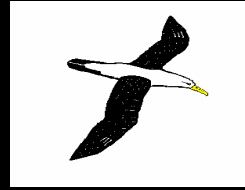


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Term 3 has been another busy and successful one for Tahuna students. I congratulate every student who has lifted their efforts, who has achieved a goal, and who has enjoyed success.

Many students have been involved in sporting teams, in cultural groups, or represented the school in a wide range of activities. It is always a pleasure to see our students use their talents. Well done.

Throughout the term there have been many outstanding contributions to life here at Tahuna. I thank staff for their wonderful efforts, and acknowledge the many students who work for the good of others and the school. There are quality leaders for the future and genuinely thoughtful youngsters in our ranks.

My thanks to parents and friends of the school who have assisted with sports teams, with class trips and activities, and who have supported the efforts of teachers to help our learners.

Thank you.

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## PIGS EYES DISSECTION

Yesterday we dissected pigs eyes. First we had to prepare our work space by getting lemon scented gloves, a newspaper, a plastic bag and a scalpel. Then

we waited for Mr. Jenkinson to come with the pigs eyes. When he came in with them he told us to gather round the blue table. When we saw the eyes, people said "ewwww" or "gross". Then he demonstrated how to cut the eyes up.



Then it was our turn. He gave out the eyes then he left us to it. I was paired with Gemma and we took turns with the scalpel. We had to find the optic nerve, the lens, the iris and the vitreous aqueous. You had to cut into the eye until you had cut into it and then you had to squeeze it so that the vitreous aqueous would come out and if you squeeze it more the lens might come out with the liquid. If you put the lens onto a newspaper it magnifies the print.

Before we did it, I thought it was going to be so gross but after we did it I found out it was actually quite fun exploring the eyes and finding out about them. In the end I wanted to dissect another but there were no eyes left. When Ms. Connor said we should pack up, we wrapped up our paper and our plastic bag

and the remains of our eyes and put them into the rubbish bag.



It wasn't so bad after all.  
By Charlotte Morgan

## Details of the Wellington Nationals Robocup competition.

This competition was attended by four year 8 boys on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2007, It was held at the Capital E centre in Wellington

Our travel itinerary was

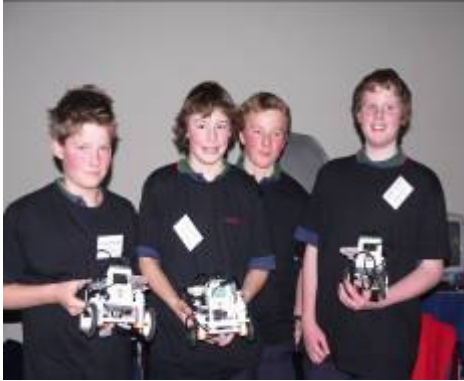
Students came to school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September in tidy mufti, and worked on their robots until leaving time at 11-00 am. Mr Alan Savell drove us to Christchurch and back in his van. Our Wellington Air New Zealand flight NZ412 left at 7-15am on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> September and arrived at Wellington 45 minutes later. We went by taxi directly to the Capital E centre a journey of about 15 minutes, upon arrival

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we had to complete registration and begin competitions. Our return flight was for 5pm, 1 hour after the end of the competition. We returned to Christchurch 45 minutes later and Mr Savell drove us home to Dunedin.



The RoboCup was a great event. While not on the field playing soccer we were working on the rescue robot and the tension began to pile up. But we still managed to do our best, come first and have a good time.

Well done boys. 1<sup>st</sup> in New Zealand is a top result.

### **Room 6 and 1's Trip to the Landfill**

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August rooms 1 and 6 went on a trip around Dunedin landfills as part of our recycling unit.

First off we went on the bus to a place called Otago paper recyclers, which is near the wharf and my group was dropped off and the other group went to the Enviro-waste transfer station.

At the Otago paper recyclers place I learnt that it was the only recycler of paper in Dunedin and that all the paper in our blue bins goes there.

When we had finished at the paper recyclers we swapped with the others and went to the Enviro-waste recycling centre.

We had a guide at the recycling centre called Jenny Neilson and she showed us where all the rest of the stuff from our blue bins goes.

From here, we went to the train station for morning tea.

After we had finished eating, we went to the Green Island Landfill, where Jenny showed us around the sludge pits, transfer station, recovery store and the actual landfill.

The sludge pits smelt awful but the odour shed [which covers up the smell of the land fill] smelt nice.

Then we went back to school for sport.

My favourite part was when we went to the sludge pit and saw the Pukeko.

By Fraser Mackenzie.



Tahuna students really rose to the Activ8 challenges last week. At many events they performed outstandingly, and from all accounts they enjoyed working together as a great team.

### **Multicultural Performance**

Just on 100 students in the Multicultural group took to the stage, at the Regent theatre, on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> of September. The Kapa Haka and Samoan items received rousing applause and our students enjoyed both performing and watching other

schools present their items on stage.

The behaviour of the Tahuna group as an audience was also commendable. Thanks once again to Mr Hokianga, the Temita family and wonderful parents for assisting in the supervision of our group.

### **Yip Card Achievers**

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

#### **Gold**

Caitlin Barnes

#### **Silver**

Polly McMullan

Caitlin O'Brien

Garth Fulton

Aleisha King

Jasmine Mawson

Jess Hepburn – McFelin

Elizabeth Young

Phillip Brown

### **School Council Update**

The **Mufti Day** on Friday went particularly well and the Council appreciated the support from all involved. \$435 was raised.

On Thursday evening, from 7pm – 9pm the end of term **DISCO** is being held. As stated on the invitation, a high standard of behaviour is expected, and we do ask that parents collect their child promptly from the appropriate exit, at 9pm.

All permission slips and payments **MUST** be handed in by **9am Thursday morning**.

**Otago Intermediate Schools  
Cross Country**

This event was run on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> September over the Balmacewen Int Course in the presence of hundreds of keen athletes. Our 40 best runners ran very well on the day and it was an occasion to celebrate as Tahuna runners were once again up in the leading pack in all four races.

I was delighted to see Tahuna runners working as a team and really pushing themselves in all races. It was also a delight to see Anna cruise around the two circuits in a comfortable fashion to take her title with some distance back to the second place getter.

Our key opposition came from Balmacewen Int who ran their course with rehearsed ease. They took a fine win over the four races with Tahuna a close second.

Thanks again to all our runners who gave their best on the day and congratulations to the following who received top five certificates at the presentation ceremony on race day.

Year 8 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Anna Kean

5<sup>th</sup> - Ashlee Hammond

Year 8 Boys

3<sup>rd</sup> – Anthony Trainor

Year 7 Girls

4<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Todd

Year 7 Boys

3<sup>rd</sup> – Felix Lucas

**Congratulations**

It was pleasing to hear that Greg Thompson had been competing in the Dunedin Performing Arts Competitions recently and had won the U16 Contemporary Solo and also took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U16 Duet. We will no doubt read more about this fine young trumpet player in the future.

Swimming

Warren Van Staden did well in the Moana Pool Otago Winters where he lined up against some tough opposition in the 11yr old age group. He certainly didn't allow the water to settle but instead churned it up when taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m Medley, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m Medley and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m Breast stroke. Well done Warren.



Room 11 Winter Tramp

On Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September room11 went on a tramp at the Swampy Summit. First we checked our bags at school and then left on the bus at 9:10am; it took about 10 minutes until we got there.

We started climbing a small hill, everyone was groaning as if they had broken their legs. Soon after we had a short break for morning tea, then the sun came out and everyone was putting on sun screen and drinking lots of water. Later the shadows came over

and we were jumping over puddles and mud, we had a couple of stops until lunch time. After everyone had finished their food we started to walk to a small hut, but then we walked down the other way on all of the boardwalks and muddy steps which was my favourite part of the tramp. When we got to the bottom beside the main road, everybody started to play in the gravel. Soon enough the bus was there and we left back to school.

**Water Polo**

For the past year and a ½ Tahuna students have played in the intermediate grade for Water Polo competition at Moana Pool.

The games are played on Thursday afternoons between 3.50pm and 6.30pm in terms 1 and 4. Games are sixteen minutes long. Practice is held on Sunday afternoon at Otago Boys swimming pool.

At the end of term 4 this year, the year 8's in the team will move on to college and replacement players will be required if the team is to continue in 2008.

If you are interested in playing Water polo in term 4 this year or terms 1 and 4 next year please contact Jeremy Rei in room 13 or phone his parents Heather and Murray Rei on 4545570.

**Ariki Athletic Club**

**Children's Section**

Do you love to run, jump and throw?  
Then give athletics a GO!

When: Monday nights

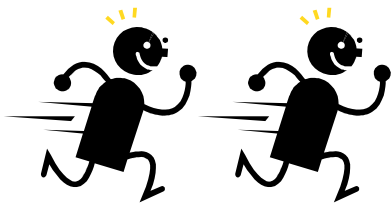
Where: Bayfield Park

Time: 6pm-7pm (5yr-9yr)

7pm-8pm  
(10yr -14yr)

Registration night: 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 2007, Guthrie  
Pavilion, Bayfield Park 6pm-7pm

For further enquiries phone -  
Peter 4561152 or Deidre  
4545775.



**Children's Athletics Clubs  
2007-8**

**Ariki**

Registration night 17 September,  
from 6pm – 7pm at Bayfield Park  
- Opening night 8 October.

**Caversham**

Jenny Tackney: 488 0571

**Hill City**

Bryce Watt: 456 1452, Pat  
Woodhouse: 479 9262

Registration day Sunday 23  
September, 10:30am at Logan  
park

Opening night 9 October

**She'll be Right Mate**

Slap on sunscreen, slip on  
jandals or gumboots, & head don  
to the Dunedin Public Library on  
Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.30. Join  
Anita Cumming for some great  
stories, some great fun & win a  
prize for the best kiwiana outfit.

( dress-up optional )

Book now to avoid  
disappointment. Ph 474 3690.

Spaces limited.

**African Song and Dance.**

You are invited to hear the  
Watoto Children's Choir from  
Uganda present a vibrant and  
colourful evening of African  
song and dance. This concert  
will be held in the Dunedin  
Town Hall at 7pm on Saturday  
6<sup>th</sup> October. It is a charity  
concert and with your support  
we hope to raise \$30,000 to  
build a home and support the  
aids and war orphans of  
Uganda. This is a TEAR Fund  
supported project.

**MCKENZIE TRUST**

The McKenzie Trust provides  
financial assistance for the  
purchase of school uniform.  
Parents on low incomes, or  
benefits, may wish to apply for  
assistance. Assistance is only  
given to students starting Year  
9.

Students going on to Bayfield  
High School who would like to  
apply for financial help through  
the McKenzie Trust please  
contact the Bayfield High  
School Guidance Counsellor,  
Mr Ewen Cameron, ph  
4550113 ext 3. Applications  
close 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**September / October Holiday  
Programme**

Monday: 24th Sept – Friday:  
28th Sept

Monday 1st – Friday 5th Oct

Daily: 9/10am-12 noon & 1-  
4/5pm

2hr sessions: 10 hrs - \$65 (5  
days @ \$13/day)

3hr sessions: 15 hrs - \$100 (5  
days @ \$20 day)

4hr sessions: 20hrs - \$130 (5  
days @ \$26 day)

Lunch hour care free if  
enrolled for both am and pm  
sessions

**Diary Dates.**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Kia  
Kaha sessions for three classes  
+ School Disco for Children who  
have followed the School  
Behaviour Code.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2.10 –  
2.45 pm Classic Hits announcers  
to perform at assembly.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Last day  
of term 3.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – School  
commences for Term 4.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – School  
Athletic Sports

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00  
- 12.00 – Yr 7 swimming starts  
at Moana Pool

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Extra  
Social Studies Quiz at  
Macandrew Int Hall

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November –  
South Zone Athletic Sports at the  
Caledonian Grounds

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year  
8's enrolled at B.H.S for 2008 off  
to Bayfield High for the day.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November –  
Championship Athletic Sports at  
the Caledonian Grounds

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December –  
End of year Performance at the  
College Auditorium.

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

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - School  
finishes.