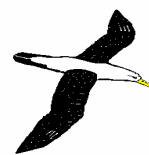


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Well done Tahuna. It is a pleasure visiting classes where students are engaged in their learning, where students can explain clearly what they are doing, and where there is obvious pride in their efforts.

Initial assessments added to the useful information received from our contributing schools so teachers know learning levels and future teaching needs. Grouping assists as we try to meet the needs of all students. Tahuna is very fortunate to have a skilled and experienced support team working alongside teachers to make the most of learning opportunities for students with identified needs.

There have been many delays with our building projects, but hopefully we will see the structural steel arrive on site soon, and the builders returning to complete the balcony projects. Tenders close soon for the Library &

Information Centre, and carpets and blinds should be replaced in the coming school holidays. A new climbing playground equipment area will be erected shortly too. While some of these projects have been a long time coming, it is now exciting that

work will be completed in the foreseeable future.

What an amazing performance by our winning Literature Quiz team. Top in Otago and off to Auckland for the New Zealand final. See the article in this newsletter.

Winter sports start next term. If you can assist with any coaching or supporting role, please contact the teachers involved, or leave a message with the school office. Help is definitely required.

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## Tahuna Aquatics Morning



The Tahuna Aquatics morning started with classes filing on to buses and heading for Moana Pool. When changed, we headed to our first activity. Events ranged from diving, treading water, water polo skills and swimming.

It was a fun morning finishing with the house relays.



### **Otago Lit Quiz Final**

Last Friday over 100 children from local Year 7 and 8 classes attended the 2008 Otago Lit Quiz Challenge at DNI Hall.

Quiz master Mr Wayne Mills fired 100 questions at the gathered teams. These came from the following from 10 sections and were varied and challenging - Females, foxes, fish, horses, journeys, miscellaneous, music, Royalty, folktales and orphans.

Our two teams played a game of your turn my turn as they changed places on and off to be in the leading bunch. Finally, it was the team of Vyenna Percy, Laura Spencer, Lydia Bernard and Josephine Devereux who took the Otago title with our other team of Maura Turner, Bobbie Tracey, Jessica Todd and Tayla Waldburger finishing a fighting third and just off the pace.

The team are delighted to be going through to Auckland for the New Zealand Final in June and are now setting about fund raising as well as getting their heads into more books.

It's going to be hard coming up against the best in New Zealand but one of the teams has to win and go to London for the World Final. With the right questions asked and answered, it could be us.

### **Food Technology**

It was the 27<sup>th</sup> March and the last day of cooking technology.

It was just a normal day when we went into tech to make cheese rolls but when we came out it was all different.

I was working with Dangerous Georgia and she was putting in as many onions as possible. The bread was whiter than snow and softer than a teddy bear.

Soon the bread was filled up so much that it looked like a fat man's belly. It was buttered too and then into the oven they went.

Boom, in about three minutes they were out and nicely tanned.

We ate, Dangerous Georgia was looking very hungry and three seconds later all her food was gone.

Then, we had to tidy up.

A while later we left after a great day which I wish we could do again.

So in the end we had all made cheese rolls Yum Yum.

Sarah Hepburn.

### **Letting us Know**

Children are asked to see Mr Hutton if they had had successes / good news which should be celebrated through the newsletter. Parents can also let me know of news worthy items. [keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz](mailto:keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz)

### **Congratulations**

The Athletic season for children is over and it's good to see that Makayla Frost also competed in the Tyson Challenge Otago Team.

The following Tahuna pupils gained these places at the recent Otago Championships.

Rachel Horn 10yrs 1<sup>st</sup> high Jump

Makayla Frost 10yrs 3<sup>rd</sup> high Jump

Chelsea Whittaker 11yrs 1st shotput, 2nd hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m and 3rd 200m.

Deina Susilo- Knox 12yrs 1st long jump 2nd Discus and 3rd Shotput.

Aleisha Weegenaar 12yrs 2nd 1500m and 2<sup>nd</sup> hurdles.

Felix Lucas 12yrs 1st 100m and 3rd 400m.

Jordan Ari – Robinson  
12yrs 1st shotput 2nd Long  
jump, 2nd 100m, 3rd 800m  
and 3rd Discus.

### **Soccer**

Chelsea Whittaker, Georgia  
Hume, Holly Smail, Jesse  
Snidders, Sophia Cormack,  
Alex Clark - Grant and  
Margie Andreson have  
been chosen to represent  
Otago for age group soccer  
[ 13 th Grade ]

We wish them well in their  
representative fixtures.

### **Duathlon**

Last Saturday Sam Paris,  
Sam Sheard and Robbie  
Gwynne-Jones competed in  
the Primary Section of the  
St Bathans Ghost-to-Ghost  
Duathlon.

Each of them successfully  
and highly competitively  
completed 6kms of  
mountain biking followed by  
a 2.5 kms cross-country  
run.

One of them I heard even  
came home with the major  
spot prize: a BMX bike!

Well done lads - A great  
event for this age group.

### **Aranui Theatre Company**

This theatre will be in the  
school to present two  
performances at 11.30am  
and 2.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
May. [The Friday of the first  
week back.]

Their performance is called  
"Bottom's Tale" and  
comprises excerpts from "A  
Midsummer Night's Dream".  
They describe it as  
colourful, energetic and  
provides an opportunity for  
a small group of our  
children to be in the play as  
extras.

Children will be asked to  
bring \$3 for this worthwhile  
production.

### **Cell Phones & Driving**

Last week some of the  
children shared their views  
on using cell phones  
in cars. Here are a few of  
their thoughts.

Using a cell phone when  
you're driving should be  
banned because you're not  
thinking about the hazards  
on the road, if you are  
looking at the screen or  
texting. Also with a lot of  
background noise it makes  
you lose concentration  
when you are trying to listen  
to someone on the phone  
and you could have an  
accident. You could instead

let your child answer it and  
tell them you will ring back  
later.

Brennan Carne.

You shouldn't drive and use  
your cell phone.

When you are driving your  
concentration needs to be  
on the road 100% other  
wise you could clip another  
car. It is sometimes hard to  
get your phone out of your  
bag / pocket and you could  
crash coming around a  
bend. Also you can get a  
loud noise from your phone,  
be distracted, swerve and  
hit another car. Distracting  
ring tones are similar and  
could startle you and cause  
a crash.

If you have only one hand  
on the wheel when you go  
around a bend you could  
lose control and hit another  
car.

Emma Brigman.

We shouldn't use  
cellphones in cars because  
you need 120% attention  
when driving otherwise you  
might hit someone or  
something. An alternative is  
to have Blue Tooth or  
headsets. If there are others  
in the car get them to  
answer it or just PULL  
OVER.

Mitchell Fulton.

## **A Busy Art Room**



At Tahuna Art is part of the Technology cycle. Every student has opportunities, and the work produced and displayed around the school is of an amazing standard.

This week we have had a German Artist join classes, and working with students in lunchtimes.



Students work in a supportive and warm learning environment where they are taken through a range of processes and mediums over their two years at Tahuna.

Students enjoy access to the Art Room and

Workshops at lunchtimes too.



## **Holiday Job**

Staying home for the holidays?

Do you want to earn some \$\$\$s over the school holidays? I deliver the Midweeker Newspaper (each Thursday) in the St Clair area and I am wanting to train someone to take over my run during the school holidays. If you are interested, and are able to deliver this paper during the holidays, please contact Ryan, room 11.

## **MA-FI ARTS WORKSHOP** CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:**  
Open from 8:00am - 5 pm  
Mon-Fri: Apr 21st – May 2nd

**TERM 2 PROGRAMME:**  
After School Daily - Open 3-6:15pm  
2 or 3 hour sessions  
Saturdays: 10am 12pm and 2-4pm

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King Edward Court  
Enquiries/Enrolments  
contact:  
Ph 472-8072 / Cell. 021-114-7971.  
<ma-fiarts@clear.net.nz>  
OSCAR Approved  
(Subsidies Available)

## **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March R13 off to camp and back 1.00pm on Saturday  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> R6 off to camp and back Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.00pm Art Class  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> R16 off to camp and back Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> R5 to camp and back Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 – 5.00pm Art Class  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Newsletter goes home.  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - First day of Term 2.  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Aranui Theatre to present two performances for the children. - \$3 per child please

## **Weekly Highlights for Term 1**

Week 9 – Yr 8 camps  
Week 10 – Yr 8 camp  
Week 11 – Yr 8 camp

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