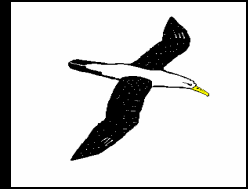


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

We welcomed builders who are constructing the new playground at Tahuna this morning. Having all materials on site, and now builders ready to go, means it will only be a short time now until youngsters will be able to enjoy the challenges and be creative on new playground features.

The Board of Trustees decided last night to put another large sum of money into the school library book stocks. With quality books now increasing in price to almost match adult novel prices, this extra injection of finance is brilliant. The Board also moved to continue the placement of Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms. This will see the latest technology available to more students and teachers.

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## A Big Thank You

A big thank you to FRONTRUNNER for the bags of balls donated to Tahuna this week. I'm sure students will enjoy these additional balls available at lunchtimes.

## No Cell Phones

A reminder that our school rules clearly state no cell phones. It is disappointing that some parents support their child breaking this rule and having a cell with them at school. Some parents even

phone or text their child in class. This is totally unacceptable. There is an emergency phone for when students need to phone out. It does mean organising the day before school.

There are stories daily about text bullying and other mis-uses of cell phones that reinforce the policy for us to continue with our no cell phone rule.

Text bullying at nights and weekends is a problem for our students and teenagers the world over. Our students' learning is important daily, and everything we can do to support learning opportunities needs to be priority.

If your child needs a cell phone for a special reason on a specific day, they can have it stored in the office throughout the school day.

Students continuing to break this or any school rule will lose some school opportunities.

## Success at NZ Post Book Awards Quiz

Once again our teams lined up at the Dunningham Suite in the Public Library to answer a series of challenging questions. There were four sections of questions on – A. science B. Conservation C. General Knowledge and D. Literature. Competition was close and the leading team changed over the hour.

At the end of the night it was the team of Jessica Todd, James Richardson, Fergus O'Leary and Andrew Hopkins who took the title with a fine 31 out of 40.

Columba were 2<sup>nd</sup> with 26.5 points Our team of Liam Dell, Emily Gordon, Michael Ryan and Levine Lale were 3<sup>rd</sup> = on 26 points with Cameron Burrow, Bryce Grellet, Greg Underwood, and Laura Anderson one point back on 25 points. Thanks to all children who contributed in any way to these sessions. You were great.

## Numeracy in Action



Students are all on task in their numeracy classes. Groups working with teachers, individuals on problem solving, interactive games that reinforce their learning, and practical exercises in their workbooks. The positive tone in classes and efforts of students is something to be very proud of. Well done.



### **D.A.B – Donate a book**

Thanks very much for all the wonderful books which you donated to the school. We have managed to build seventeen class kits which contain around 35 books each so you can see how successful Donate a Book [ DAB ] was.

Winning classes to receive the special lunch treat were \_  
1<sup>st</sup> Room 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Room 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> Room 9 , 4<sup>th</sup> Room 13 and 5<sup>th</sup> Room 23.

### **Intermediate Schools Music Festival – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Both the massed choir and massed orchestra practices went well last week . We are hearing a fuller sound as the children gain confidence with the words and music.

Please keep Thursday night 26<sup>th</sup> June free for this wonderful occasion.'

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

### **School Council Disco**

The School Council Disco, held at the end of term was a tremendous success, with a great night being had by all who attended. Erroll provided songs that students had requested prior to the Disco and this seemed to encourage the active participation from the multitude. Thank you to staff who assisted with supervision and parents who promptly collected their children from the appropriate exits. The Councillors also did a splendid job collecting the slips and money from their classmates.

\$860 was raised and we look forward to spending suggestions at the next Council meeting.

### **Food Technology**



Good collaborative efforts demonstrated in the Foods Technology room. This is always such a favourite part of the programme because of the practical skills, and you get to eat it!

### **Self Defence**

Girls from eight of the Year 8 classes participated in the Self Defence project, which was run by Girls' Self Defence Project Aotearoa NZ. The instructor helped the girls deal with unsafe situations. This included how to deal with being followed, obscene phone calls, acquaintance and stranger attacks, and how to kick and punch. Although the girls learnt physical techniques, the course emphasised how to think ways out of threatening situations and telling someone about it afterwards. The feedback was all positive and many of the girls felt it was informative, empowering and of value to them. We are grateful to both instructors for the workshops.

### **Internet Problems**

This term we have had several parents mention concerns re students bebo sites. This type of social networking site can be wonderful for families and friends sharing their adventures in life, but can be problematic for youngsters.

It is recommended that computers young students use are in the living area of your house, and that the screen is facing out into the room. Parents are encouraged to discuss what is being shared on these sites, and if there is any hesitancy about seeing the site, this would signal concerns.

### **Multicultural Update**

On the final Friday of term, a small representation from the Kapa Haka group performed at the museum for the delegates attending the American Field Scholarship National Conference, being held in Dunedin this year. Alongside Mr Hokianga, the group gave a rousing performance and were extremely well received by this international audience. The group certainly warmed the hearts of many on this bitterly cold night, so cold, that some delegates were delayed with their arrival.

The following Friday, the group, with Mr Hokianga took to the Town Hall stage where they were the second item in the Anzac Revue, which had been widely publicised on the radio, over the previous week. To have " the Tahuna Intermediate Kapa Haka group were a credit to their school, not only in appearance

and manners, but with the energy and volume of their items, E Hara and Toia Mai," appear in the O.D.T. the following morning, was a real commendation for the performers. Well done and thanks also goes to the wonderful parents who transported their children to both performances out of school time.

### **Physical Education**

It is good to see fitness activities continuing, even when the temperature has dropped recently.

PE this week includes hockey skill work. Good fun, challenging skills, and leading to enjoyable games.

Congratulations to both hockey teams on their great games in the rain on Friday night. Enjoy your successes. There will be real challenges ahead, but we are seeing fine team work, good thinking and skills. Well done.



### **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.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report

indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as an average mark for New Zealand. It also highlights student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes assessed.

All except Spelling cost \$6.50 per paper – **Spelling costs \$8.50**

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. **[ If you know your child is going to do 2 or 3 of them then PLEASE do one entry and avoid missing deadlines later - THANKYOU ]**

1.Science on Thurs 29th May- CLOSED

2.Spelling on Thurs 12th June - CLOSED

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

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

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

### **Visual Art**



Mrs Whitson demonstrating the cutting technique as she assists

students in a busy room of highly engaged learners.

This week Year 8 classes have been working hard at lino prints in the Art Room. The planning and careful cutting away for their print leads to top quality finished prints.



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

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

#### Silver

Tessa Lunam  
Sophia Gamperle  
Gina Wilson  
Claudia Mc Carthy  
Bella Hurley- Skegg  
Jake Paddon

### **Year 8 Aquatic Programme**

The extra swimming instruction opportunity organised in this programme has been keenly taken and appreciated by parents. There are still many students who are not confident in the water, and who will benefit from tuition in aspects of their swimming to become more confident. The swimsation instructors with optimum tutor : student ratios aim to make real differences for these students.

**Parenting Programmes**

**Parenting Through Separation**

Next course starts 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2 sessions held monthly.

**Conscious Parenting**

Next Course starts May 28<sup>th</sup>  
A 6 week programme that strengthens relationships through communication, self awareness and strategies for positive parents.

**Creative Parenting**

Making family life less stressful and more enjoyable

- Services and support
- Shopping & meal times
- Budgeting know how
- Family fun

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Dunedin.  
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[www.barnardos.org.nz](http://www.barnardos.org.nz)

**Globe Theatre Performance**

Carol Krueger presents  
AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME  
Remembering the World of Anne Frank

By James Still

Performances  
Wed June 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm  
Fri June 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm  
Sat June 14<sup>th</sup> 2 pm & 7.30 pm

Phone bookings 455 7804

**Tahuna students entry only \$5. Just indicate they are a Tahuna student at time of purchase.**

**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

***If you would like the Tahuna Newsletter emailed to you, please email [tahuna@tahuna.school.nz](mailto:tahuna@tahuna.school.nz) requesting this and you will be added to the list. A reminder that newsletters are also posted on the school website.***

A large number of Tahuna students have been selected for Otago basketball teams. We do not have a list from Otago Basketball and rely on students and families letting us know.

We will print full representative lists next newsletter as we do not want to miss some students out.

Please inform us of all achievements and successes so we can acknowledge them proudly in our newsletters.

The easiest way is to email these to [tahuna@tahuna.school.nz](mailto:tahuna@tahuna.school.nz)

Thank you.

**Diary Dates**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Remuera Group leave for Auckland.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> may – Swimming for Rms 12.13.14.15.16

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Australasian Science Exam.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Remuera Group return to Dunedin.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – QUEENS BIRTHDAY – School closed.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming for Rms 1.5.6.11  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Dance Day at Town Hall

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 – 12.00 Massed Choir + 12.30 – 2.30 Massed Orchestra in the Town Hall.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – swimming for Rms 12.13.14.15.16.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June , 9.00am – Australasian Spelling Exam.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Lit Quiz Team off to National Final in Auckland.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Choir to attend practice for Royal Male Choir Performance.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 8.30ish – choir to sing at Royal Male Choir Performance.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming for Rms 1.5.6.11

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 – 8.00pm ODT Extra – Spelling Quiz in TNIS Hall.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE TOWN HALL.**