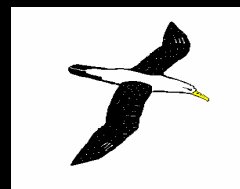


Tahuna News



Welcome

Thank you for another excellent year. The support of our parents, the marvellous efforts of our top teaching team, and the positive involvement of our special students makes this the successful high performing school that it is.

I would like to personally thank you all, and I wish you the very best of health and happiness. I will always follow our students achievements and lives with interest and pride.

To Jacquie Tonks and the Board, thank you for your positive contributions and support. To the full staff team, thank you and well done!

To all our Year 8 students going on to secondary schools in 2009, all the very best. Make positive and good decisions, set yourself goals to strive to achieve, and give it your best. You are an amazing group of young learners who have all the opportunities of the world ahead of you. If you are positive you will attract positive, if you work hard you will be rewarded.

Acknowledge others around you and be a real part of your communities; your family, your

class, and school, and the best of friends.

Brent Ward

Principal.

Formal Prize Giving Assembly

The formal prize giving assembly where we acknowledge some of the special, the outstanding efforts of students is tomorrow, Thursday Dec 18th at 2 pm. We hope to see you there.

Year 8 Social

The year 8 social is tonight. This is always a wonderful evening. A reminder to parents to be at the hall at 10 pm sharp to pick up your child.

A list of Tahuna's Celebrations for 2008

Art Competitions – Numerous winners and place getters in local/Otago/NZ competitions.

Athletics Otago Championships – Tahuna child set 1 record.

Athletics Otago Championships - 23 x 1sts , 4 x 2nds and 15 x 3rds.

Athletics - South Zone Championships – large numbers of Qualifiers went through to Otago Champs.

Australian Mathematics Westpac Awards - 14 x Distinctions and 33 x Credits.

Australasian Computer Exam - 8 x Distinctions + 5 x Credits

Australasian English Exam – 7

Distinctions + 11 Credits.

Australasian Mathematics Exam - 1 x High Distinctions and 21 x Distinctions + 22 Credits

Australasian Science Exam - 3 x Distinctions + 8 Credits.

Australasian Spelling Exam - 10 x Distinctions and 9 x Credits.

Badminton – Interschool Competition – Boys 1st and 2nd and Girls 1st and 2nd .

Basketball Season Results - Yr 8 Girls 2nd , Yr 7 Girls 2nd , Yr 8

Boys 2nd , Yr 7 Boys 1st and Mixed Team 2nd

Blind Appeal – 81 children collected for this cause.

BP Technology Challenge for Yr 7 – 10 teams - 1st

Camping – all 17 classes went to camps.

Cancer Appeal - A whole school Fundraiser.

Choirs –special and massed choirs did us proud over the year.

Cross Country - Otago Championships – 2nd + 3rd Yr 8 Girls and 2nd + 5th Yr 8 Boys.

Cross Country - Otago Intermediate Schools Team Trophy - Runners up.

Dance group – participated in a variety of performances with credit.

Golf – Intermediate Schools Team Tournament - Second

Kayaking – Yr 7's Pool training and Yr8's open water experience.

Literacy Quiz [Otago] – 1st attended NZ Lit Quiz Final in Auckland.

Multicultural Group – Performed at a high standard on many

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occasions over 2008.

Music Opportunities – marimba band, rock band, orchestra, guitar group and stomp groups.

Netball [Girls] – Winners of the Otago Intermediate Schools Title.

Netball [Girls] – Winners of five sections

NZ Post Book Team Quiz – 1st and 3rd

NZ Speech Board, Speech and Drama – 3 x Honours + 3 x Credits

ODT Extra Social Studies Team Quiz – 1st and two teams 2nd equal

ODT Extra Poetry Competition, Yr 7+ 8 Section - 2nd.

ODT Extra Spelling Team Quiz - 4th

ODT Extra Newspaper for Children – Many pieces of TNIS children's work published throughout the school year.

Otago Athletic Representatives - 6

Otago Basketball Representatives - 4

Otago Hatch Cup Hockey Representatives – 7

Otago Collier Hockey Representatives - 2

Otago Metropolitan Boys Rugby Representatives – 9

Otago Netball Representatives - 8

Otago Boys Rugby Representatives - 8

Otago Boys Soccer Representatives – 9

Otago Girls Soccer Representatives – 7

Otago Girls Race Walk – 2nd

Otago Road Race for U12 Girls – 2nd + 3rd.

Otago ScienceFair - One Premier Award [Only one in Otago from a Yr 7/8 student]

Otago ScienceFair -22 Awards

Otago Softball Representatives – 2

Otago Athletics - Y8 Team Competition – 2nd and 3rd.

Otago and Southern Regions Tennis Representatives - 2

Otago Yachting Representative - 1

Public Performances [many] - Dance, Multicultural, Orchestra and Choir

Rippa Rugby - 21 teams played Rotary Park 10 /11 Girls

Duathlon – 1st

Rugby Shield - Yr 8 Dunedin Competition 2nd and Year 7 Competition 1st.

Soccer South Federation Representatives – 4

Soccer - Yr 7 +8 Competition - 2nd

Softball – Yr 7+8 Comp - 2nd.

Tahuna Swimming Programme + Swimsation Lessons at Moana Pool for all children.

Tahuna Science Fair – Attracted 123 Projects

University of Otago Classics Yr 7+ 8 Team Competition – 3rd

World Vision - Many children were involved in the 40 Hour Famine .

Water Polo Competition for Yr 7/8 - 3rd.

Well done.

Free holiday programme

Blast off into space at a free holiday programme for ages 5 – 13 from January 26 – 30 at Musselburgh Baptist Church, 131 Musselburgh Rise. For more details and to register, call Maria 454 4287.

New Sports T Shirts

The new Tahuna Sports T Shirts are now available from the school office.

Students have been very positive about the new look, with the new breathable fabric that allows maximum airflow to maintain comfort in any situation. It is an easy care, wash n dry, quick drying fabric.

The old white sports T shirt will still be fine for fitness and physical education at school, but the new green T shirt will be the one for all school sports teams to wear.

Stationery

Stationery lists will be available on the first day of school. This stationery can be purchased from the school shop at very competitive prices in the first week.

Start of School 2009

The Meet the Teacher day will be Friday January 30th. Between 2 and 3 pm you will be able to come to the hall, find out your new teacher and classroom, and visit your teacher to say hello.

The first day of school in 2009 will be Monday February 2nd.

Congratulations

Otago Softball

U15 Girls

Sarah Teasdale and Jessica Benfell

U15 Boys

Levi Baker

Tennis

Well done to Sian English and Georgia Hume for their selection in the Southern Districts Team

Gold Badges for Swimming

The following three have swum the times to qualify for their Gold Badges.

Hamish Taylor

Cam Burrows

Jared Murray

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