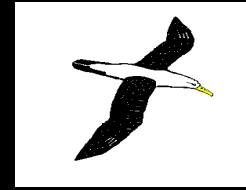


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers  
Another two solid weeks of school work have been crossed off and we have been very pleased to see goals being reached and successes coming our way. Well done to the Rippa Rugby Team for winning the Otago title at Carisbrook, our Robotics team for their Otago titles, ICAS computer and science results, around 150 entries in our Science Fair and our Athletic achievements. Our Year 8 guides were amazing ambassadors for the school when they took our Year 6 visitors on school tours. A big thanks also to children who helped on Open Night and performed in the choir or the multicultural group over that busy week. Tahuna is indeed an exciting place of learning. Why is this so?

We believe that we have wonderful support from our Mums and Dads and caregivers and as a team we see the following in the majority of our children-

- ✓ Arriving early at school with H/W done and gear needed for the day.
- ✓ Prepared to listen to the teacher and then to follow instructions quietly and co-operatively with others in the class.

- ✓ Willing to try and give a good effort to the set task.
- ✓ Finish the task to the best of their ability.
- ✓ Pleasantly talk to teachers and mates using acceptable tone and words avoiding use of put downs and swear words.
- ✓ Wear the full school uniform with pride.
- ✓ Take responsibility for their own actions / possessions.

In a nut shell it could be said that our Tahuna children use their common sense, obey school rules and know the difference between RIGHT and WRONG and .....most importantly, follow through in their **actions**.

Keith Hutton  
Deputy Principal

## Remuera Int Visitors



Our Remuera visitors had a great time with us visiting Olveston, the Butterfly House, Cadburys, Larnach Castle, the Albatross Colony and other

venues. They loved the trip on the Monarch and their time on the mountain. A BIG thanks to staff and families who billeted and made this all happen.

## Year 6 Tours



Sashika shows our year 6 visitors some of our art projects.

## 2010 Enrolments

.Once a decision has been made could these enrolments please be returned to the school. This enables us to start gathering information in favour of your child.

## Congratulations

### Hockey

Kelsey Howells recently was picked for the Otago A Under 13 Girls hockey team to play in the National Collier Cup. We wish them well.

### Soccer

Astrid Haanen, Josh Dijkstra and Joshua Bromell

have been named in the respective Boys / Girls 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Otago Soccer Teams.

### Rugby

The following boys have made the 2009 Representative Teams

Town U38kg Matt Cadogan  
Otago U48kg Luke Maker  
Otago U65kg Liam Trainor,  
Hamish Taylor, Logan Garforth,  
Joseph Cairns and Lewis Mears  
Metro U13 Age team Robbie  
Robson

### Otago Robo Cup Winners



Henry Arnold, Matthew Harbrow, Phil Anderson, Sarah Hepburn, Trent Johnston, Zac Gardner, William Smaill and Mr Bill Boyes.

All of the above are off to the Nationals in Auckland in two weeks to compete in search and rescue and soccer challenges. We wish them the best of luck.

**Valuables at school MUST be left with a teacher.**

### 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.

### 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.  
[keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz](mailto:keithhutton@tahuna.school.nz)

### YIP Awards

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

#### Gold

Erika Savell  
Ashleigh Keen-Burrow

#### Silver

Breana Poll  
Taryn Lome  
Nick Sue

### 2010 Enrolments

If you have any questions about enrolments . Please call Keith Hutton on 4553994.



Room 15 children enjoying an indoor game in the old library.

### Nigel Latta on Managing Teenagers

At Kings & Queens Performing Arts Centre on 25th August.

Topic: Managing Teenagers. Please contact Chris McKinlay for further information. 03 4544717

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August** – swimming starts for Rms 16.17.18.24.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – KOS sessions start. **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – Interschool Cross Country Races.

### Portobello Bus fare Increase

Through a period of high inflation, Passenger Transport has endeavoured to keep fares as low as possible. We always consider the social impact of rising costs and their effects on families, however due to rising costs we have had to increase fares on the school bus services: To and from Portobello to Tahuna Intermediate.

These will increase from Monday 17th August 2009.

The new fares shall be:

From Portobello to the above School the cash fare will increase to \$3.10 per trip  
From Luss Road/Company Bay to the above school the cash fare will increase to \$2.50 per trip

Ten trip concession tickets will increase to:

From Portobello \$ 27.00 - equates to \$2.70 per trip  
From Luss Road Company Bay \$ 22.00 equates to \$2.20 per trip.



**Tahuna Rippa Rugby 'A' Team 2009**  
**Winners of Otago Year 7/8**  
**Championship**

Front row (From left) Mitchell Kelly, Josh Finnie, Joseph Cairns.

Back row (From left) Conor Jamison, Luke Maker, Logan Garforth, Emma Lyon, Laura Anderson, Brittany Wolf

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**Victory at Carisbrook**

Over the past week and a half, 10 students trained for the Otago Ripa Rugby Tournament. It took place on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> August at Carisbrook. There were 240 children overall at the tournament competing in three different grades, Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and Year 7/8.

Tahuna played five games. In our pool we played against Mount Aspiring College, Balclutha Primary and St Marys from Mosgiel All the games were very close but we managed to come out with two wins and a draw. We qualified first in our pool and were drawn to play Balmacewen in our semi final. We won this one in a one sided encounter.

The grand final was looming and we were drawn to play Balclutha again, The final score was 7-5 and it was hard fought game. There were quite a few falls, and heaps of very good rips and tries!

Thanks especially to Mr Scoles and the teachers for supporting us, and all the parents that cheered us on!

Laura Anderson



**Futsal fun**

Now that badminton P.E sessions have ended we are lucky enough to have two futsal New Zealand players coming in to help us with our skills. We have been practising our

passing, dribbling, kicking and controlling skills. In the end we play a cool game with the new skills we learnt in that lesson. Simon and Mr Gilchrist have been coaching us and also have been having a little fun at the same time. The difference between soccer and futsal is that in futsal you can use the sole of your foot to control the ball. Futsal started in Brazil and some of the best soccer players in the world started playing futsal about our age. You can play futsal at the Edgar Centre because it is an indoor sport. At the Edgar Centre Futsal New Zealand has started up a training academy which anyone can join in no matter their skill level .

By Sydney Foster and Brenna Poll

**Tahuna Normal Int School Science Fair Results**



Shanna Verhoef

**Year 8**

1<sup>st</sup>- Shanna Verhoef 14

2<sup>nd</sup>- Jemma Fielding 11

3<sup>rd</sup>- Cameron Reddington 13

To Otago Science Fair

William Smaill 6

Jake Copley 11

Brennan Carne 13

Mitchell Wilson 1

Serena Tapsell & Claudia Flaws 11

Liam Trainor & Hamish Taylor 15  
Josh Bromell 11  
Sydney Foster & Vicki Jackson 1  
James Richardson 1  
Connor Casey 1  
Heagi Kim 14  
Katrina Hansen 6  
Georgia Lepine 13

**Year 7**

1<sup>st</sup>- Finley Burrows 24

2<sup>nd</sup>- Mhairi Duncan 23

3<sup>rd</sup>- Katie Galvin 10

To Otago Science Fair

Aston Wilson & Anton Dunford 10

Callum Dodds 24

Libby Valentine 24

Liam Whittaker 16

Stuart Caird 7

Sophie Tonks & Britta Hamill 23



Grace Dillion and William Smaill.

***School Council***

Today we talked to Mr Hutton about the matters that came up in the School Council:

We have actioned the following : Flickering lights fixed, Missing ladder has been replaced and toilet locks have been fixed.

We have new drinking fountains out by the fields which can be used to fill drink bottles. PLEASE look after them! We have also distributed High Five washing hands posters around the school.

Daffodil Day

The Council has decided to fundraise for the cancer society by giving each syndicate a box and students bring in bronze or silver coins to stick on the box and the box with the best design will win prizes. We will also be selling daffodils around the school.

Natures Wonders

A huge thank to the year 8 school councillors and Conservations who did a fantastic job in planting over 1000 flax bushes out at Natures Wonders. Well done! Thank you to all the people who helped with open night you did a fantastic job.

By Grace Dillon and William Smaill

**Library Week 2009**



Mhairi Duncan won the big block of chocolate after a week of "Find your way around the Library quizzes".

Australian ICAS Computer Examination Results

This was the first Australian examination for 2009 and numbers who sat this year were down on pass years. Even so, those who sat did very well.

Year 7 students were seen to do well in –

1. General skills
2. Word processing

3. Graphics and multimedia.

Our year 8's excelled in the following-

1. Databases and spreadsheets.
2. Word processing
3. Graphics and multimedia.

Thanks to those who sat this paper and well done to the following for fine achievements.

Year 7

**CREDIT**

Jack McKenzie

Year 8

**DISTINCTION**

Sandra Pang  
Brennan Carne  
Alexandra Laubscher

**CREDIT**

Henry Arnold  
James Richardson  
William Smaill  
Liam Spronken

Australian ICAS Science Examination

Results

Once again we had some of our able and keen scientists sitting this examination and we were very pleased with their results.

Our Year 7 students were seen to have strengths in –

1. Investigating
2. Observing and measuring.
3. Reasoning and Problem solving.

On the other hand our year 8 students had strengths in-

1. Reasoning and problem solving.
2. Interpreting
3. Predicting and concluding.

Well done to all those who sat this paper and congratulations to the following for such fine results.

Year 7

**DISTINCTION**

Jimmy Flanagan

**CREDIT**

Olivia Kelly  
Avinash Shastri

Year 8

**DISTINCTION**

Brennan Carne  
Alexandra Laubscher  
Louis Robinson  
Georgia Lepine

**CREDIT**

Alex Growden  
Sandra Pang  
Cameron Reddington  
Saskia Rushton – Green  
Shanna Verhoef

**CELL PHONES**

Children are NOT to bring them to school. When necessary children can use the school phone – Thankyou. .

**Otago Mathletics**

Once again Tahuna were up with the best and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 8 section with full marks and were finally pipped for 3<sup>rd</sup> by 1 point in the Year 7 section.

Year 8 Team - Second

James Richardson, Nathan Firman , Alex Growden and Alex Laubscher.

Great results and solid efforts  
from all teams participating.