19th August, 2.00pm-Speech Final at Kaikorai Valley High School.

Sunday 19th Queens High School - Show Case

Monday 20th August- Set up at Otago Science Fair.

Wednesday 22nd August – Rooms 18 +26 out on Winter Tramp.

Sunday 26th August – Otago Science Fair Prize Giving.

Monday 27th August – start of Yr 7 Marae Week Studies.

Tuesday 28th Rm 1 + 1/2 Rm 6 off to Landfill [a.m.]

Thursday 30th August – Rm 5 and 1/2 Rm 6 off to Landfill. [a.m.]