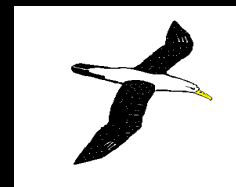


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

I have returned from my overseas study trip this week and it is great to be back. My study trip focused on high achieving education systems as identified through international assessments and I was fortunate to be able to visit schools and meet with educationalists throughout Asia and Europe.

There is no doubt that schools in these areas are setting and attaining high standards for educational excellence. I think that our education system is also doing very well and we can be very proud of our educational programmes and the high level of achievement of our students while at the same time we are providing varied and exciting educational opportunities in a wide range of areas to meet the needs of all our students.

This is particularly evident when we look at the wonderful recent achievements of Tahuna students. Well done Tahuna!

ENROLMENTS 2010

Enrolments for 2010 are coming in smartly. Please forward forms to the school office now so data can be entered on the computer.

We ask for all in zone and out of zone enrolments to be in by the end of term. The earlier we receive them the better we can plan for 2010.

Confirmation letters are being sent out once enrolment forms are received. Currently Mr Hutton is contacting families regarding class placement for 2010.

We aim to accept all enrolments for 2010.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Congratulations

Speech Competition

Last Sunday Kahurangi Flavell, Tom Grave, Ryan Thom and Imone Mukhopadhyay competed in the Otago Speech Competitions held at Kaikorai Valley College.

Kahurangi won the Year 7 section with his speech on famous speakers and speeches.

On Friday at assembly all the candidates from Tahuna presented their speeches to the school. Below Kahu presents his speech.



Rhythmical Gymnastics

Well done to Rosie R14 and Nadia R24 for their selection in the Otago team to compete in the Rhythmical Gymnastics nationals in Hamilton.

Dental Clinic Forms

All Year 8's have had transfer cards issued for free dental care until 18 years of age. Parents please ensure these are completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you

Weekly Highlights for Term 3

Wk 1- Cross country and the Australian high school music performance.

Wk 2 – High school open mornings.

Wk 3 – Our Open days and Open Night.

Wk 4 – Tahuna Science Fair and Remuera visitors here.

Wk 5 – Otago Science Fair and Athletics.

Wk 6 – new group started swimming sessions.

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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Yr 7 Swimming

Children in Rooms 16.17.18.24 are now involved in Swimsation sessions at Moana Pool and will require their swimming togs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the last five weeks of this term.

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Miniball



Cohen Rudd- Nick, Hamish, Andrew and Lewis practise their game time moves in a game of two on two during their lunch hour.

Otago Science Fair Results for 2009.

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Year Eight

Shanna Verhoef

Australasian Corrosion Award & NZ Institute of Chemistry Award

Jemma Fielding NZ Institute of Chemistry Award & College Of Education Award

Serena Tapsell & Claudia Flaws- Highly Commended

Liam Trainor & Hamish Taylor- Highly Commended

Sydney Foster & Vicki Jackson- Highly Commended.

Katrina Hansen- Otago University- Depart Biochemistry Award

Cameron Reddington – NIWA Prize.

Year Seven

Mhairi Duncan- Highly Commended

Katie Galvin- Highly Commended

Aston Wilson & Anton Dunford- Aurora Award

Callum Dodds- Highly Commended

Libby Valentine- Highly Commended

Liam Whittaker- Aurora Award

Stuart Caird- Highly Commended

Sophie Tonks & Britta Hamill- Aurora Award.

Cohen Rudd -Otago Institute Award, NZ Psychological Society, Children & Young People Research Cluster- University Of Otago.

Electronics

This week in design tech we started the topic of electronics and learnt how to make a simple circuit. We could also use some extra materials like gearboxes, motors and buzzers to make our simple circuit. Throughout the week I enjoyed my time in the tech rooms studying electronics and can't wait to see what is next in the design tech rooms.



Netball

Once again we had a successful netball season and we would like to thank all the children who played and the coaches who assisted throughout the season

Congratulations for such exciting and rewarding results.

1st - Tahuna Green Div 10

2nd - Tahuna Red Div 6

3rd - Tahuna White Div 1

3rd - Tahuna Purple Div 10

3rd - Tahuna Yellow Div 8

Tramping



On the 11th August Rooms 1 and 14 went on their winter tramp from Pigeon Flat along Swamp Track to the Bull Ring. It took about 45 minutes to climb the first hill and there were stunning views over Dunedin. The track has been recently repaired so it was easy walking up the steep hill. At the top of the summit we walked along the ridge line towards Swampy summit before ending up at the Pineapple track about 3.5 hours later. We stopped a few times and enjoyed a nice lunch in a sheltered spot at the top. Only a couple of people fell but there were no injuries so it was a good day had by all.

BY: Julia Guthrie and Joseph McAuley
Room 1

Y.I.P. Awards

The following have been successful in receiving their awards at recent assemblies.

Gold

Claudia Flaws
Emma Brigman
Mitchell Wilson
Georgia Lepine

Silver

Robbie Milne
Amy Little
Matthias Rades
Makayla Frost

Shanel Mauauri
Jaden Dowling

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd September – KOS sessions start.

Friday 4th September 2.10 – Rm 24 assembly.

Monday 7th – Friday 11th September – Climbing sessions for all Yr 8's at Logan Park Climbing Wall.

Tuesday 8th September 1.30pm swimming for Rms 16.17.18.24.

Wednesday 9th September 10.35am swimming for Rms 16.17.18.24.

Thursday 10th September – Multicultural group at Polyfest- 1.10pm Kapa Haka Medley, 1.30pm Samoan Item and 1.50pm Cook Island item.

Friday 11th September – Interschool Cross Country Races.

Tuesday 15th + Wednesday 16th September swimming for Rms 16.17.18.24

Wednesday 16th September – late session for parent interviews.

Friday 18th September 2. – NZ Playhouse performance of "Cinderella" for the school.

Friday 25th September – school finishes for the Term.

Monday 12th October - school opens for Term 4.

School Council



The School Council Yellow and Orange Mufti Day was a tremendous success with most children entering into the spirit of

supporting a worthy cause. The Cancer Society received this donation, along with the proceeds from the sales of a box of plastic daffodil broaches. The Daffodil embroidery from Mrs Sayer, on behalf of Tahuna, was also presented.

Poly Festival

On Thursday, 10th of September, our cultural groups will be performing at the Festival, which is being held at the Edgar Stadium. We expect to be on in the afternoon, with the Kapa Haka item on first, followed by the Samoan item, then the Cook Island item.

There is a \$2 cost per pupil that goes towards the costs of hiring the venue, etc and \$1 for the bus. It may also be a good idea to make separate arrangements for your child returning home from school, if they are involved in the performance, as it may run over time.

A 'Huge' thanks to our tutors for giving up their time to share their cultures with our children through song and dance. Mrs Keni Moeroa, Selina and Christiana with the Cook Island group, and Mrs Nela Fureti, Michael and Sandra Ma'atafa with the Samoan group. Special thanks also to Mr Hokianga for all his efforts with the large Kapa Haka group and assistance with the other performing groups. Also to the children, who have shown commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year. Well done.

On Saturday, staff sewed new lavalavas for the group, after material was purchased from a koha from the University for performances, last holidays. Thanks to Mrs Burrows, Mrs Coromandel, Mrs Jacombs, Mrs Sparrow, Mrs Sayer and Mrs Toa

for their hard work on Saturday morning.



Tamsin Turnbull with her completed Samoan Cloak.

Hockey

Hockey, into the finals

As we came into the hockey turf, all pumped up and ready to go, we saw our opposition and knew we had a tough game ahead of us. They looked ideal, with big tough players up the front and small fast players on the wings and in the middle of the field. By half time the score was 2-2 and we knew we had to play better. After our wonderful coach and energetic teacher gave us some excellent words of encouragement and we knew that we could win this game. As the whistle blew for us to start the second half we were pumped and ready to go after some words from our captain Cody and left wing Harri. Both had both scored during the first half so we entered the second half pumped and proud. After a gruelling 20 minutes of hard work from both teams Cody got the ball, shot, and scored!!! Even after we scored we knew not to relax as the opposition was still in it. With 5 minutes to go the opposition got a good pass and set off down the field. Panicking, everyone rushed down to our end of the field, knowing that all that was left to stop them was our goalie and 2 defenders. After a brilliant tackle by our Defence the whistle blew leaving the score 3-2 to Tahuna Green, and making us advance to the finals on the 28th August at 5:00pm.

Written by Henry Arnold and Cody McMullan

Tahuna Green went on to play Balmacewen Red in the final and won 6-1.

Ice Hockey

See below the combined Intermediate Schools team which two weeks back won the Div 2 section of the secondary schools competition against Bayfield High School.

The following boys from Tahuna were in this team.

Ben Wallis, Jacob Hurring, Jo Orr, Grey Maslin, Sam Barclay, Bede McLeod, Abram Hunter and Callum Mc Laren. Well done and congratulations.



Tramping

Take a Kid Tramping

This school holiday event is a family-friendly introduction to the basic skills needed to tramp safely in the NZ bush. 3 sessions plus a day tramp (optional) that will equip you to be safe and have fun, even if you have no family history of tramping. Average fitness required for tramp. Friday 25 September 6.30-9.15pm (Dunedin)
Sunday 27 September 1-6pm (Outram Bridge)
Tuesday 29 September 6.30-9pm (Dunedin)
Saturday 3 October 10-3.30pm (Silverpeaks tramp —optional)
Only \$50 per family (1-2 adults plus kids)

NB Transport to river crossing and tramp venues, own food for tramp are extra.

Sturdy walking shoes, waterproof jacket, warm clothes, day pack required. To register or enquire further phone Helen on 4821440 (evenings)

Please note that number are limited for safety reasons.

Organised and instructed by members of the Dunedin Branch of NZ Mountain Safety Council

www.mountainsafety.org.nz

Youthline

Volunteer Otago and Youthline Otago are running a school holiday programme in the September/October holidays. Activities include baking for the foodbank, walking dogs at the SPCA, digging at the community gardens, working on community spaces and much, much more! The programme is 100% free and 100% fun! There are limited spaces so register soon!

Week One: For young people aged 10-13 at 10am-4pm on Wednesday 30th of September - Friday 2nd of October

Week Two: For young people aged 14-17 at 10am-4pm on Wednesday 7th of October - Friday 9th of October

For registration or more info contact Lani Evans at Volunteer Otago:

Call. 471 6202

Txt. 0210 790 584

Email. volunteerotago@gmail.com

Choir

Our Massed, Special Choir and Marimba Band have recently performed at two local Primary Schools.

(Tainui and Musselburgh) We really enjoyed performing to a young enthusiastic audience.

Our Special Choir performed for the residents of the Marne St Hospital on 18th August.

Last Friday our Special Choir went to the Town Hall to watch some of the BIG SING performances

It was a great opportunity to see some top Secondary School Choirs in action. Our favourites would have to be

The OK Chorale from Palmerston North Boys singing 'Star Wars' complete with Chewbacca sound effects!

We also enjoyed The Tanners from Sacred Heart College who performed the gospel song 'Music Is Down In My Soul'.

Coming Events

We are presently organising a school choir interchange with Balmacewen and DNI Intermediates for next term.

Our Special Choir has also been invited to perform with the Dunedin Star Singers at Knox Church on Sunday the 18th October.

Another great opportunity for our singers.

Class Music

Year 7 are currently playing Marimbas and choosing a song to perform to others.

Year 8 children are making plenty of sound in their STOMP unit.

If you have any old plastic drums or metal buckets, they would be most welcome in our Music Room

Secondary Enrolment reminder

Dunedin Secondary schools have asked us to remind parents and caregivers of Year 8 students to get their enrolment forms in as soon as possible. Thank you.

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