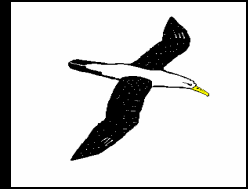


Tahuna News



Welcome

The Intermediate Music Festival tomorrow night, Thursday June 26th, has been the focus for extra efforts for many of our students.

They have worked hard at their practices, and we now look to everything coming together for the night. It is always a night of great entertainment, and a time where our students can be part of massed items in Dunedin's fantastic Town Hall.

I wish them well and thank Kat Freeman, Gill Sparrow, and Susan Frame for their extra efforts. Thank you too to Keith Hutton and so many Tahuna staff who are working behind the scenes leading up to, and on the big night.

Reports are in the last stages of moderation and compilation at present and will be sent home on Friday June 4th. It is an important task that teachers have been working on over the past month. Data from students learning has been collated and work efforts assessed against expected levels for our important years of education, Year 7 & 8.

Parent Interviews will be held later in Term 3.

Open Night

The Open Night for Year 6 students and families looking to come to Tahuna next year will be held on Tuesday August 12th.

There will also be times in the school day when our local Contributing Schools will be invited to see the school in action.

Information and enrolment packs will be sent to all our Contributing Schools on day 1 Term 3. They are also available from the school office.

Brent Ward
Principal.

Special Choir Perform with Merit

On Sunday 15th our Special choir sang at the Mid Winter concert in the Town Hall accompanied by Mrs Susan Frame.

They were special guests for the Royal Dunedin Male Choir performance.

In the Monday ODT review Elizabeth Bouman stated :- "They entertained with three contrasting songs in a very disciplined performance with good intonation and dynamics. The musicianship and strong, clear young voices were a real credit to the choir's conductor, Mrs Gill Sparrow".

They received tremendous applause for their efforts, followed by several phone calls to the school praising their work.

Well done to the Special choir and all the best for the Intermediate Schools Music Festival tomorrow night. [Thursday 26th]

Two Titles in the Otago Wildlife Photography Competition

Libby Atkinson won the 14 and under plant section and gained a highly commended in the animal section. Currently she is overseas and has been adding to her wildlife portfolio by photographing wild tortoises and storks in Turkey, Egrets in Egypt and squirrels (amongst many other things) in the UK.

Also featuring and having her winning photo of sea birds in the ODT was Claudia Flaws who took out the 14years and under animal section with "Just resting".
Congratulations to you both.

End of Term Disco

On Wednesday, 2nd July, the invitation only School Council Disco is being held in the school hall, from 7pm till 9pm, at a cost of \$4.00 per student. Invitations will be given out on the Monday and it is imperative that permission slips and the \$4.00 are handed to Class Councillors **by 9am Wednesday**. We look forward to another fun evening to end the term and do ask that parents please collect your child promptly from the appropriate exit, as stated on the invitation.

Library Update

On Wednesday, 2nd of July, Sandy McKay, prominent author of many popular NZ childrens' books including, "My Dad's an All

Black,” and “Recycling 1 &2.” Will be visiting our library. Her latest book is called “Eureka,” and includes a dedication to the Fulton brothers. What makes this special is that Mitchell Fulton is presently a Year 7 student at Tahuna. Her story is delightfully centred around preparing for the Science Fair, and as this is a focus that classes are now moving on to, her visit is most timely. We hope students will take advantage of her visit, between 12.40pm and 1.20pm, to hear Sandy read extracts from Eureka, talk about writing it and answer any questions from the floor.

reacted exceptionally quickly. They were amazed at how quickly some participants answered questions after minimal clues had been given. They were unplaced and would like to wish Cathedral Grammar all the best at the World Finals in London. It was not all sweat and toil and the girls along with their accompanying mothers managed to fit in some fun outings while they were there in Auckland. We would like to thank the school, girls parents, R J Hooker and others who assisted with fund raising and preparing the team for this challenge.

Room 17 Has Been Jumping!

Room 17 did jumping for our PE and Inquiry with our student teacher, Miss Gardiner. First of all we brainstormed how we use jumping in our lives, then we learnt how to do different kinds of jumps and movements safely.



We got into pairs and created four jumps. We practised and practised them in our P.E and fitness times, then we got into fours and combined our jump sequences. Using the feedback from the other pair we made changes to improve our jumping, then we wrote instructions for our routines so that other groups could do them. As a class we voted on a song and practised hard to combine all the jump routines into a class performance. We were then told we could perform it at assembly on Friday for the school. This was a really fun thing to do and we really enjoyed our jumping with Miss Gardiner.

By Mikayla Donner Rm 17

ODT Extra Spelling Quiz

Once again Tahuna hosted this event and catered for 56 teams in the Yr 5 + 6 competition 4.00 – 6.30pm and 69 in the Yr 7 + 8 Quiz. 6.30 – 8.00pm.

Y.I P. Awards

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

Gold

- Ruby Lisk
- Hannah Harrison
- Sarah Auckram

Silver

- Rylee Davis
- Ewan Baker
- Danielle Galdeman
- Lydia Bernard
- Vanessa Quin
- Georgia Knopp
- Michael Ryan
- Michael McIntosh
- Bobbi Tracey

National Lit Quiz Final

Two weekends back Josephine Devereux, Laura Spencer, Lydia Bernard and Vyenna Percy flew to Auckland for the NZ Lit Quiz Final at the Aotea Centre. The girls told me that they were really nervous on stage and the buzzer

Intermediate Schools Music Festival – 7.30 Thursday 26th June

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 and we will promptly send home required tickets.

Child's name.....
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Room number
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Number of Adult tickets needed at \$7.....

Number of child tickets required at \$2.....

Total amount of money enclosed \$.....

It was a packed hall and the night went very well with our ten teams doing themselves proud by recording some fine scores. Our two top scoring teams had the fourth highest score on the night of 92 . Team members were : - Leander Stahler, Brennan Carne, Liam Spronken, Simon Williams, Katelyn Middlemiss and Saskia Rushton – Green.

Following these we had two teams on 89, 1 x 88 , 1x 87, 1 x 83, 2 x 84 and 1x 80.

Thanks to the 62 children who attended Wammo Word sessions and a special thanks to those who made it into the top ten teams and gave their best on the night.

After winning the trophy for the last 5 years, it was someone else's turn, but well done to everyone involved. A special thank you to the teachers and students who helped the running of the evenings sessions.

40 Hour Famine

Any amount raised was really appreciated but special mention should go to Lydia Bernard for raising \$200.

All we need to do now is return Famine Booklets and money. If the booklet has been misplaced then could I please have a note from a parent / caregiver , stating that.

Thanks for all the wonderful efforts.

Congratulations

The following players from Tahuna have been selected for the Metro U38 kg rugby teams These teams will compete in a tournament at Millers Flat in 3

weeks in which a Town U38 kg team will then be selected.

Metro Gold	Josh Finnie
Metro Blue	Ricki Ashwell
	Luke Maker
	Matt Cadogen
	Cameron Shearer
	Andrew Soper

Tennis

It was pleasing to read recently that Georgia Hume along with three other girls had been the winning combination in the U12 Girls Division at the South Island Championships . Well done Georgia and the team.

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

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.

- 1.Science on Thurs 29th May- CLOSED
- 2.Spelling on Thurs 12th June - CLOSED
- 3.Mathematics on Tues 29th July - CLOSED

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

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

“Grease” - The Bayfield High School Production

The whole school were fortunate to attend performances to day and children spoken rated it highly. When asked to name their favourite character the following three came up – Danny, Kinickie and Rizzo. Reasons given for enjoying the show were:-

The slow motion fight with lights was great to watch.

They spoke normally as if they were just talking to their mates - some interesting words were said!

I liked how Sandy really changed at the end of the show.

It was just like the movie.

It was good to see that their orchestra played most of the music.

The gang looked real.

The costumes and music were great.

Quality acting from these High School students.

They got some great effects from the lights.

Overall, a very good review and worth a look if have a free night where you want some live entertainment.

Grease Review

Review by Caolan Rm 24.

Today our school, Tahuna, went to see the production of the musical Grease at Bayfield High School.

Grease is set in a 1950's high school in the USA called Rydell High. The story revolves around rival gangs and two students who fall in love during their summer holidays, but who have problems showing their true feelings for each other once the school term begins. The sets and costumes did a good job of convincing the audience that they had gone back in time.

All the cast performed the songs in the musical very well, especially the actors who played the lead roles of Danny and Sandy.

The performance was greatly appreciated by the watching crowd, which gave a huge round of applause at the end.

The version of Greased Lightening performed on the wooden model of a 1950's convertible car was a real highlight.

camping, bikeriding, beach trips, tent pitching, weekend camping, craft, swimming, knot-tying, meet new friends..... etc. etc!

We have spaces for new Scouts (10 ½ – 15 year old boys/girls) now.....

Scouts meet every Monday 7:00 – 9:00pm (during term time)

For more info: Ring Kevin (President) 454 5017 or just come along!!

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.

Wk7 – ODT Spelling Quiz in Tahuna Normal Int School Hall.

Wk8 – “Grease” at Bayfield and the Int Schools Music Festival in the

Town Hall.

Wk 9 – Disco and School cross country.

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.**

Friday 27th June – Room 7 Assembly.

Wednesday 2nd July – Sandy Mackay [author] to talk in Library over lunch time and School Disco by invitation.

Friday 4th July – Term 2 concludes

Monday 21st July – Term 3 commences.

Tuesday 22nd July – Rms 23 + 24 Tramp

Wednesday 23rd July, 7.00pm – Parents Meeting on Positive Puberty

Thursday 24th July – Rms 17 + 26 Tramp

Tuesday 29th July – Australasian Mathematics Exam.

Wednesday 30th July Swimming for Rms 10.17.18.26 + OBHS Opening morning [note required for boys to attend]

Thursday 31st July – Australian Westpac Mathematics Exam.

Friday 1st August, 2.00pm Keep Dunedin Beautiful Production.

Sunday 10th August – Remuera visitors arrive.

St Patricks Scout Group

(Victoria Road – Next to the Roundabout near the Dinosaur Park)

Looking for an exciting, challenging, fun opportunity for your child(ren)?

Come along..... experience awesome outdoor activities, learn new skills, overnight

Diary Dates

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 11.15am Massed Orchestra to T/H.

**Tuesday 12th August
– Tahuna's Open
Night.**