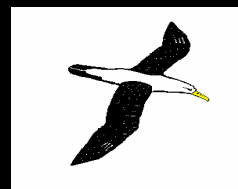


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

There has been an improvement in the weather and this has been greatly appreciated. Students have been able to get outside at breaks for fresh air and activities, and that certainly helps the school learning day.

What a marvellous show STRIKE performed for the school on Monday. It tied in with the Marimba and Stomp lessons our students have been involved in, and was presented in such a high energy manner. If you had drumming on the table last night, pots and pans, boxes being beaten in wonderful rhythms, it was inspired by these brilliant drummers.

Enrolments for 2009 are coming in smartly. Please forward forms to the school office now so data can be entered on the computer. We ask for all in zone enrolments to be in by the end of term. The earlier the better.

Students have been unpacking the values in the new curriculum this month. The first was **SUCCESS**, and now they are revising what **RESPECT** means, looks like and how it impacts on their learning. I'm very impressed with the thinking and reflecting.

The carpet for the new Library & Information Centre arrives on Monday. This is going to be a great addition to our learning spaces.

Brent Ward

## Tahuna Science Fair 2008 Results

Once again this year we had great numbers of Science projects on display in our three room Arts Centre. Judging is always a challenge as we whittle down the numbers to match that allowed to go through to the Otago Science Fair at the Museum.

Place getters were as follows:-

Year 8 Placegetters and School Representatives

1<sup>st</sup> – Henry Alexander 15  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alyssa Heller 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Luke Bishop 12

Sian English 12  
Cam Burrow 11  
Jack Harland 15  
Jeremy Phillips 12  
Patrick Williams 11  
Felix Lucas 15  
Gemma Still 11  
Ewan Baker 15  
Jazmin Campbell 1  
Chelsea Whittaker 11  
Charlotte Morgan 11  
Patrick Williams 11  
Aimee Thurlow & True Wilson 13  
Beth Vickers & Zoe Kearney  
Ross 13

Year 7 Placegetters and School Representatives

1<sup>st</sup> Jemma Fielding 26  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shanna Verhoef 10  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Reddington 7

Brennan Carne 7

## Otago Science Fair 2008 Award Winners

Pleasing results were obtained at this higher level of competition and we congratulate all those who represented the school and thank them for all their efforts.



**Special mention should be made of Luke Bishop's entry as he was the only Year 7 or 8 student to be awarded one of the eight Premier Awards. The other seven went to High school students. Luke won a trip to the National Science Fair in Wellington in December and also took away a sizable monetary prize.**

Cameron Reddington 7 – ORC Award  
Shanna Verhoef 10 – DOC Award

Jemma Fielding 26 – Botany Dept Award

Luke Bishop 12 – Premier Award - Otago Institute

Gemma Still 11 – Aurora Award  
Charlotte Morgan 11 – Hort Research Award

Sian English 12 - Aurora Award  
Jeremy Phillips 12- Otago Entomological Award

Jack Harland 15 - Aurora Award + Marine Science Dept Award

Henry Alexander 15 - Aurora Award

Chesea Whittaker 11 – Otago College of Ed Award

Alyssa Heller 1 – Forest & Bird + DOC Award

Jazmin Campbell 1 – Excellence in Energy

Our other eight entries received highly commended certificates.

### **Health Units**

Year 7 classes have been working on the Positive Puberty, and then the Kia Kaha unit. This involves students looking at a range of situations and ways of stopping bullying and being safe.

Year 8 classes have been working on the Keeping Ourselves Safe unit. Here students are taken through a range of very realistic issues and incidents and helped to look at positive and appropriate actions and choices.

It is pleasing to see the way classes are working on these units, as this learning aims to make a real difference to their lives, and to their contributions to their communities.

### **Y.I.P. Awards**

The following children have been awarded their gold and silver cards at recent assemblies for good attitude and good effort.

#### **Gold**

Samantha Knowles

#### **Silver**

Simon Williams  
Mitchell Parker  
Callum Van Turnhout  
Henry Alexander  
Emma Rogers –Bromley  
Melissa Powell  
Austen Minards  
Molly Flanagan  
Georgia Hume  
Holly Smaill  
Charlotte Morgan  
Madilyn Cushnie  
Andrew Hopkins

### **Book Review Competition**

You might like to have a go at this competition over the next fortnight. There is no firm and fast format that you must follow.

Choice of a TOP book for Year 7 & 8 students, creativity in what you write and how you present it, and any extra interest you can create will be looked at.

There will be great prizes for the best judged reviews. Good luck!

Book reviews must be handed in to the school office by Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Congratulations**

#### **Rippa Rugby Under Lights**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August, six children from Room 11 were invited by the Otago Rugby Union to play Rippa Rugby as the pre-match entertainment before the Otago vs. Northland game at Carisbrook.



We played under the big lights against Balmacewan and won 35-20. It was a tough game and it was freezing cold. We got to be on the big screen and were able to stay afterwards to watch the match. To make the night even better, Otago won!

By Gemma Still

### **Ice Hockey**

Recently, the Southern Knights Peewees Team competed at the National Ice-Hockey Tournament in Christchurch. Congratulations to Joe Orr and Grey Maslin who were both in this team, which came second in the competition. Joe was also named in the tournament team. Well done.

### **Otago Rugby Weight and Age Grade Teams.**

#### **Otago U48kg**

Jamie Mowat  
Michael Ryan  
Felix Page  
Logan Garforth  
Chris Dickie  
Jordan Robinson  
Joshua Edwards

### **Otago U65kg**

Cameron Burrow

### **Otago Town U 38 Kg**

Luke Maker  
Riki Ashwell  
Josh Finnie  
Kyle Thom

### **Local Rugby**

Congratulations to the following boys who were in the Dunedin Rugby Team who won the Dunedin U13 Rugby Competition by beating OBHS in the final. They also beat the same team in the Otago sevens.

Well done to :- Jamie Mowat, Eden Foster, Radley Harahap, Joshua Edwards and Cameron Burrows.

### **Swimming**

It was good to hear recent news on Warren Van Staden's swimming successes at the Wharenui Winter Olympics in Christchurch. Most South Island swimming clubs were in attendance and there was also a strong representation from the North Island. This gave rise to a very competitive meeting. Warren had good placings in all his races but his 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1500m Freestyle and his 4<sup>th</sup> in the individual medley were his highlights.

Warren has qualified for four events at the forth coming South Island Championships and we wish him well.

### **School Grounds**

We are pleased with the way our children are avoiding muddy grounds and avoiding areas around new developments. However, we are concerned that in out of school hours we are getting some damage to plants and young trees. This is a shame as we are working hard to improve the total school environment and it is not always easy to get plants to grow in our seaside location.

### **A Night at the Otago Museum for Yr 7 + 8 children**

This event is planned for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm through to 7am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September and is fully supervised.

“ Fuel up on a tasty BBQ dinner then rock the night away in the glitzy Museum Atrium. In the wee small hours explore the museum with frightful fun activities. “

Tickets are \$25 per person and a parental consent form needs to be completed on registration. More information can be obtained from the Museum Information Desk.

### **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: 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2008,  
Guthrie Pavilion, Bayfield Park  
6pm-7pm

For further enquiries  
phone – Michael 4761708 or  
Deidre 4545775.  
[www.ariki-athletics.org.nz](http://www.ariki-athletics.org.nz)

### **Southern Children's Choir**

The Southern Children's Choir is recruiting new members. This choir is for children who love to sing and are aged between 9 and 18 years.

Co-directed by Anthony Ritchie and Holly Mathieson, the choir meets on

Wednesday evenings, from 7pm - 8.15pm, at the University of Otago's Marama Hall. Informal auditions will be held on September 10th and September 17th.

Please phone Anthony or Sandy on 4762541 or email [sandy@garner.net.nz](mailto:sandy@garner.net.nz) for more information or to book an audition time.

### **Letting us Know**

Children are asked to see Mr Hutton if they have 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)

**Weekly Highlights for Term 3**

Wk1- Trev , Crystal and OBHS + OGHS Road Show performing at Assembly. Ski Trip to Queens town.

Wk2 - NSW Mathematics Competition + Keep Dunedin Beautiful Production.

Wk3 - Mathletics +Jump Jam Workshops + Remuera Grp arrive.

Wk4 - Open mornings and Open Night + NSW English Examination

Wk5 – KOS and Kia Kaha sessions for the children. Kings High School choir presentation

Wk6 – NSW Computer Examination + the “Strike Performance”

Wk7 – BHS Peninsula Art Exhibition commences

Wk8 – Otago Schools Cross Country.

Wk 9 – School Disco

We went to visit her nearly every weekend and the air would always smell nice because she always had something yummy baking in the oven.

My cousin Ashleigh was nearly always there and we would sit in front of the fire watching movies and eating popcorn. On warm summer days we would run around in the garden and jump up and down on the trampoline. Or we would pick cherry tomatoes from the orchard and we would take them inside for everyone to eat.

But then one day we got a dreaded call from Granddad saying that Grandma was in hospital. We jumped in the car to go and see her. Sadly she passed away on the operating table. We went to see her and we knew she was in peace. On the day of the funeral I placed a rose on her coffin and cried as she was buried.

I will always know my grandma is at rest, safe and peaceful. She will forever be in my heart.

By Breeana

Choir off to sing at Musselburgh School.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Swimming for Rms 7.9.23.24

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Teachers Seminar. Parents have been informed of supervision of children for this day.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 Interviews commence**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Otago Schools Cross Country at the Balmacewen Int Course.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming for Rms 10.17.18.26.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1.30 – 2.30 choir to sing at Tainui School.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Year 8 Interviews commence.**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00 – 3.00 choir to sing at Marne St Hospital

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming for Rms 7.9.23.24

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 12.00 – 12.30 Tahuna Multicultural Group Performing at Maori / Polynesian Festival – Edgar Centre

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Group of eight children competing at Activ 8 Challenge.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming for Rms 7.9.23.24

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> DISCO – By invitation.**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of Term 3.

**Time**

If Time could stand still or even go backwards I would travel back in time to visit my Grandma. She was a lovely lady and she was always there for my family and my cousins.

I remember staying at her house for a whole week while my Mum and Dad were on holiday in Samoa. She never once complained and always took care of us. She got us up every day and made sure we got to school on time.

**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 9.00am Australasian

Computing Examination

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Swimming for Rms 10.17.18.26.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Daffodil Day - donations for the Cancer Appeal

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – BHS Peninsula Art Exhibition commences + 8.30 – 9.45