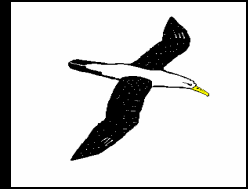


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Thank you again for the support to make this a smooth and positive start to the school year. We have now had our first cycles of Technology for both Year 7 and Year 8 classes, and it has been great to see the application and efforts in these rooms by happy students.

A high number of parents joined us for the meet the teacher evening last week. This was an important step towards building the working relationship between home and school. Thank you for your time so we could outline many important points that will help make 2008 a success. The homework notebook is an easy way to keep up the communication lines, and email direct to the class teacher is used successfully by many.

A big thank you to parents who have been using other gates, away from the main entrance in Victoria Road, as a drop off and collection point. This has really helped the heavy congestion problems at the start and end of the school day. Hopefully the asphaltting will be completed soon. That will certainly help.

This week we see the start of the Year 7 camps at Portobello. While involved in the skills needed to live together, sleep in tents, and cook on the camp cookers, students will get to know the others in their better. An important part of the start to their year. Thank you to parents who have made themselves available as helpers.

Tahuna continues as the Lead School in the ICT PD cluster which includes most of our Contributing Schools. This week we have supported a large group of teachers from these schools to attend the annual Learning @ Schools Conference in Rotorua. Teachers will come back with many ideas aimed at helping us develop our programmes, using ICT to enhance our teaching and learning.

The Itinerant Music Teachers shared their many talents with us at an assembly last Friday Morning. Notices have been available for students to sign up to teaching classes. We ask that these notices are returned promptly so that we can commence the teaching. If you have any questions, please contact Paula in the school office in the first instance.

Finally, a prompt to organise quiet reading times for your child. Every family has such busy schedules these days, but every minute you can organise for reading will help develop one of the greatest lifelong pleasures, but also will help develop your child's learning.

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## School Stationery

Many thanks for the prompt purchasing of these item. This has allowed us to make a quick start to the year in classrooms. The wonderful teaching resource – "Extra "is included in our stationery cost and for a few who have purchased elsewhere, there will be a cost of \$5.50 to cover the eleven

copies published throughout the year.

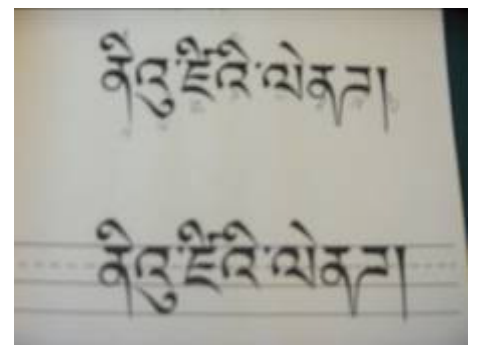
## Mother Tongue Day



Today Room 14 were visited by adults from five different countries to promote Mother Tongue Day.

I really think it's a cool thing to get into the habit of learning different languages and possibly trying them out one day.

It was just a great experience and I would really like to do that again. I especially liked learning Arabic and finding out what my name is in multiple languages. We had visitors in our class from Tibet, Cambodia, China, Sudan and Russia.



The Tibetan visitor [ above ] wrote New Zealand in his language with us in room 14.

## Congratulations

Surf Life Saving

Well done to Holly Smaill, Sian English and Jessie Schneiders who recently represented Otago at the U14 Surf Life Saving Regional Nationals.

#### Hockey

Danielle Newton was recently selected for the Girls Otago Collier Hockey team.

#### Basketball

The following have been selected for the Otago Basketball Teams. U13 A Team - Miah Small  
U13 B Team - Kate Gardner, Claudia Flaws, Rochelle Mc Killop, Georgia Te Au . They are training for the Easter Tournament to be held in Dn over the 2008 Easter Break.

### **Surf Championships**

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2008 pupils from Tahuna went up to Christchurch to compete in the Southern Region Surf Champs. The group consisted of Casey Room 13, Gabrielle Room 13, Eden Room 12, Hunter Room 26, Holly Room 16, Alex Room 12, Hamish R17 Logan Room 9 and Sian Room 12. They were competing for a variety of clubs such as Brighton, St Clair and St Kilda. Every club competed really well and received points for their club. The clubs were mainly from the East Coast and there were a few from Lower Wellington. Overall Brighton came 6<sup>th</sup> St Clair came 8<sup>th</sup> and St Kilda came around 10<sup>th</sup>. Casey Arnold was delighted to win a silver medal in the Diamond Event which involved him swimming 200m and covering 300m fast on a CHD board. " I caught a wave in the swim and went from 6<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, ran hard down the beach and passed two others on the board to get the silver." explained a stoked Casey.

#### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Room 26 off to camp

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30 room 11 off to camp.  
Thursday 28 February, 1.30pm - Rm 11 back from camp.  
Monday 3 March – Room 10 off to camp.  
Tuesday 4 March – Room 24 off to camp.  
Wednesday 5 March – Room 18 off to camp.  
Thursday 6 March – Room 9 off to camp.  
Sunday 9 March – Room 15 off to camp  
Wednesday 12 March, 9.00am – Vision Testing  
Thursday 20 March, 9.00 – 12.00 Swimming Sports at Moana Pool.  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> + Monday 24 + Tuesday 25 March – School closed for Easter.  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - First day of Term 2.

### **Room 7 Camp**



This group of boys seemed delighted with the quality of the eggs. I was lucky enough to join Room 7 at camp on Monday night and timed it right for tea. Each group had planned their menu and brought the food required. There was every thing from carrot, potato chips, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, bacon , lettuce salad through to macaroni cheese and nachos. Some even had yummy desserts to finish off with. After dishes and a general tidy up we headed up the road , passed the camp and then climbed the hill for a great view of the surrounding

scenes. We seemed so far away from town as we walked through bush to finally end up along side Hoopers Inlet where we observed bird life and took in sights of the changing hills and water ways as the moon played hide and seek with clouds.

Children displayed their true love of torches on the way back to camp where a few games were played before supper and a comfy bed.

Thanks to Rm7 & the parent helps.



#### Coming to Tahuna

My Thoughts on Coming to Tahuna! It was the night before the first day of school land I felt a bit scared as I gave Mum and Dad a peck on the cheek and said "Good night" and shut my eyes hard as I could. The next morning I got up and got ready for the first day of school. I got my bag and headed for the door and then I was on my way to Tahuna. Outside Room 10 I was putting my bag on a hook where Mr. H was standing in the door saying 'Welcome to room 10'. So many people in this big school looking all the same. There were some people I knew from my old school and ice skating. As I walked home at the end of the day I realised today was not so bad as I had made heaps of new friends.  
Rebecca Townshend

### **Weekly Highlights for Term 1**

Week 3 – Year 7 camps start + Cricket coaches in school.

Week 4 – Year 8 camp + Cricket coaching continues.

Week 5 – Year 7 camps + Rippa rugby coaches in the school.  
Week 6 – Rippa rugby coaching continues + Yr 8 Camps.  
Week 7 - No camps + school swimming Sports + Easter.  
Week 8 – Easter + Yr 8 camp + Lit Quiz Challenge.  
Week 9 – Yr 8 camps.  
Week 10 – Yr 8 camps  
Week 11 – Yr 8 camps

### Points raised at last Friday's Assembly

Children were asked to see Mr Hutton if they had had successes which should be celebrated through the newsletter. Parents can also let me know of news worthy items.  
keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz  
We hope that all children will have their stationery requirements by today.  
New school wheelie bins with red lids are only used for the recycling of paper and cardboard.  
A few children are yet to purchase lace- up school shoes – road, sports and skatie shoes are not part of the school uniform.  
Extra sessions on "Books - Books - Books" commence for keen book worms this week.  
Kind words were recommended to be used around the school and physical contact on others unacceptable.

### Out of school art Classes

Unfortunately classes for Term 1 filled rapidly and therefore there are now no vacancies.  
Could I suggest that keen artists make early enrolments for Term 2 classes which will be held on Saturday mornings 10.30 – 12.00.

### Our New School – Year 7 children write.

"Before I came to Tahuna I felt scared of every thing but when I got there it was fun especially my teacher who is friendly."

"I thought Tahuna would be exciting, class would be boring, the teacher would be a kill Joy, it would be more strict, the 8 laps would kill me and it would be weird in uniform.  
But when I got there it was exciting and soooooo much more, class is awesome, my teacher is fun, it's not that strict, the uniform was weird on the first day but I'm getting used to it and the 8 laps didn't kill me - it made me stronger"

### Otago School of Piping and Drumming

Term 1 Learn the Bagpipes – Beginner Classes.  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 1.00pm  
Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm  
Term 1 Learn the Drums – Beginner Classes.  
Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm for 8yr olds and older.  
To enrol or for more information phone Victoria McNoe Ph 4891650 or go to [www.ospd.org.nz](http://www.ospd.org.nz)

### Grants Braes Football Club

The Junior Registration Nights will be held at Grants Braes Club, Tomahawk Road  
\*on\*  
Sunday 24 February 10am-12noon  
Tuesday 26 February 5.30pm-7.30pm  
Monday 3 March 5.30pm-7.30pm

\*For further details contact:\*  
Michelle Moss 4544606 or [mosses@ihug.co.nz](mailto:mosses@ihug.co.nz)



### Lorraine Smith Music Studio

Electronic keyboard Lessons

Enrolments now being taken for 2008. Adults also welcome. Phone 4552429  
Email: [mobilemusic@ihug.co.nz](mailto:mobilemusic@ihug.co.nz)

### Piano Tuition

Enrolments now being taken for all ages from 7yrs up.  
Also adults keen for a first or second attempt.  
Phone Bronwen Pope  
Teacher of Piano and Theory  
Ph 4555292.

### The Krueger Children's Theatre

Drama Classes are available for children of all ages. The lessons are on a one to one basis and tuition is given in speech, drama, mime, improvisation and theatre.  
Students can be involved in Holiday productions at the Globe Theatre and can sit Trinity Guildhall Examinations.  
Phone Carol Krueger on Ph 4557804.

### Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book order brochures are available in the library. The last day for orders is Friday 29th Feb. Please hand these into the office with money and order in an envelope with your name and room no on it.  
Please make cheques out to 'Scholastic NZ'

### Dunedin Technical A.F.C

Registrations will be taken at Culling Park on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.30 to 1.00pm, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 6.00 to 8.00pm and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> march 11.00 to 1.00pm.  
Fees: Midgets \$15, Club player \$45 and Family Fees \$70 for two and \$90 for three.

You get a FREE football if you register with Dunedin Tech for the 2008 season.  
All enquiries to Liz Dijkstra ph 455-2202 or Mike Clark Ph 455-6318.

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