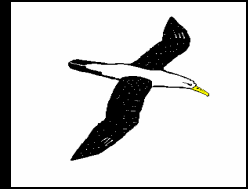


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Parent interviews have been this week for Year 7 classes, and are next week for Year 8. This is an important time to discuss progress, needs, skills and attitudes as we continue to look at how we can work together for our students.

The weather this term has made it difficult to continue the fitness and activity sides of our programmes that we know are important for our students. There were weeks when we couldn't get out on grass areas, and when all hard surface areas were highly sort after. While these times were a challenge for a few students, it has been great to see the skills, initiative, cooperation and support most students have displayed. Thank you.

There has been a steady flow of enrolment forms from our Contributing Schools. We are hoping all applications will be in before the end of term. That gives us the time needed to make contacts with families and schools to ensure that the transfer to Tahuna is a positive and supportive one. If there are any further enrolments out there, please have these forwarded to the office now.

Thank you

Brent Ward  
Principal.

## Well done Josephine



Today I received very good news from Mr Ivan Behrnes the Editor of the ODT "Extra ". He wrote:-

"Congratulations to Josephine Devereux who finished second in the 2008 Extra Poetry competition with her fine poem "Am."

The winner came from Taieri College, third came from Waimea Intermediate in Nelson with two Highly Commended placegetters from Darfield High and Chisnallwood Intermediate in Christchurch.

So.... you can see she did really well in what was a huge field of talented writers."

## Netball

Last week the netball season finished. Tahuna had eleven teams entered. All the teams put 100% effort in on the court every Thursday. Each week teams trained hard which paid off for our Tahuna Year 8 Red team. We won section one in an exciting

final winning by just one goal in the last few seconds of the game against Taieri College. We were awarded the trophy, breaking Taieri College's two year winning streak.

Thanks to all the coaches and teams who participated. It was a very successful season for Tahuna.

We couldn't have done it without Miss Gibson who organised all the teams.

By Georgia Hume & Holly Smaill

## The Red Team's Coach -Mrs Nikki Stumbles stated:-

"I was extremely proud of the team – they are a lovely group of girls who have showed total commitment all season. Being victorious was really the icing on the cake –recognition for hard work and determination. We only lost one game all season which was to the Taieri A team the second time we played them. We would have been the under dogs going into the final but I always had faith in the girls. PHEW – what a pressure match, it doesn't get much closer than that!

I received the cup yesterday and saw it had been won by Taieri A for the previous two years and that Tahuna's name also appears on it. It is good to have it back in the cabinet."

**2008 Australasian  
Mathematics Examination  
Results**

Many of our able mathematicians sat this examination and we were really thrilled with the results.

The Year 7 average of 28.7 was higher than that of the NZ Yr 7 average of 25.6

The Year 8 's were on 27.7 which also bettered the Yr 8 NZ average of 24.4

When I looked at the areas of strength for the Year 7's, the rankings were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Measures and units.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Space and Geometry.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Number and Arithmetic.

Year 8 Areas of strength were :

- 1<sup>st</sup> Number and Arithmetic.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance and data
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Measures and units.

We thank all the children for sitting this paper and congratulate the following award winners.

Year 7

**Distinction**

Leander Stahler  
Wallace Pu  
Henry Arnold  
Sandra Pang  
James Richardson  
Sharna Verhoef

**Credit**

Shyamni Chokshi  
Cameron Reddington  
Saskia Rushton-Green  
Laura Anderson  
Liam Spronken  
Joshua Bromell

Josephine Devereux  
Nigel Goulstone  
Erika Savell  
Alex Grouden  
Andrew Underwood

Year 8

**High Distinction**

Greg Underwood  
**Distinction**

Henry Alexander  
Ewan Baker  
Rhys Bayly  
Bryce Grellet  
Emily Gordon  
Robbie Gwynne –Jones  
Alyssa Heller  
Georgia Hume  
Aaron Maharjan  
Fergus O'Leary  
Heejoo Ryu  
Holly Smail  
Henry Stewart  
Gemma Still  
Deina Susilo- Knox

**Credit**

Ethan Fisher  
Caitlin Knox  
Regan Lord  
Robert Polak  
Emma Rogers – Bromley  
Samantha Shannon  
Kate Sparrow  
Bethany Vickers  
Josh Walker  
Chelsea Whittaker  
Simon Williams

**Y.I P. Awards**

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

**Gold**

Deina Susilo- Knox  
Alyssa Heller  
Chris Loper

**Silver**

Ryan van der Lem  
Sharna Verhoef

**Congratulations**

**Otago Rugby Weight and Age Grade Teams.**

**Otago U48kg**

I just heard that we need to congratulate Richard Buchanan for making this representative team also. Well done.

**The following Players have been selected for the two Otago 11th Grade Soccer Squads:**

Jack Fraser  
Alex Growden  
Wallace Pu  
Kegan Swain

**Otago 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Team.**

Daniel Smart  
Ryan Thom

**Otago 13<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Team.**

13th Grade  
Luke Bishop  
Henry Alexander

**Great Poetry Efforts**

**SUCCESS**

**S**uccess is something that  
**U**achieve and you can get a  
**C**ertificate and you can be  
**C**ongratulated for your  
success in front of  
**E**veryone.  
**S**o you should do  
**S**omething successful sometime.

Abigail O'Keefe

**SUCCESS**

Running a Camp, all on my own  
At Sidey Lodge, I felt at home  
Having great friends that are so cool,  
And making new ones at a big school.  
14 Blue cards that I now hold,  
7 more and I'll get my GOLD!  
For my Bronze badge, round the track 8 times,  
Now I've written this poem that rhymes.  
Explored different painting with some technique,  
With a group of children, each one unique.  
Shaky and scared, I try to step up,  
Saying my lines without a hiccup.  
Accepted for Queens, it's been a great day,  
That's all for now, so I'll be on my way.

By Vanessa Quin

**SUCCESS**

Success is a thing to remember  
Unawakened success can be waiting to emerge  
Challenge yourself to have success  
Conquering problems makes success great with the results  
Everyone deserves to be recognised after brilliant successes  
Success needs to be celebrated  
So if you haven't found success, don't give up. You will get there.

Gina Wilson

**Saturday Morning Music Classes**

The Saturday Morning Music Classes Annual demonstration

concert takes place on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sept in the Town Hall at 3 pm. This is a great way to see the progress made by children who learn an instrument through this organisation. There are over 500 children involved. Tickets are available at the Town Hall Booking Office on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept between 8.45 – 11 am. Door sales are from 2.30 pm on Sun 21<sup>st</sup>. Adults \$8, children \$4.

**Cricket holiday programmes**

Otago Cricket is holding holiday programmes at the Edgar Centre. Skill development sessions on batting, bowling & fielding. Fun games and lots of prizes.

**1st Camp**

29,30 Sept & 1 Oct  
Boys & girls 9 – 12 years old  
2 – 5 pm  
Cost \$45 for 3 days

**2<sup>nd</sup> Camp**

Oct 6,7 & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Boys & girls 9 – 12 years old  
2 – 5 pm  
Cost \$45 for 3 days.  
Bring sports shoes, warm track suit or active wear, drink, snacks. Safe cricket gear will be provided.  
Register ph 477 9056 or raylene@otagocricket.co.nz

**Ma-FI Arts Holiday Art Classes**

Mon – Fri Sept 29 – Oct 10<sup>th</sup>  
Daily 8/9 – 12 noon & 1-4/5pm  
Preference given to those enrolled for more than 1 session.

3hr sessions: 15 hrs - \$100 (5 days @ \$20 time)  
5hr sessions: 20 hrs - \$130 (5 days @ \$26 time )  
Contact Matthew Robertson  
472 8072, cell 021 114 7971  
Or [ma-fiarts@clear.net.nz](mailto:ma-fiarts@clear.net.nz)



**Parents Inc Toolbox Parenting Courses**

**Day & Evening courses  
Game On-dads / Parent Support Group-mums**

**Register now for term 4 2008**

**0-6 years      6-12 years**

**Teenage**

**6 sessions; cost negotiable  
ph 4773403**

[sue@cathsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:sue@cathsocialservices.org.nz)

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**Weekly Highlights for Term 3**

Wk1- Trev , Crystal and OBHS + OGHs Road Show performing at Assembly. Ski Trip to Queens town.

Wk2 - NSW Mathematics Competition + Keep Dunedin Beautiful

Production.

Wk3 - Mathletics +Jump Jam Workshops + Remuera Grp arrive.

Wk4 - Open mornings and Open Night + NSW English Examination

Wk5 – KOS and Kia Kaha sessions for the children.

Wk6 – NSW Computer Examination + the “Strike Performance”

Wk7 – BHS Peninsula Art Exhibition commences

Wk8 – Otago Schools Cross Country.

Wk 9 – School Disco

**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September –  
Swimming for Rms 10.17.18.26.  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Otago  
Schools Cross Country at the  
Balmacewen Int Course.  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1.30 –  
2.30 choir to sing at Tainui  
School.  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Year  
8 Interviews commence.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September,  
2.00 – 3.00 choir to sing at  
Marne St Hospital  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September –  
Swimming for Rms 7.9.23.24  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September,  
12.00 – 12.30 Tahuna  
Multicultural Group Performing  
at Maori / Polynesian Festival –  
Edgar Centre  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Group  
of eight children competing at  
Activ 8 Challenge.  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September –  
Swimming for Rms 7.9.23.24 +  
Yr 8 Olympic events.  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> DISCO – By  
invitation.  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Last  
day of Term 3.

**Letting us Know**

Children are asked to see Mr Hutton if they have had successes / good news which should be celebrated through the newsletter. Parents can also let me know of news worthy items.

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