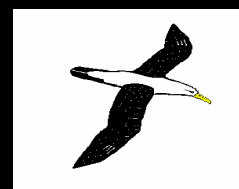


Tahuna News



Welcome

One of the highlights this week has been reading excellent poetry and written language from classes across the school. Wonderful creativity that has been a pleasure to read.

Tahuna staff continue to work with the teachers of our Contributing Schools on using ICT to improve teaching and learning. This is the first year of this contract, and as lead school it has been a busy time with excellent learning opportunities.

As a cluster of schools we are working with ICT and curriculum leader from across New Zealand and developing our learning communities in light of sound research and best practice.

Developments already fit the intention of the new Curriculum document that should arrive in schools shortly. The integrated programme, with inquiry based learning allows for students being more involved in knowing the direction of their learning, being involved in planning and assessment, and making choices within the programme focus.

The developments in ICT that are leading to higher level thinking, accessing and analysing information from many sources, and sharing learning are exciting and Tahuna staff are enjoying

the challenges and enjoying being learners too.

I have just finished two years on the National Executive for Intermediate and Middle Years Schooling, and have enjoyed the opportunities to network with Principals across New Zealand and leaders within the Ministry of Education. This has enabled us to have a voice in developments, and to keep well informed.

Research and best practice certainly supports the Primary School teaching approach for our pre-adolescents.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Speech Success

On Sunday 17th August our four school speech competition representatives went over to Kaikorai Valley College for the Dunedin Lions speech final.

The competition was strong and all children spoke very well in this setting. A variety of topics were covered and at the end of the day the audience were informed and entertained. We congratulate all participants but were thrilled with Erana McKinlay's win in the Year 8 Section.

Miniball

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls Miniball team who their final on Monday night. This certainly capped off a great session.

Unfortunately some of our teams were short changed in points by not playing as many games, and had to watch teams they had beaten play in the finals.

Well done to our Mixed team and Year 7 Girls team who also played in finals.

Thank you to everyone who helped with coaching and support throughout the season.



The proud, winning Year 8 Girls Miniball team.

Tahuna Science Fair

Once again we had just over 200 entries of a high standard and our judges struggled to select just 27 to go forward to the Otago Science Fair.

This they finally accomplished and then later we were delighted with the list of winners. Thank you judges and well done students.

**Otago Science Fair Results
2007**

Year 7 Awards

Emma Rodgers Bromley: Aurora Award
Jack Harland: Zoology Award, Natural History Award, Marine Science, Conservation Award
Ashleigh Rhodes: Aurora Award
Henry Alexander: Aurora Award
Felix Lucas: Discovery Award
Lydia Bernard & Rachel Guthrie: Otago Institute
Luke Kenneally: Aurora Excellence
Sian English & Georgia Hume: Animation Research
Chris Loper & Robert Mair: Otago Med, Niwa

Year 8 Awards

Lucy McGrannachan & Brittany Reddington: School of Dentistry
Ben Black: NZ Psychological Society Award
Olivia Tranor: Ag Research Award
Dane Crosland: Energy Research Award
Jacob Milner: Otago Regional Council Award
Gemma Baldock: Otago Regional Council Award
Caitlin Barnes: Niwa Award
Esther O'Loughlin: NZ Society of Animal Protection
David Sta'bler: Aurora Award, Keith Dawber Memorial Award
Erana McKinlay: Forest & Bird Award, Marine Science Award
Morgan Harris: Forest & Bird Award
Jeremy Barnes: NZ Stats Award
Luke Bridgman: Otago Institute Award
Maizie Granger: Aurora Award
Matthew Chilcott: Excellence in Energy, IPENZ

Dunedin Observatory Visit

Last Sunday I visited the Dunedin Observatory as part of my science badge, to observe the solar system. When I arrived I met Ash who showed me the telescope. First of all I looked at the moon, and Omega Centauri, which is a mass of approximately 1 million stars. The most interesting was Jupiter, which has four moons Io, Ganymede, Callisto and Europa. It was a good visit and I enjoyed it.

By Aimee Thurlow Room 10

Yip Card Achievers

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

Silver

Kayla Hodge
Kerryn Little
Chelsea Armstrong

**Otago Intermediate Schools
Cross Country**

This event is scheduled for this Friday the 7th on the Balmacewen Int Course. We have 40 of our best runners representing the school and they have been training for this event over the last few weeks. We wish them well and look forward to them doing their best for 8-10 minutes on this course.

Some get a little nervous near the day and we get the odd mystery injury or strange bout of sickness but in the end the 10 runners turn up and stick together as they support one another as they run their race.

All up there are four races . 1.00pm Yr 7 Girls, 1.20 pm Yr 7 Boys, 1.40 pm Yr 8 Girls and finally 2.00pm the Yr 8 Boys. The intention is to run your best and finish as high up in the field as you can to gain as many points as possible for the team. We wish them the very best.

**Praise from the National
Education Monitoring
Project**

Last week a number of Tahuna students worked with assessors on Science Information Skills. Every day I received high praise about our students efforts, attitudes, work habits and manners. When people go out of their way to give such positive feedback about our students day after day, and make comments about the positive working environment within the school, it is important we pass this on. They enjoyed warm interactions students and staff. Efforts to be proud of!

Congratulations

Basketball

Well done to Billy Cooper who was awarded the Best Dribbler Trophy at the Otago Nuggets Basketball Holiday Programme in July.

Daffodil Day

Thank you to the School Council for organising the collection for the Cancer Society on Daffodil day. The donations were collected by staff from Radio Works, who were warmly welcomed by the Multi Cultural group.

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.

Multi Update.

The Multicultural group is performing at the Otago Schools' Maori and Pacific Island Festival tomorrow. We are scheduled to perform at 1.15pm. Many thanks to Mr Hokianga, and the Temita family, particularly Sharrayah, Shanon and Kirnjit, for their fantastic leadership with our items. Also many thanks to the parents who have offered to assist with supervision tomorrow.

Fun Holiday Mathematics

Take this opportunity to boost your child's confidence and mathematics skills. Monday 24th - Fri 28th Sept. Choose either 1.30pm - 3.30pm or 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Ten hours of intensive tuition on individualized programmes for \$380. Phone 474 1104 to book a place.

Tennis Coaching

Jim Hoffman & Jayne Hailes have a wealth of experience involved in coaching young players the finer points of the game.

Register your interest by contacting Jim Hoffman on 487 9954 or 021 210 1347.

Coaching will be either at the Edgar Centre or in conjunction with the Eastern Harbour Tennis, or Otago Boys' High School tennis courts.

Wanted to Rent

3 Bedroom House Long Term.
Musselburgh, St Kilda or Andersons Bay areas.
Ph Andrew 027 5985 926

Theatre

The Pot of Gold

27 Sept – 6 Oct

Mon – Sat 11 am – 1 pm
Mayfair Theatre South Dunedin.
All tickets \$7. Door sales and bookings 455 3186

Music Classes Concert

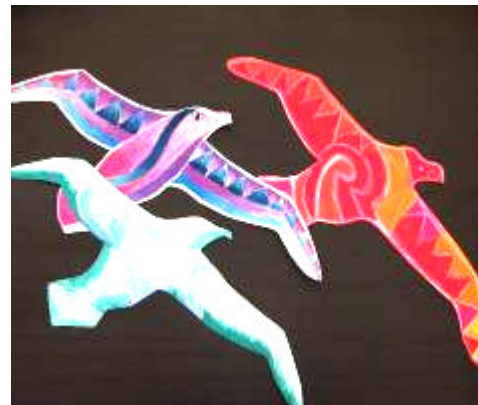
The Saturday morning music classes annual demonstration concert takes place on Sunday 16th Sept in the Town Hall at 3 pm. Tickets available at the Town Hall booking office on Sat 15th Sept between 8.45 and 11 am. Door sales.

Adults \$6, children \$2

Diary Dates.

Wednesday 5th September, 7.00pm Wearable Arts Show in School Hall for Rooms 1.5.6.

Thursday and Friday 6th + 7th September – Multicultural Festival at the Regent Theatre. TNIS to perform at 1.15pm on Thursday 6th.



Wonderful art work. Well done Mrs Whitson and students. The displays are a real credit to you all.

Friday 7th September – Int Cross Country on the Balmacewen Circuit. First race 1.00pm

Monday 10th September, 10.45 – 12.30 Room 14 off to the Early Settlers.

Monday 10th September – Late Night for parent / teacher Interviews.

Wednesday 12th September – Rms 1.5.6 – Beach Clean Up + Room 10 in school hall 7.00 – 8.00pm.

Wednesday 12th September- 9.00-2.30 Rms 12+13 on Grahams Bush Walk.

Thursday 13th September, 9.30 – 2.20 Rms 1 + 11 on Winter Tramp + Postponement day for Cross Country.

Friday 14th September – MUFTI DAY.

Thursday 20th September – School Disco for Children who have followed the School Behaviour Code.

Friday 21st September – Last day of term 3.

Monday 8th October – School commences for Term 4.