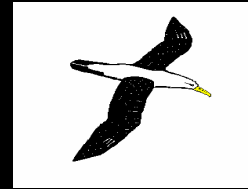


Tahuna News



Welcome

It is just two weeks now until our Open Night. **Tahuna Open Night, Wednesday August 8th, at 7 pm.**

Information packs with enrolment forms for next year have been delivered to all local Contributing Schools. Right from day one of term the phone has been hot with enquiries about enrolling, particularly from out of zone families. It is important that these out of zone applications are received by **Wed August 22nd**. A ballot will be held if necessary, but hopefully we are able to accept all enrolments from students interested in joining us next year.

On Monday we will welcome back Mr Matt Leach who returns from teaching in England. For the first three weeks he will be working with teachers in their P E programmes. It has been interesting discussing some of the differences and changes in education in each country.

Students have been working hard on their Science Fair investigations and presentations. Extra effort put into the presentation of the process and findings is important. Colour, clarity, and presentation really adds to the quality of the science. We look forward to a wide range of interesting work.

Over the last two weeks I have been impressed by the

behaviour and engagement in learning of our students. The positive focus on learning is strongly evident.

Our Year 8 students have been attending Open Nights at many Secondary Schools. A reminder to get enrolment forms in promptly. If there is anything you want to know about any school, approach them and they will be happy to answer queries.

Brent Ward

Principal.

Blue Light PCT Challenge

All classes had the opportunity last term to go to the Edgar Centre and as a team of four [2boys + 2 girls], to run around the Police Fitness Course in a safe and quick manner. Team members worked well together and some fast times were posted even though we had come straight from our school cross country.

In addition to class teams we selected four athletes to represent the overall school, who we thought could move, jump, climb etc in a superior way. They did very well and out of the numerous teams participating, were placed 2nd to Balmacewen Int.

On 28th July both teams fly to Wellington for the National Fear Factor Challenge and we wish them all the best as they strive to produce a fast time.

Congratulations to :-

Anna Keen
Jenna Small
Aleki Morris
Mark Burnett



Over the holidays some of our young artists were still hard at work on honing their creative skills, and not just in Dunedin. Well done to Margie Anderson who won the Wanaka Library's "Design a Snowflake" Competition.

Australasian Science Examination Results

Recently, we received our results and we were pleased with the achievements from these children who have an interest / strength in science. In total we were awarded eight Distinctions and eight Credits. Our overall averages surpassed the NZ averages with the Yr7 children on 22.6 [NZ Av 22.0] while the Yr 8's

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were higher on 32.5 [NZ Av 27.5] – A fine result.

The top 3 areas of Strength for the Yr 7's were :-

- 1 Reasoning / Problem solving
- 2 Predicting / Concluding
- 3 Investigating.

The top 3 areas of Strength for the Yr 8's were :-

- 1 Reasoning / Problem solving
- 2 Interpreting
- 3 Predicting / Concluding

Well done to those who sat and congratulations to the following-

DISTINCTIONS

Yr 8

Alexander Gibbs
Sam Gabbusch
Bronwyn Halley
Morgan Harris
Jiaheng Wang

Yr 7

Greg Underwood
Simon Williams
Bryce Grellet

CREDIT

Yr 8

Matthew Chilcott
Ben Davies
Fraser Mackenzie
Jeremy Rei
Carissa Sorensen
Brian Templeton
Ben Williams
Crystal Lay

Robotics

Over recent months Mr Boyes has been spending a great deal of time with a group of 12 boys who are really keen on Robotics . These boys have been spending a lot of their spare time down in the Tech Block programming their Robots.

Last Saturday between 11.00 – 4.00pm I called in to see them at work.

It was heads down and the quietness aided their concentration as they problem solved.

Next Saturday [28th July] in the same time frame the boys will be competing in the Robotics Challenge down at the Museum in the Hutton Theatre.

We wish them success.

SCHOOL COUNCIL DISCO

The School Council Disco was another success, with \$931.80 raised. Councillors will need to lobby their classes on how best to use this money. Erroll, our new D.J. did a great job, and those who attended really got in and had a good time. Thanks also to staff and College teachers who assisted on the night and parents who so promptly collected their child from the hall. This went really smoothly and reduced any safety concerns of children waiting along the road in the cold. Thank you.

Multi Cultural Update

A small representation from the Kapa haka group braved the cold, on the first Sunday of the holidays, to perform at the NZ Health Teacher's Conference opening. This was a big call from the pupils, (and Parents) but the performance they gave was fabulous. Well done to those involved and Mr Hokianga. The \$100 book voucher has been used to purchase beautiful Maori and Pacific Island books for students to enjoy in the library.

Speech Competition

One of the great skills in life is public speaking – an area that Tahuna has focused on both

within the classroom and outside the classroom. The Lion's Club at Dunedin have inaugurated an Otago Speech Competition and students at Tahuna are currently vying for selection as school representatives in this competition. We look forward to seeing how well they do, who gets through to the finals and how they fare at the Otago Speech Competition.

Maori Language Week

Nga Mihi nui ki a koutou. Maori language week is upon us and whilst Tahuna is committed to supporting this initiative it is worthwhile making the point that Te Reo is for many Kiwis an all year round event. At school this week we have been focusing on the teachings of the elders through Whakatauki – Proverbs and a school wide competition has seen students running to Mr Hokianga or Mr Jenkinson's classrooms with their interpretation of these Whakatauki and the chance to be in for a daily prize. No reira. Ka kite ano.

Bonus from the Health Committee

During the holidays , samples of the deodorant "Cool Charm" were received and our Health teachers Committee has decided to give one to each of the girls. As these are in aerosol form we ask that they are used at home as we don't allow aerosols at school.

These Cool Charm products will be sent home on Thursday 26th July.

We do appreciate the generous gesture of this company and hope all girls enjoy using their product.

Yip Card Achievers

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

Gold

Erana McKinlay
Larissa Hinds
Thomas Stevens

Silver

Meghan Hill
Tyler Helm
Alex Faulkner
Joanna Jolly

Interschool Chess

Today I received an email informing us that both our A + B chess teams have won their way through to the finals which is to be held on the Otago Chess rooms in Maitland Street on Thursday 26th July 6.30 – 8.00pm.

Our A's will compete for the Intermediate title while the B's would like to win the Primary / Int Title.

We wish the following children success in the finals on Thursday night. [26th July]

A Team

Jiaheng Wang
David Stahler
Liam Dell
Richard Buchanan

B Team

Maura Turner
Jeremy Rei
Jeremy Barnes
Andrew Randell

School Buses

To ensure a safe and comfortable ride on our school buses we ask that children use their common sense and

consider others. This can be done by following these simple rules.

- a) Stay seated and do not move about the bus.
- b) No loud laughing, talking or yelling.

Don't throw things about the bus or out of the bus windows.

Metropolitan Rugby Representatives

I received the names of boys who have successfully been named in a variety of Metropolitan weight teams and I am appreciative of this. For those who have been missed , please see me as soon as soon as possible so your achievements can be recognised.

Well done to :-

U38 Kgs

Cye Knox
Chris Dickie

U48Kgs

Tague Caley
Ben Mckinlay
Alex Faulkner
Cole Bardwell
Liam Thom
Jordan Robertson
Kirk Brocklebank
Harrison Kemp

U68Kgs

Tyler Newby
David Van Der Byl
Tyler Helm
Tim Rutherford
Ben Williams
Jonnie Fraser

Harrison Kemp told me that he was in the U48kg Blue Metro Rugby Team and they won all their games at the Millers Flat Tournament, having wins against Central, South West Otago and the other Metro Team [Blue]

Congratulations

Soccer

Congratulations to the following boys who have made the 11th Grade Otago Soccer Team
Daniel Smart
Christian McCormack

Well done to the following boys who have been selected for the Otago 12th Grade A Team [Blue] and the Otago B Team [Gold]

Otago Soccer A Team
Mike Macrae
Henry Alexander
Luke Bishop

Otago Soccer B Team
Jack Harland
Rhys Bayly
Henry Malthius
Matthew Offen - Mitchell

13th Grade Representative Soccer

Well done to:-

Luke Aicken
Stefan Zetko
Lian Liam Sam Riley
Thomas Stevens

Mark Burnett

for being named in the Soccer South Federation [Boys from South Canterbury, Central , East Otago, North Otago and Southland] 13th Grade training Squad of 22 boys.

Luke, Stefan, Lian and Thomas were also named in

the Vikings Southern Stars South Island 13th Grade Futsal Team.

Congratulations and all the best in your representative fixtures.

Tennis

It was a thrill to see Georgia Hume receiving - the most Dedicated Award in the Otago Junior Tennis squad. She has also had the higher honour of representing Otago and the Southern Districts at National level.

Sian English has also performed at a high level by representing Otago and also the Southern Districts against Canterbury.

Congratulations to you both.

Water Polo

Congratulations to Fergus O'Leary for his selection in the U12 Otago Mixed Water Polo Team. He tells me that he is looking forward to attending the Nationals Champs in Auckland during September. We wish him and the team well.

Auditions

Auditions for "Snow White" are being held at Musselburgh School on the 28th July at 2pm. Children of all ages are required. The show is being presented at The Globe Theatre in the second week of the next school holidays.

Also drama classes are available. They're lots of fun and great for gaining confidence.

For more information ph Carol Kruger at 455 7804

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nalalie Hill and Papa Wirihana-Poutapu for their selection in the Otago Under 13 A Basketball team and for winning the tournament in Gore at the weekend. Well done!

Tahuna Pupils Win the Trophy

During the first weekend of the school holidays, Kirnjit Singh organised a group of Tahuna students to play netball and volleyball in the Otago Pacific Health Trust Sports Tournament. The team members included Aleki Morris, Ethan Horner, Khodesh Temita, Lorraine Te Koi, Papa and Kirnjit Singh, who was the captain. Jenna Small and Eden Foster also "subbed on" for the odd game. The team made it to the semi finals in the volleyball but was unbeaten in the netball. They received a certificate and trophy as the overall winners of the Primary and Intermediate section of the netball.

Success for Tahuna Boys

It was great to see the following boys doing so well at Kings High school and being awarded Year 9 Scholarships.

Thomas Dixon – Academic Distinction

Andrew Harper – All Round Distinction

Benjamin Dolan – All Round Distinction

Shaleem Shelford – Distinction in Cultural Activities.

Happy with Profits

We had a letter recently from Heather O'Connor, Fundraising Co-ordinator at the St Kilda

Kindergarten. She wrote to thank us for our support for their recent Fair. Heather wrote, " We are over the moon with results and look forward to the next successful fundraiser".

It's great to hear that all went so well and that we could assist.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th July, 6.30 – 8.00pm Chess Finals at the Otago Chess Rooms in Maitland Street.

Friday 27th July, 2.10 – Rms 1.5.6. Assembly.

Sunday 29th July Remuera Visitors arrive in Dunedin at 9.10pm – depart Monday 6th August.

Monday 30th July – Otago Athletics in the Town Hall.

Friday 3rd August, 2.10 – TNIS Speech Final Assembly.

Monday 6th August - Wednesday 8th August- Tahuna Normal Intermediate - Open sessions for Yr 6 children from contributing schools.

Wednesday 8th August, 7.00pm – TAHUNA OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 16th August – Set up TNIS Science Fair in Rm 28 + 29

Sunday 19th August, 11.00 – 3.00 Queens High Showcase + 2.00pm Speech final at Kaikorai Valley High School .

Monday 20th August- Otago Science Fair set up.