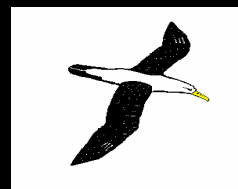


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Term one has flown. Thank you for your help. The support we have received for camps, class trips, and for various programmes has been wonderful. It has been greatly appreciated.

The builders are at last making visible progress that should see the balconies, and outside learning areas completed soon. Many other projects to improve the learning environments are also to be completed shortly.

I am proud of Tahuna students' efforts that we see daily. They are delightful students who are achieving, who are applying themselves, and who are learning to work together in a range of situations. This is a generalisation, but one that can be applied to the vast majority of our great youngsters. Students we are very proud of.

Brent Ward

Principal.

## Room 15's biographies

In room 15 we have been writing biographies. We started by going to the sports hall of fame at the Dunedin railway station. Next we looked on FNO which is a biography maker website.



We chose our people then we chose 3-4 questions and one of our own. We used the laptops to search the internet to answer our questions. We went into Google to find information about our person. Once we had our information, we started to write our biographies.



On Thursday we will be presenting the leaders that we chose to the rest of our syndicate. We will be having a healthy snack to tie in with our stepping up and taking action unit of work.

Anna M Rm 15

Well done Room 15.

## TECHNOLOGY

### HARD MATERIALS

Term One 2008

The workshop, what an exciting place! After eight weeks we have been through one complete cycle and every student at Tahuna has had the opportunity for some 'hands-on' involvement in the Hard Materials Workshop.

The year 8 Programme began with the 'Compound Curves Unit'. This project allows students the opportunity to work with sheet metal (aluminium), and create a compound curve.



They might have made a set of bowls, a bug, or something completely novel. They were also introduced to the pop rivet gun

and literally thousands of pop rivets have been used.

The emphasis was on accuracy of cutting, beating and assembly of work.

Over the next few weeks we are designing and making Pewter Jewellery. Your daughter or son should be returning home with some awesome pewter creation. (note, pewter no longer contains lead)

“Playing With Plastics” was the first unit for our new Year Seven Students.



They designed their own unique shape for a key ring. In the process students study: the technique of lamination, the use of coping saws, drills, files, sand paper and rubbing compound.

We get some fantastic results. The students get an introduction to going through all these processes, along with a general introduction to the workshop. They end up producing a great take home project which began life as three individual flat pieces of acrylic plastic.

Tim Arnold.

### **End of Term Disco**

The School Council Disco is to be held tomorrow evening, in our school hall, from 7pm till 9pm.

This is an invitation only occasion, where both permission slips and the \$4 entry fee need to be in by 9am Thursday. Behaviour is expected to be of a high standard and in the interests of safety, we ask that parents come to the appropriate exit **promptly at 9pm**, to collect their child.

Pupils receive a drink with their ticket, but additional drinks, licorice and chips may be purchased, if needed. Correct change helps. Thank you for your support and here's hoping for a great end of term Disco.

### **Samoan Cultural Group**

Mid way through the term, we invited Mrs Lale to come in to gauge interest for a performing Samoan Cultural group at Tahuna.

Already there have been four sessions and the students are really enjoying this experience. We have enough girls, but would love to have some more boys come along. See Mrs Toa if you are interested.

We are grateful to Mrs Lale for making the time, in her busy schedule, to share her culture in such a lovely way with us. Thank you.

### **Multicultural Update**

A representation of our Multicultural group will be performing at the opening of the A.F.S. Conference being held in Dunedin on the last day of term. This performance will take place

on the first floor of the Otago Museum, at 6.30pm.

The same group is also performing at the Anzac Revue, in the Town Hall, at about 6.45pm, on Anzac Day.

It is a great honour to have been invited to perform at both of these occasions and we wish the group and Mr Hokianga all the very best. Thank you to each performer for giving up your own time to perform at these events and the parents for providing the transport.

### **Otago Primary Schools' Swimming Championships**

Congratulations to all swimmers who represented Tahuna at the recent swimming Champs. The best swimmers from all over Otago made winning ribbons difficult.

The following six children represented our school.

Chris Dickie  
Mitchell Fulton  
Jessie Schneiders  
Gabrielle Scott  
Ryan Thom  
Warren van Staden

Congratulations to Chris Dickie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 50m Freestyle 12 & Over, & the 50m Backstroke 12 & Over. Warren Van Staden was 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the 50m Freestyle & Backstroke.



The Tahuna relay teams came very close 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the 200m Mixed relay & the 200m Freestyle relay.



**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.

1.Science on Thurs 29th May-\$6.50 to school by this Friday 18th April .

***Please note that we need Science entries in this term please – Thank you.***

2.Spelling on Thurs 12th June - \$8.50 to school by Monday 5th May

3.Mathematics on Tues 29th July- \$6.50 to school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Y.I P. Awards**

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

**Silver**

Brenna Anderson  
Kate Sparrow  
Michael Craig  
Nina Lamb  
Rachel Guthrie  
Robbie Gwynne – Jones  
Trinity Kruegar  
Daniel Peace  
Gemma Still

**Out of school Art Classes**

During the week days seem to be favoured over Saturday so we will be continuing with classes in term 2 on a Tuesday 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Children will be making sun catchers, masks, picture frames, felt pictures, collage pictures and working with clay, sketching and painting.

If you are keen on your Year 4 – Year 8 child being involved, please send to the office : Child's name, school, age and \$20. Inquires to Keith Hutton or Paula Chittock Ph 4553994.

**D.A.B – Donate a book**

Several years back we ran this promotion to provide extra reading kits to all rooms for their

recreational reading programmes. The response was great so we felt it was time to run it again.

Basically, we would like to receive new books after they have been read by the owner, brother , sister, friend etc before they are put away in the book shelf and forgotten for some time.

These new books can have your name in them stating you are donating them to the school at this time.

Any donations will be willingly received and greatly appreciated.

**Congratulations**

**Water Polo.** Both teams have been going really well considering only 3 had ever played before. Tahuna 1 (solely Year 8s) are in the semi finals against a Taieri team and the Tahuna 2 team are in the play-offs for places 5 -8 (there are 12 teams in the competition).

**Duathalon**

It was good to hear that Brittany Wolf won the girls 10/11 years Rotary Park Duathalon on Sunday 6/4/08. Well done .

**Otago swimming Team**

Congratulations to Chris Dickie, Jessie Schneiders and Warren van Staden for their recent selection in the Otago Team which competed against Southland.

**School Running Badges**

Recent results I have heard involve Jessica Todd [ Elite ],

Josh Finnie [ Gold ] and Jack Harland [ Gold ]. Great news.

### **Girls Representative Soccer**

The following girls from Tahuna Intermediate have been selected in the Otago Under 13 Girls representative soccer team which will play together in the local Saturday 13th grade club competition and attend the South Island Representative Under 14 Tournament in Kaiapoi in October;

Holly Smail  
Chelsea Whittaker  
Georgia Hume  
Alex Clark-Grant  
Sophia Cormack  
Jessie Schneiders  
Margie Anderson

### **Aranui Theatre Company**

This theatre group will be in the school to present two performances at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. [The Friday of the first week back.] Their performance is called "Bottom's Tale" and comprises excerpts from "A Midsummer Night's Dream". They describe it as colourful, energetic and provides an opportunity for a small group of our children to be in the play as extras. Children are asked to bring \$3 for this worthwhile production.

### **Year 8 Camps**

Recently, I did an after school visit to Camp Tirohanga. On this particular camp I was just in time to see the class taking on the challenge of the confidence course with the support of seven camp Dads and two teachers.

It didn't take long for me to see the support children were giving each other as they tried to carefully negotiate the numerous pole and wire rope challenges where balance was the key need. There was the odd bit of physical assistance but most was verbal encouragement.

The camera was whirring away recording some amazing facials as well as some mid air splits. All in all a totally co-operative activity where most got through the course with minimal spills.

Next it was tea preparation and again it was reinforced to me as the visitor, that this camp was ticking over smoothly. Sharing, considering and co-operating with others on the balcony enabled all to cook tea safely, sit together out doors and eat it before tidying up and doing dishes in a no fuss manner.

Problem solving games / group initiative tests came next and again there were few hassles as solutions were sought and problems were solved. Finally, it was all lights out as groups of three tried to retrieve the booty in the wilds in the game of "Spot Light ". After 40 minutes of yelling and many torch beams they headed in for milo and bed.

It was after 10.00pm when I headed home but for the teachers and Dads there was still more to do.

Thanks.

### **Otago Symphonic Band**

Come & listen to the Otago Symphonic Band – A Slice of Kiwi.

Conductor Errol Moore.  
In the Huttrton Theatre, Otago Museum, 7.30 pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Children free. Door Sales \$15.  
\$10 concessions.  
Refreshments provided.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF**

#### **JUNIOR GOLF CLASSES**

*Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

2 x 1-hour golf classes

New and experienced golfers welcome

Boys & Girls per age groups (age 7+)

Equipment supplied

Class size limited to 12 \$10 for 2 x 1-hour sessions

*For more information, class times & to register please contact...*

**Andrew Whiley The Golf Shop  
@ Chisholm Park Golf Club  
Phone: 03 455-0565**

### **Indonesian Music**

Anna Cross, Riley Davies and Matheson Hill are playing Indonesian instruments at the University of Otago Music Department.



### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Newsletter goes home.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 – 9.00pm DISCO by invitation.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - First day of Term 2.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Aranui Theatre to present two performances for the children. - \$3 per child please