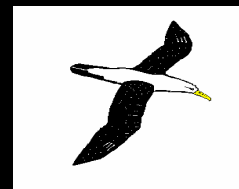


Tahuna News



Welcome

Congratulations on another fine week Tahuna students.

On the athletic track Tahuna students performed outstandingly, with over 100 qualifying for the Otago Championships that will be held on November 20th.

In classrooms I am seeing very significant improvements in reading skills and in number knowledge. Improvements in results in recent testing shows the value of keen teaching and students application. My congratulations to everyone.

We have just received the new curriculum for schools that is to be implemented in 2010. There will be the first of surveys from this sent home next week. If you do not receive one, please contact the school office and we will arrange delivery of another copy.

I have enjoyed students presenting fine work to me this week. Creative posters, amazing novel study work, and creative designs and problem solving have been shared with me confidently. I am impressed.

At lunchtimes too, I have enjoyed seeing students making positive choices in their play, enjoying lunchtime activity programmes, and making the most of opportunities to be working in workshops. Keep it up.

Staff have been busy collating assessment data and writing reports, meeting Secondary School teachers, and planning the end of year assessments. Professional Development on how ICT can enhance teaching and learning continues to be a focus. Classes certainly are appreciative of the data projectors and sound systems in classrooms.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Sun Hats and the use of sun lotion

It is good to see children using class sun tan lotion and reassuring to sight sun hats being worn. It would however be great to see more children wearing hats and that is something we can all be positive about.

Navy- blue school sun hats are available from the school office at \$8 for the peaked cap and \$11 for the bucket version.

DRAMA ROOM DONATIONS

We were delighted to have some clothing and props appear in our DRAMA DONATION boxes, in the school foyer. Many children use items from this room, so if you have any spare dress ups, props, or gear that would be suitable for performances, please send them along.

Multicultural Update

On Monday, 29th of October, our Samoan performing group were taken to OBHS, in vans, to perform at the Junior School Reading Assembly. Our numbers were down due to illness, however the children did their best to an appreciative audience. It was a wonderful opportunity to reciprocate a visit, having recently had OBHS students pair up with our pupils for Buddy reading last term. The treats the performers received were also thoroughly enjoyed.

Badminton

After the boys win in the interschool fixture we moved onto the girls final with Columba and the games were very close. In the end after two double games and four singles games it was three wins to each school. This necessitated a count back and the number of sets were counted. As we had won a doubles game by two to one [needed to win in two straight games] we therefore were awarded the runner up position with Columba taking the title.

I did not see all games but I heard that they were very close. I was also especially impressed with the play of Alyssa .

Well done to Alyssa Heller, Brittany Reddington, Kiana Wereta ,and Rhea Brisbane , parents Mr Jenkinson and other Tahuna staff members

Yip Card Achievers

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

Gold Bar

Erana McKinlay
Jeremy Barnes
Thomas Stevens

Gold

Rhea Brisbane
Zoe Hunter
David Reynolds

Silver

Jiaheng Wang
Louise Rutherford
Tesheena Nash
Luke Aicken
Sylvia Bloxsome
Paige Arbuckle
Ruby Lisk

Published Work

Ivan Bernes, Editor of ODT Extra, has expressed his thanks to the school for the pieces of work we have sent him for publication over 2007. Today's copy contains a fine book review from Amy Hickling and Ben Black's highly commended short story – "Mike Beezal, Super Sleuth", is a good read. Also featuring on the back page is a fine photo of our winning social studies team of Aleki Morris, Alex Gibbs and Liam Dell.

Saturday Morning Art Classes [10.30am – 12.00]

These exciting and fun filled classes have started and children will work on mini flip photo albums, painting on canvas, sketching, tile creations, sculpturing, 3-D art and Christmas crafts.

Last Saturday I popped in to find a hive of industry as children

were up to their elbows in wet gooey plaster of paris as they were making plaster of paris angels. Once dried and additions parts attached, they were spray silver or gold, in keeping with the Christmas theme.

We still have two spaces so ring us on Ph 4553994 to sign up at only \$14 for the remaining term 4 sessions. Children in Year 4 – Yr 6 classes out there in the community along with Tahuna children are most welcome to attend. Do it now – it's well worth it.

Community Service

A big thanks to all those children and parents who assisted the Blind Foundation the other night with their collecting. Members of the public were generous and we hope the collection planned target was reached.

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

Sian English Rm 17 won the Open section of the Otago Primary/Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament held in Dunedin yesterday, 31 October. She will now go on to represent Otago in the Southern Districts Primary/ Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament to be held in Dunedin on 20/21 November. Georgia Hume will also take part in the event as

she was also one of the top 4 girls in the tournament. Well done girls!

Congratulations to Jasmine Mawson who achieved merit in her grade 2 Music Exam.

South Zone Athletic Results

Overall the children showed what can happen if they do some training. I am told that we will have an excellent school representation at the Otago Championships on Tuesday 20th November. Our school team will consist of :- 24 relay teams, 28 hurdlers, 30 sprinters, 10 distance runners, 11 long jumpers, 2 high jumpers, 7 shot putters, and 7 discus throwers. Again we acknowledge all those children who gave their best and congratulate them on all achievements gained. Room numbers are in brackets beside first names.

Sprints

13+ Boys

1st Mark B (14) 3rd Aleki (13)
4th = David (6) 4th = Taylor (1) 6th
Jonnie (6) 7th Josh (15)

13+ Girls

1st Jenna (11) 2nd Meghan (11)
3rd Sammie (11) 4th Ranui (1)
5th Hannah (15)

U13 Boys

1st Tyler (11) 2nd Henry (6) 4th
Jake (6) 5th Mathew (6) Jordan
(9)

U13 Girls

1st Caitlin (11) 2nd Lorraine (15)
3rd Joy (12) 4th Mikayla (15) 5th
Sophie (16) 6th Anna (1)

U12 Boys

1st Felix (7) 3rd Chris (23) 4th
Michael (16) 7th Levine (10)

U12 Girls

1st Danielle (26) 3rd=Alesha (26)
6th Samantha (9) 9th Kororia
(23)

Hurdles

13+Boys

1st Mark (14) 2nd David (6) 3rd
Aleki (13) 4th Jonnie (6) 5th
Anthony (1)

13+Girls

1st Meghan (11) 2nd Jenna (11)
3rd Sammie (11) 4th Ashlee (5)
6th Kirnjit (12)

U13Boys

1st Henry (6) 2nd Lian (13) 5th
Jake (6) 6th Demetri (11)

U13 Girls

1st Lorraine (15) 2nd Joy (12)
3rd Maisie (15) 4th Taegan (11)
5th Kiana

6th Nat (1)

U12Boys

1st Felix (7) 4th Ruhana (9) 5th
Michael (16) 6th Richard (26)

U12Girls

1st Chelsea (16) 3rd Alesha (26)
4th Imogen (27) 5th Danielle
(26)

Long Jump

13+Boys

1st Anthony (1) 2nd David (6)

U13Boys

1st Tyler (11) 2nd Lian (13th) 3rd
Jordan (9) 4th Cole (6) 5th
Finn (23)

U13Girls

1st Anna (1) 2nd Deina (26) 3rd
Sian (17) 6th Kiana (5)

High Jump

12+Boys

1st Sam (18) and only 1 to
qualify

12+Girls

1st Esme (14) and only 1 to
qualify

Shot

12+Girls

1st Lorraine (15) 2nd Sammie
(11) 3rd Jenna (11)

12+Boys

2nd Tim (11) 3rd Ethan (13)

U12Boys

1st Khodesh (18) 3rd Levine (10)

Discus

12+Girls

1st Jenna (11) 2nd Sammie (11)
3rd Lorraine (15)

12+Boys

1st Aleki (13) 3rd Ethan (13)

U12Boys

2nd Khodesh (18) 3rd Levine
(10)

Relays

6 x 1st (with wins in every grade
plus other placings.)

It will be harder at the Otago
Championships but the children
are training hard to produce the
best efforts on the day .We wish
them well.

**CADBURY CONSERVATION
AWARDS**

We will now be acknowledging
those who win prizes in
assembly for looking after the
environment or wearing a
sunhat.

LAST FRIDAY

Cadbury Conservation Awards
Chocolate- Josh Rogan
Sunhat Chocolate- Morgan
Harris

It was great to hear from Rhea
last assembly talking about her
class' recycling project. Let's all
make an effort to help Room 1
this term.

**Christmas Ice Shows – "Tale
of Two Christmases"**

Three shows in total, two on
Saturday 1st December 2.00pm –
4.00pm and 6.00pm – 8.00pm
and one on Sunday 2nd
December 5.30 – 7.30pm.

All shows are at the Dunedin Ice
Stadium on Victoria Road and
there is an entry cost of \$5 per
person. Please dress warmly
and bring a cushion. Enquires Ph
4564556 .

Diary Dates.

Monday 5th November - Life
Education sessions commence
for all classes

Wednesday 7th November –
South Zone Athletic Sports at the
Caledonian Grounds

Friday 9th November – Room 12
Assembly.

Wednesday 14th November -
Swimming for Rms 9.10.23.
26.27

Friday 16th November – Police
Dog Visit and display on school
field

Tuesday 20th November or
Thursday 22nd November –
Championship Athletic Sports at
the Caledonian Grounds

Wednesday 21st November –
Year 8's enrolled at B.H.S for
2008 off to Bayfield High for the
day + Swimming for Rms
7.16.17.18.

Wednesday 28th November –
Life Education Sessions
conclude + 10.15am multicultural
group to perform for Senior
citizens at Nations Church

Wednesday 12th December –
End of year Performance at the
College Auditorium.

Friday 14th December – End of
Year reports go home.

Monday 17th December – Top
Class Competition

Tuesday 18th December – End of
Year class outings.

Thursday 20th December,
2.00pm - TNIS 2007 Prize
Giving in school hall.

Friday 21st December - School
finishes.