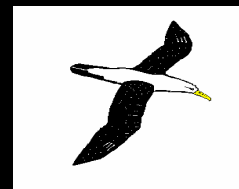


Tahuna News



Welcome

This week we have had two large groups of visiting teachers, principals and lecturers from Vietnam looking closely at the teaching at Tahuna. I have just returned from a discussion and feedback session at the University, and these astute educators were high in their praise of the teaching and learning they observed.

There are major differences between our schools and those in Vietnam, and to see and hear of their open comments about the evidence and examples of good practice they observed made me very proud of Tahuna.

This week there has been a great deal of media comment on school lunches, in particular what schools sell at canteens. We are watching what our students are buying, and will continue to encourage purchasing of healthy options. Our sandwiches and filled rolls are wonderful, and more students are purchasing these. We do not sell sugary sweet drinks and will continue to look for healthy choices.

We ask parents to oversee students making their lunches to not have items with high sugar and fat content. Our canteen is just for "extra" items of food, and when the fridge is "empty".

Accompanying the newsletter this week is a pamphlet on numeracy. It has some explanations of the aims and strategies students are working towards. I hope you find it useful.

We wish our dancers an enjoyable performance at the Regent Theatre for the Stars on Stage next week. Give it your best ... and enjoy it.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that girls can wear blue tights in these colder winter terms. (Not calf high blue socks) There is also a long sleeve of the polo top available at Wolfenden & Russell. I thank you for your continued support in keeping the uniform smart and worn correctly.

Students at Risk

A reminder that students who are walking to school before 8 o'clock, or who are dropped off here at school early can be a risk. Teacher supervision does not start until 8.25 am.

Many families make arrangements for morning care, but an increasing number of students are left in possible danger in the mornings.

Every effort is made for staff to complete meetings and preparation by 8.25 am.

Bus Ticket Price Rise

The bus ticket for the Peninsula bus has increased to \$17 from Tahuna to the Macandrew Bay stop. Tickets remain at \$20 for trips beyond Macandrew Bay.

Congratulations

Rhea Brisbane has been selected for the Otago Representative Under 14's girls soccer team. Congratulations Rhea.

Congratulations

Well done to Gemma Baldock for winning the Dunedin Stadium Poster Competition. Not only did she win a MP3 Player for herself but she also won a laptop for the school.

Two weeks back this photo was taken with Mr Malcolm Farry and the Mayor [Mr Peter Chin] when she attended a morning tea in the Mayor's Chambers to receive her prizes.



Mr Peter Chin, Gemma and Mr Malcolm Farry

New Zealand Lit Quiz Final in Auckland

After lots of hard work in the preparation department the team flew off to Auckland last Saturday morning.

The flight was fine and after checking in at our digs we caught a bus to Rainbows End for three hours of fun and we were not disappointed. As there were not many people there we had lots of rides before it was time to bus back into the city.

As it got dark the magnificent lights of the city came alive and there was no better place to see them best than from the top of the Sky Tower, so up we zoomed in the lift with the scary clear glass floor.

Three- sixty degrees of wonderful lights awaited us and it was only the tea tummy rumbles that dragged us down to earth before bed called around 9.00pm.

After consuming a hearty breakfast it was off to the Aotea Centre to be a part of four floors of shows, displays, readings, stalls, meeting famous NZ authors and illustrators, face painting, and much more as it was the scene of Auckland's Storylines Festival. Lots to do and see but the team were focussed on the quiz so around 10.45 we readied ourselves for the challenge in the front row of the tiered stage.

Introductions made and buzzers were tested before the questions came thick and fast.

The team thought at times they had buzzed first but with a reaction time of 10 000's of a second it was impossible to tell and the expert from her panel

called the 1st school to answer. With difficult questions posed on authors, book titles, introductions from books, books made into movies and a general pot luck section, there was a lot of quiet, deep thought and caution as points were deducted for incorrect answers.

Mr Wayne Mills [Mr Book] explained that from all the teams who tried to make this final only 3% had got through to the final and therefore all were winners.

It would have been great to win the NZ title but the team did their very best and were satisfied with 10th out of 13 competing. We were fortunate to be placed higher than – James Hargest, Tauranga Intermediate and Wellesley College.



Chelsey Templeton, Luke Bridgman, Alexa Anderson and Erana McKinlay ready themselves in Auckland for the start of the NZ Lit Quiz Final.

A trip to the food hall followed before more time was spent around the Aotea Centre activities and the stalls of the nearby Victoria Market. Just after 7.00pm we left a warm city to return to the polar regions. It was a quick return trip and on landing one team member felt so

out of place that a blanket was needed.

Overall, an action packed weekend which we would love to repeat.

Congratulations

Well done to Anja Waugh for being a member of the 3rd placed 4 x 50 m freestyle girls 12yrs relay team and for reaching the

final of the girls 12yrs 200 freestyle, at the Neptune Queen's Birthday Swimming Meeting at Moana Pool.

Soccer

The skilful Year 8 soccer team continued on its winning way yesterday when it came up against DNI and had a fine 7 – 1 win to remain undefeated at this stage of the season.

Our two sporty Year 7 teams – Gold and Blue teams met in a fine contest with the Blues coming away with a 3 – 0 win.

Well done to all players and thankyou for your sportsmanship.

Yip Card Achievers

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

Silver

Talina Stichman
Kirk Brocklebank
Daniel Reynolds

Golden Guitars

On the 1st of June Geena Fagan and Sonia Glover went and competed in the biggest country music competition in New Zealand. Geena got a highly commended in her gospel singing Living Prayer, Sonia got into the finals with her gospel, Ten Thousand Angels. Sonia got into the finals with her solo, Simple Life AND she got a highly commended with her traditional, Bombers of the Bush.

It was only Geena's first year but Sonia has been competing in the golden guitars for three years. It was an awesome experience and we were able to make HEAPS of new friends to keep in touch with.

Teisha Seymour won the overall junior; Taylor Cairns won the overall intermediate Kaylee Bell won the overall golden guitar award.

They had heaps of badges for people to buy, Geena brought four really cool badges. Both Sonia and Geena plan to compete next year too!

By Geena Fagan
(Well done girls)

Netball Holiday Programme

Mon 2nd July to Wed 4th July from 9 am to 1 pm at the Edgar Centre.

Please pick up a registration form from the school office and return to Netball Otago. The sessions cover Ball skills, Nutrition, Fun games, Netball games & rules.

Great fun!

Don't miss out!



Dancers in a quick pose during their practice in the hall today.

Parenting

Take a look at some of the options we have available for parents to discover new skills and find support. Phone now and enrol or register your interest for one of the following courses or groups.

The Parenting Toolbox
Choose from an early (0-5), middle years (8-12), or Teen years (12+) course and join us for 6 weeks looking at practical things to build your family. Next groups start in the week of July 23rd.
Courses run at nights 7.30-9.30 and we have day groups for early and teen years. Contact us for more info.

Game on
A 6 week group just for dads wanting to make the most out of their life and their relationship with their kids.

Terapy group for mothers
Safe long term support.

Phone us now on 477 3403 or email
office@cathsocialservices.org.nz

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th June ,1.15 – 2.30
Int school choirs practice at DNI.

Thursday 14th June, 9.30 – 12.00
– Local schools to attend Hui in Tahuna Normal Int Hall.

Friday 15th June, 2.10 – Rm 23
Class assembly.

Tuesday 19th June. 9.00
Australasian English Exam

Wednesday 20th June Swimming
for Rms 11.12.13.14.

Monday 18th - TNIS to practise at the Regent 2.00pm then to perform that night in :-Stars on Stage at the Regent – Tickets on sale at the Regent from the 5th June.

Monday 18th June – Aleki to appear on Studio 2 –Super Squad Sports Billy Programme.

Tuesday 19th June, 9.00am –
Australasian English Examination.

Wednesday 20th June - Swimming
for Rms 11.12.13.14

Sunday 24th June – Sydney Grammar Choir boys arrive late afternoon at Otago Boys High School.

Tuesday 26th June, 2.15 – 2.45pm
– Sydney Grammar Boys to perform to school.

Thursday morning 28th June – Sydney Grammar Choir boys leave billets for last time and head to OBHS before leaving NZ.

Thursday 28th June – Disco by invitation for those children who have met Term 2 requirements.

Friday 29th June Reports home to Parents –Term 2 concludes

Monday 16th July

– Term 3 commences.