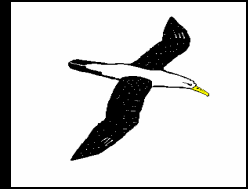


Tahuna News



Welcome

It's just over a week until the shortest day. Where are the weeks flying to?

Classroom visits this week would again be among the weeks highlights. Students are highly engaged in their learning, in a group working with their teacher, working collaboratively in a group, or on an independent task.

Students shared their written work to me with real confidence, and could clearly explain their work in terms of the learning outcomes.

There have been many telephone calls already about enrolments for next year. Enrolment forms have been downloaded from our website, completed and forwarded to the school office too. Information packs will be distributed to all our Contributing Schools early next term. Enrolment forms will be enclosed.

The Board of Trustees applied to the Ministry of Education to discontinue the Enrolment Scheme. That would open enrolments for all students interested in attending Tahuna. However, the Ministry has replied that we must continue with the Enrolment Scheme. Our intention though will be to accept all enrolments for 2009 if possible.

There are further changes to canteen items. The new list is attached. There is a range of tasty food, but can I recommend the school lunch bun.

Thank you to parents who are making use of our alternative gates on Botha and Marlow Streets. This is helping alleviate congestion and traffic flow problems on Tahuna Road.

Brent Ward
Principal.

BUSH STUDY

It was amazing. Hundreds of tree's and plants and animals. There were tons of different shades of green, red and yellow. The sun shone through the trees and yet we only got occasional patches of sun-light. We were fascinated by the different creatures and all of the plants. We could hear thousands of different voices from the birds in the tree-top to the light trampling of leaves. While the trees prepared for the coming of winter, we looked at the fallen leaves that had found there way to the ground.

We started off splitting into two groups, one headed off to see Mr. Montgomery while my group headed to the forest. We answered questions off a sheet and took samples of the beautiful, colourful leaves. We looked at the different textures and tried to find out where they'd

come from. We would only take leaves which had fallen to the ground and were forbidden to take them from the trees. It was exciting following the paths and entering the parts shaded by the trees in our search for leaves.

Then we talked to Mr. Montgomery. It was amazing learning about how the trees grow, what type of leaves and flowers they had and probably most interesting off all we learnt how different cultures used the plants, significantly, the Maori. Next we went to all the different trees and Mr. Montgomery told us about them in more detail. We learnt about how trees affected the forest, such as some who can choke other trees. What trees we could use for food should we be trapped and how the Maori cleverly used the plants to their advantage.

We learnt how some trees can be burned to make the equivalent of perfume or how the inner-bark of some make simple remedies for illnesses such as Diarrhea, Coughs, Colds and even nose-bleeds. We also learnt what plants can be bad for you such as ones which will make you sick, ill, or even poisonous. We also learnt about things which can harm trees and successful ways of helping them...

All in all, our visit to Ross Creek was truly amazing...

By Simon Williams – Rm13

Thank you

Thank you for the payment of Technology and School Fees. I ask that outstanding amounts are paid before the end of term.

Thank you to parents for phoning through reasons for absences. It is important that students attend school and value every schooling opportunity.

We are required to code the reason for all absences and thank you for your assistance.

School Council Update

We were delighted to finally receive the two class sets of fluro safety vests, ordered by the Council at the end of last year. These will be beneficial to classes on Camp involved in night activities, on the Ski trip, for our students biking during the Cycle Safety module or on other such occasions. Another way we are ensuring we keep our students safe.

After much discussion and consultation, Councillors also purchased a Guitar Hero set, Buzz and additional Singstar disks. It is hoped that these popular interactive activities will entertain students during wet lunchtimes during the colder months and give opportunities for students to share their talents, while having fun. Stacking Cup challenges are also on order, along with coloured bands and ropes for P.E. Shrubs and trees are also to be purchased.

\$100 from the recently held Mufti Day was donated to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary when a speaker came to talk to the Year 8 students on this safe haven for

animals under threat. This coincided with World Environment Day and the money will be used to purchase 20 metres of tracking. Over \$350 will be donated to the Child Asthma Foundation, a cause that the Councillors felt our students could readily relate to.

Rugby Celebration

On Tuesday the 3rd of June Tahuna's multi cultural group and a selection of students went to the Octagon to celebrate 100 years of rugby at Carisbrook.

It was also Co



lin Meads 72nd birthday.

The mixed Tahuna team demonstrated Rippa Rugby to all the spectators. The teams were 5 a-side including Marc Ellis on 1 team and Josh Kronfield on the other. A moment later, the Tahuna Multi cultural performed to all the spectators in the Octagon.



To promote the All Blacks verses South Africa test match at Carisbrook they only were selling the tickets to people around the Otago region. Before Tahuna left we got a slice of cake each and

the audience got a piece as well. This was a HUGE cake and the remainder went back to school for all who wanted, to have a piece. There was plenty

Y.I.P. Awards

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

Silver

- Henry Stewart
- Louise Cairns
- Sam Shannon
- Cameron Burrow
- Lucian Funnell
- Cody Woods

Intermediate Schools Music Festival – 7.30 Thursday 26th June

Both the massed choir and massed orchestra practices went extremely well at the Town Hall on Tuesday. I would have to say that in my experience this was the easiest practice to run and the quality of the sound was unreal. It's going to be a great night.

Please keep Thursday night 26th June free for this wonderful occasion.'

Ticket prices remain at Adult \$7 and Child \$2.

To purchase your tickets please send along an envelope with the following data on it .

Child's name.....
 Room number.....
 Number of Adult tickets needed at \$7.....
 Number of child tickets required at \$2.....
 Total amount of money enclosed \$.....

**International Dance Day –
Sunday 8th June**

Once again the dance group attended this annual occasion and performed two dances in the company of other Dunedin Dance Groups. The first dance was based on a combination of Jazz and hip hop movements. This dance was created by the students with four of them taking on a leadership role and teaching the group the initial dance sequence. Then, it was choreographed by Mrs Stuart. In the second dance they wanted to create a dance that would celebrate the different dance styles available to people and as it was international dance day this was to us a great way to celebrate peoples differences and passions for a variety of genre. They included hip hop, tap, jazz, Bollywood and some creative sequences. Some of the other performances we watched involved:- Belly, Irish, South pacific, Scottish, Indian, folk, Ceroc, contemporary and Capoeira dancing. We were one of three schools performing and it was good to see Rotary Park there too.

Rock n Roll

Thomas Woods and Makayla went up to Christchurch recently and competed in the South Island Interclub competitions gaining 3rd place but also gaining enough points to compete at the National Junior Rock n Roll Competitions in Wanganui next year at Easter. Well done.

Mountain Biking

Recently five boys from Tahuna, Jamie Mowat, Sam Paris, Sam

Sheard, Robbie Gwynne – Jones and Cam Burrow competed as a team in the 12 hour mountain bike race in Naseby. There were over 500 competitors. We were the youngest school team in the open school section and finished sixth. We all took turns at biking the 10kms hilly course. Riding at night time with our headlamps was a real highlight.
by Cam Burrow

Netball

Below are the names of the children selected for the Year 7 and 8 Otago Netball Academy:

Year 7

Emily White
Georgia Lepine
Laura Anderson
Taryn Lome

Year 8

Georgia Hume
Holly Smaill
Deina Susilo-Knox
Jess Benfell

**2008 International
Competitions and
Assessments for Schools
[Australasian Exams]**

Once again we offer these extra challenges to our children who are competent in science, computer skills, mathematics, spelling and English.

Please indicate the ones you want your child to sit and then send this form and money back to school by the date indicated or earlier if possible.

Mathematics on Tues 29th July- \$6.50 to school by Friday 27th June.

English on Tues 12th August - \$6.50 to school by Friday 4th July.

Computer Studies on Wed 27th August- \$6.50 to school by Monday 4th August.

Remuera Exchange

We had a slight delay leaving Dunedin as a bird had challenged one our plane's turbines and a thorough checking had to be made before departure.

After a quick smooth flight the children met their billets and disappeared all over Auckland seeing many new sights and doing some new activities.

On Monday it was out to see the underwater life at Kelly Tarltons and the penguins, sharks and sting rays were the hot favourites. Jumpers from the top of the Sky Tower entertained us as the group surveyed Auckland for kilometres over 360degrees. A short walk took us to Victoria Park Markets where some bargains were purchased after lower offers were voiced and accepted.

As expected the children loved the challenge, excitement and share thrill of what Rainbows End had to offer.

MOTAT is a museum which is developing into a place where children can experiment, touch and get right up close to things which interest them. Next came the Zoo and it doesn't seem to matter how many times you have seen animals before, the animals still seem to be new and fascinating. Finally, it was over the Harbour Bridge and out to the Waiwera Pools and Slides. Again a range of temperatures in

the pools and a range of difficulties to handle with the slides.

Our children really enjoyed the activities and places we organised to visit but for me it was all the experiences they had living with their billet for a week that added so much more to the overall worth of the exchange.

40 Hour Famine

We are thrilled with the number who volunteered to take on this task and raise money for those in need. Any amount raised is really appreciated but special mention should go to the following who brought in a pile of notes for me to record for World Vision.

Sashika Hendry \$140

Shayde Bain \$125

Abby Brewster \$102

All we need to do now is return Famine Booklets and money ASAP. If your child was unable to take part please just return the booklet.

Thanks for all the wonderful efforts.



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Opportunity to develop confidence through a speech and drama syllabus:

A limited number of vacancies in this programme are now available.

The syllabus includes public speaking skills, drama, poetry, prepared reading and reading by sight, literature knowledge, impromptu exercises etc mime, improvisation, role play, courtesy speeches and storytelling.

Students will sit a New Zealand speech board grade exam at the end of the year.

Contact as above for enrolment

Netball Holiday Programme

Monday 14 July – Wednesday 16 July
9.00am – 1.00pm

VENUE Edgar Sports Centre
Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

AGE 7 – 12 year olds

COST \$50 for three days

LIMITED SPACES be in quick!

Any enquiries, please contact

Jo Morrison

Netball Development Officer

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Or

jo@netballotago.co.nz

Registration form at the school office.

Weekly Highlights for Term 2

Wk 1 – Aranui Drama Group Presentation.

Wk2 - Year 8 Girls Self Defence + Yr 8 Swimming commences

Wk3 - Massed Choir and Orchestra Practices + Remuera Excursion.

Wk4 - Australasian Science Exam.

Wk5 – Dance Day at Town Hall on Sunday 8th

Wk6 – Music Practices in Town Hall + Australasian Spelling Exam.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th June –
Swimming for Rms
12.13.14.15.16.

Thursday 12th June, 9.00am –
Australian Spelling Exam.

Friday 13th June, 2.10 pm
Special Choir + R14 assembly

Saturday 14th June – Lit Quiz
Team off to National Final in
Auckland

Sunday 15th June – Choir to
attend practice for Royal Male
Choir Performance.

Monday 16th June, 8.30ish – choir
to sing at Royal male Choir
Performance.

Wednesday 18th June –
Swimming for Rms 1.5.6.11

Wednesday 18th June, 6.30 –
8.00pm ODT Extra – Spelling
Quiz in TNIS Hall for Yr 7 & Yr
8's.

Friday 20th June, 2.10 pm
Bayfield High School students to
perform songs from GREASE.

Monday 23rd June, 9.00 Mid-
Winter Tramp for R10.

Tuesday 24th June – All children
to view Grease at BHS either at
the morning or afternoon
performance.

Wednesday 25th June, 9.00am
Massed Choir and 12.00 Massed
Orchestra to T/H.

Thursday 26th June, 10.30 –
11.30am Special Choir and 1.30
– 2.45pm Rock Band in at T/H.

Thursday 26th June 7.30pm -
**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS
MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE
TOWN HALL.**

Wednesday 2nd July – School
Disco by invitation.

Friday 4th July – Term 2
concludes

Monday 21st July – Term 3
commences.