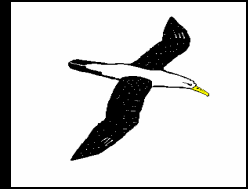


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Year 8 camps continue and what marvellous times our students had last week. I enjoyed seeing great support from parents and again thank you these fine efforts.

On Monday we had a visit by 8 principals from Auckland. They passed on high praise for the way our students were engaged in their learning. This followed a Meeting with Denis Slowley, Bayfield High School Principal, who was glowing in his comments on the skills, work habits and attitudes of our students coming into Bayfield. His praise of our teachers' work was very positive. It is important that Tahuna teachers and parents hear these glowing reports, and share congratulations. Well done everyone.

Over the last 2 weeks teachers have been busy with parent interviews. I thank you for your time too here. This discussion on work habits, engagement in learning, and setting goals for your child is most important. The open communication between home and school helps students' make the most of opportunities, and teaching effectiveness. Thank you.

Brent Ward, Principal.

## Respect

Respect is the value that parents rated the highest in the feedback on values received at the end of last year. Respect for each other, for themselves, for differing views, for property and for differences is important.

It has been interesting to visit classes and hear students' raps about respect, and to talk with students about why this is such an important value. Its importance at school, at home, and in every aspect of our lives is critical for becoming good citizens.

## Yip Card Achievers

Recently these children were awarded their cards at Friday assemblies for good effort and good attitude about the school.

Silver

Natalie Grattan  
Libby Aitkinson  
Chris Loper  
Sarah Auckram

## Milo cup cricket

The Tahuna cricket team has made it to the Dunedin final of the Milo Cup. To get to the final they played the first game against Balmacewen on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. Tahuna batted first and scored a massive 198 off their 35 overs. Rhys Bayly batted

the entire innings to get 77 runs. Josh Finnie scored a McCullum-like 69 runs with a massive six. Balmacewen were always struggling to keep up with the run rate required. They weren't helped by the loss of wickets. Two of these were direct hit run outs by Josh Finnie and two wickets each to Rhys Bayly and Jaden Dowling. Tahuna won by 70 runs.

The second game against Taieri College was on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Tahuna won the toss and batted first. Runs were scored but wickets kept falling. Tahuna ending up with a total of 186 with Josh Edwards scoring a well constructed 41 runs under pressure followed by a blazing 61 by Cameron Burrow. Josh Edwards also featured in the

bowling with 4 wickets for 13 runs. Joseph Cairns also had an excellent start to Milo Cup cricket with 4 wickets for 9 runs and a direct hit run out of their best player. Taieri College was all out for 50 in the 25<sup>th</sup> over.

The team will face John McGlashan in the Dunedin final. Go Tahuna.

By Rhys Bayly

## 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**

### **Surf Life Saving**

Last week I saw a lovely trophy which Casey Arnold had won for accruing the most points at the Otago Champs over the weekend of the 8+9<sup>th</sup> March. He was rated the top U12 male for his wins in the Board Paddle, Diamond Race, the 3 man x Board relay and the 6 x person Cameron Relay. He also took out a third placing in the 200m swim.

### **Trolley Derby Win**

It was to good to hear that Hunter Goodman took out the Intermediate Title in the Manor Place Trolley Derby , two weekends back and in doing so won the Dick Corkin Cup. The really satisfying bit was that he was up against some seriously well engineered trolleys built by engineer types who were there to win. Fully acknowledging recycling, Hunters trolley had 98 Percent of its componentry gleaned from the Dunedin Land Fill (Tip)...i.e. pram wheels and wooden chassis in the true tradition of trolley racing.

### **Basketball**

It was good to hear that Blair MacKenzie, Ben Trainor and Nigel Goulstone made the U13 Otago Basketball Team. We wish them all the best in their forth coming fixtures.

### **Swimming**

I received a pleasant surprise the other day when I heard that there was an Asia Pacific Online Swimming Challenge that young swimmers could participate in . Jamie Mowat was the young man involved and he was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Boys 11 – 12 400 m event with a time of 6:45.87. Well done Jamie.

### **Cardboard Cup Challenge**

On Sunday 16th March several of the participating crews included our Tahuna boys. All crews and boats stood up to the water well in the Andersons Bay Inlet, with everyone making it safely around the course and not sinking. Many even went out again for another spin, when racing was over.



Ryan Kelly and Hunter Goodman paddling for home.

Well done to the following:

Chris Harbrow and Blake Stanley in the boat Glug, Glug, Glug - Titanic II. Callum VanTurnout and Regan Lord, Simon Williams with his crew mates- Philip Anderson and Nathaniel Hart and Ryan Kelly and Hunter Goodman in Thunderbird 6. It should be noted that Ryan and Hunter won the "Damian and Nicky's Choice" Award.

I heard all the boys that took part had a wonderful time and ended up taking their boats home, talking of improvements they could make for next years event.



Chris Harbrow and Blake Stanley keeping their feet dry.

### **Girls' Cricket**

Congratulations to the Girls cricket team who defeated Balmacewen A by 35 runs. Player of the day Georgia "Slasher" Hume.

### **Athletics**

The following athletes were chosen to represent Otago at the Tyson Challenge Meeting in Invercargill last Sunday .

Blair Mackenzie  
Rachel Horn  
Chelsea Whittaker  
Luke Maker  
Kieran Cromar

Kieran was also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the hurdles at the Otago Championships.

### **Poetry to enjoy**

#### **Star Gazing**

The moon and her children,  
Make a brilliant silver sky,  
If only my cheap ballpoint pen,  
Could express what my eye,

Can see – a silver moon  
dancing,  
With her children three.  
Looking down upon us,  
From a dazzling height.

What are they looking at,  
That makes them twinkle so?  
A beautiful Earth revolving round  
and round.

The wind may blow, snow may  
fall,  
But is there ever a doubt,  
That the sun will shine and the  
moon will glow?

Now the night is ending,  
The sun is coming out,  
The sign of hope,  
A new beginning.

Who knows what trouble it took  
the Earth and Sun,  
To make all of us.  
And now the Sun still helps us,  
Glowing in the sky,  
But when the light fades,  
A new light comes about,  
The Moon and her daughters,  
Coming out from hiding,  
Dancing in the breeze.

Indy Griffiths

### **The Ocean**

Look at the Ocean so big and wide,  
See how the waves roll from side  
to side,  
Tumbling and rumbling, crashing  
and smashing,  
What could be more fun than  
playing in the sand, the surf and  
the sun.  
There's no better way to spend a  
hot Summer's day.

Imogen Veitch - Baird

### **I am**

I am the lizard quick and clever,  
the fish, swimming free in the  
sea

I am the pen leaving a trail, the  
gull, flying high in the sky

I am the skates twirling on the  
ice, the shoe, waiting in a shop

I am the spaghetti waiting to be  
devoured, the hairbrush, working  
nonstop

I am the ice cream slowly  
dripping, the banker hungry as  
always for money

I am the yeti when I spy snow,  
the motor of the passing car

I am the hammer closing in on  
the nail, the magpie attracted to  
shimmers and sparkles

I am the chef preparing a feast,  
the paintbrush making pretty  
patterns

I am the feet bouncing on the  
trampoline the rope, used for  
support

I am the magic black centre of  
the candle, the sandals, wading  
through the stream

I am the rainbow, bright and  
sunny, the brain, academically  
smart

I am the ugly duckling, an  
individual, the wind, howling  
through the trees

I am the ghost invisible when  
needed, the wheel, my cycle of  
transport

I am the tourist finding out new  
things all the time, the earrings  
sliding smoothly through ears

I am the bow sliding over the  
violin, the fingers shimmying over  
the strings

I am the ball rolling towards the  
goal, the thinker with a good  
sense of life

I am the bird settling in trees, the  
watch keeping time

I am the flippers gliding through  
the water, the ears enjoying  
music

I am the dye forever changing  
my master's color, the trickle of  
water ending the drought

I am the church bells ringing,  
signaling the end of the war and  
bringing joy to all people, the  
creator of life

Josephine Devereux.

### **Music Teacher**

I have been teaching  
keyboards voice and theory  
for many years in Wellington  
and have recently moved to  
Andersons Bay. I teach  
beginners to adults, and you  
learn using your choice of  
music.

Please ring me if you are  
interested, 455-6648

Caroline Stevenson A.T.C.L  
Dip Education

### **Caversham AFC**

Caversham junior soccer still has  
room for any child aged 5 to 15  
wanting to play soccer this winter  
for a friendly family orientated  
club, please contact Donald on  
03 487 6822.

Junior Liaison Officer

Donald Watts

### **Easter at the Aquarium**

*Shark Egg Hunt!*

*Friday 21st to Tuesday 25th  
March*

The Aquarium at Portobello is  
the scene of an egg hunt with  
a difference this Easter -  
SHARK EGGS! Find the  
shark eggs hidden around the

Aquarium and take home a shark goodie bag! This will include a delicious Cadbury Cream Egg for the first 200 children to take part - thanks to Cadbury.

Visitors will also be able to meet some newly hatched shark babies (very cute!), and watch a shark film.

Shark Feeding - Help to feed the sharks and other sea creatures on Saturday from 2-3pm

The Aquarium opens from 12-4.30 pm daily with a Guided Tour at 10.30am.

Aquarium Entry: Adult \$9  
Child \$4.50 Family \$18  
10.30 Guided Tours: Adult \$18 Child \$9 Family \$42

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### **Easy Mind Homebased Childcare**

Easy Mind Homebased Childcare is a Ministry of Education approved and chartered pre school service in Dunedin and throughout NZ. Parents of pre school children choose our service because they want a more personal and informal style of childcare. If you would like to become a caregiver for our service and you have a suitably fenced and safe home, we need people who will provide a safe and stimulating programme for

young children. A police check and two character reference checks, plus a safety inspection of your home is required. We will be happy to visit with you to discuss all requirements. Please phone Sharon on 467 2902, 021 802751, email [Sharon.castle@easymind.co.nz](mailto:Sharon.castle@easymind.co.nz)

### **Weekly Highlights for Term 1**

Week 7 – No camps + swimming sports + Easter  
Week 8 – Yr 8 camp + Easter + Lit Quiz  
Week 9 – Yr 8 camps  
Week 10 – Yr 8 camp  
Week 11 – Yr 8 camp

**Thank you to all families who have already forwarded their school donation and technology fees promptly**

We have kept these at a modest figure, and are appreciative of the high payment rate of Tahuna families.

### **Absences**

A big plea for all absences to be phoned through to the office please. There is too much time being taken trying to contact parents, often at work, when we have a child not attending and we do not know the reason.

We are required to record all lateness's and the reasons for absences using the Ministries new "justified list". The Ministry, and our Truancy Agency have a strong interest

in attendance, knowing that both lateness and non attendance are strong indicators of future schooling problems. Tahuna is trialling a new electronic attendance programme and it will be interesting to have a look at the details and patterns of attendance that the Ministry will be seeking.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 18th 3.30 - 5.00 after school art class.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – School open late for Yr 8 Interviews  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00 – 12.00 Swimming Sports at Moana Pool.  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> + Monday 24<sup>th</sup> + Tuesday 25 March – School closed for Easter.  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 28th March – R12 at camp.  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00 – 2.00pm Lit Quiz at DNI Hall.  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March R14 off to Camp back Wednesday around 2.00pm.  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.30 – 5.00pm Art Class  
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  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - First day of Term 2.