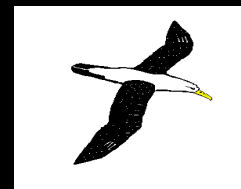


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It has been a smooth start to the third term and we are pleased with the way students have quickly settled back into their studies. Thank you for having your child in full uniform and prepared for their studies and sport commitments.

Yesterday was one out of the bag for our six cross country races and all involved, enjoyed the racing and weather conditions. We were pleased with the numbers who ran and gave their best.

With regard to Influenza the tried and true remains in that if children are unwell then they stay at home. We also keep recommending that hand washing and covering the mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze is good practice.

Thanks to parents who are helping with swimming and education excursions.

Can I also ask that parents give careful thought before writing notes to excuse children from swimming. Many who miss swimming are the ones who need it.

Starting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August we will have open sessions for three days for Yr 6 children who want to see children at their daily tasks. Then on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 – 8.30 we invite all interested to attend our OPEN NIGHT.

Over the next few weeks we will enjoy observing children being

engaged in – cross country training, health studies, science at Tomahawk Lagoon, Science Fair Studies, Swimsation, Beach studies, Winter tramps, visiting performers mathematics, working with our Remuera visitors and more.

Keith Hutton  
Deputy Principal

## Yr 7 Swimming

Children in Rooms 7.9.10.23 are now involved in Swimsation sessions at Moana Pool and will require their swimming togs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the first five weeks on this term

## Congratulations

### Soccer

Congratulations to the following girls who have made the Otago 12th Grade Representative Football Team.

Hanna English  
Mikakyla Garforth  
Tabitha Seaton

They will be attending a South Island Tournament in Blenheim in October. We wish them the very best.

I also heard that Zane McEwan was named in the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Otago Soccer Team and again we wish them well with their representative fixtures.

## Gang Show

Aaron Anderson was also a performer in the recent local gang show. Well done

## Rock 'n 'Roll

Over Easter Makayla Frost and her partner Thomas Woods competed at the Nationals and came 5th in their section missing the final by 1 point. They have just been accessed for 2010 and passed which means they will be competing at next years nationals. Having danced at assembly we recognise that they are indeed a 'class act'. Well done.



## Multicultural Update

During the school holidays, a representation from our Kapa Haka group gave an opening performance at the Biology Conference on the Sunday, then again on the Wednesday, for the start of Semester 2 for the International students, down at the university. This was a big ask in the holidays, but the children who performed really

gave it their all and were a real credit to the school. Thank you also to the parents who transported children to these occasions.

A Cook Island Dance workshop was also held at school, on the Wednesday. This was well attended and special thanks to Christiana, Mrs Mauauri, Shanatel and Shanel, for tutoring the group. This was enjoyed and appreciated.

### **After School Art Classes**

Art classes for Yr4 – Yr8 children will commence next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and run through to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. A good variety of activities will be provided by our art tutor. Please contact the school for enrolments on Ph 4553994.

### **Weekly Highlights for Term 3**

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

### **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)

### **Visiting musicians**

On Monday we were fortunate to have 80 students from Inaburra High School [ Sydney ] perform for us for an hour. We enjoyed items from their big band / orchestra, jazz Band , choir and dancers. It was really good for our children to see performing arts opportunities available at the High School level and hopefully

they will get involved in similar groups in Dunedin High schools in the years to come.



### **Interschool Chess**

At the end of term two we entered a team of Year 7 students in the local chess tournament which was held in the OBHS Library. Team members were- Connor New, Jaydin Mc Mullan, Aaron Heller, Kurtis Haanen, Astrid Haanen

Over about five hours they played a series of games having some wins, some draws and the odd loss. All in all they enjoyed the games and were placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 15 teams competing. We thank them for their efforts.



Astrid Haanen, Connor New, Kurtis Haanen and Jaydin McMullan. Aaron Heller absent

### **OPEN NIGHT**

Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00 – 8.30pm.

### **Yr 7 Health Programmes**

This term our Year 7 students will have a focus on the Health Topics of Kia Kaha and Positive Puberty. As part of our Health Focus for the Term we will also be visited by Five health related guest speakers (Week 7) and complete our studies with a Health Inquiry Unit based on – How can we develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle?

**Kia Kaha** (which means be strong) is a programme that has been developed in association with the Police and Special Education Services. It is Classroom based and in essence seeks to help children recognise bullying in its many different forms (eg Social, Emotional, Physical and mental.) and what they can do if involved in a bullying situation. The aim of Kia Kaha is to create an environment where all members of the social community feel safe, respected and valued.

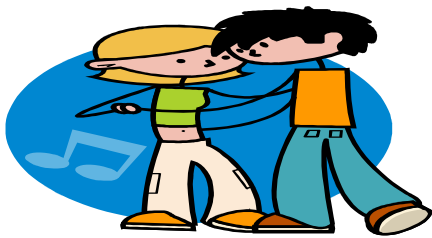
**Positive Puberty** is a unit aimed at developing an understanding of the changes that are taking place during puberty, that these stages are to be expected, and that others are experiencing them too. We will be learning the proper names to describe parts of the body, gaining a basic understanding of the jobs they do, and learning that daily care routines are needed to cope with these changes.

Finally, we will consider how other people influence our feelings about ourselves, and look at ways of dealing with this and other outside pressures. Staff will hold an information evening for parents on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July at 7pm in Room 28.

### **School Council Disco**

The end of term School Council Disco went really well and we were delighted with the numbers that attended, despite the cold temperatures. Keeping this in mind for any future Discos, parents that arrive early to collect their child, are warmly invited to wait either inside the hall or in the foyer where it is more comfortable. Thank you for collecting your children so promptly.

Just over \$1440 was raised and suggestions will be offered at the next Council meeting. A huge thanks also to the staff and College teachers who gave up their time to supervise this event and of course the students who attended.



### **Yr 8 - Standing Up for Myself**

During the first half of this term, Year 8 classes will be involved in the Standing Up for Myself programme which builds on, and reinforces skills and knowledge children have gained from the Keeping Ourselves Safe

programme in Years 0 - 6. The following are the objectives from the modules:

Module 1 - Students can recognise potential danger and describe strategies to keep them safe.

Module 2 - Students demonstrate a responsible attitude towards their own safety and the safety of people they may be with.

Module 3 - Students can identify different kinds of abuse, know anybody can be a victim and that abusers can be peers, authority figures or people they know and love. Students know abuse must be stopped.

Module 4 - Students can describe stress in the family and suggest ways of handling this. Students can distinguish between appropriate family discipline and abuse. Students can explain that they have the right to proper care and protection and should be safe within their family.

Module 5 - Students can explain why it is important to report abuse, list possible people to report to and ways this can be done.

Module 6 - Students can explain what happens when abuse is reported and share their knowledge on abuse.

Constable Jeanette Parcelle will be available and visit each class for any matters relating to the programme or legal aspects. If parents have any concerns, please contact class teachers or Mrs Toa (Y8 Health Co-ordinator).

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### **School Cross Country**

Yesterday we struck an ideal day for the cross country races as it was warm, sunny and reasonably firm underfoot. There was a good feel around the ground as the children prepared for their races by doing a series of warm up activities with two of the teachers. First up were the Year 7 girls and boys non-competition races of one and a half laps followed by the Year 8 girls and boys non-competition race of the same distance. Then we moved on to the Competitive races where good numbers covered a longer two and a half circuits. Starting these races were the year 7 girls and Hannah English showed her class by leaving the field many metres behind winning comfortably. This was followed by the year 7 boys race where we saw a good tussle between Sam Wallis and Leon Hook. Sam finally edged out Leon for the win. Then it was the turn of the year 8 girls and again we saw some strong running from Rachel Horn, Brittany Wolf and Melissa Halley with them finally crossing the line in that order. Last up were the Year 8 boys with Blair McKenzie and Ryan Thom running together for most of the race. Blair finally crossing first with Ryan taking the silver.



Blair leading from Ryan in the back straight

Overall, we saw great running on a great day and we thank staff and all the athletes for making this a successful occasion.



Race winners - Hannah English Yr 7, Blair McKenzie Yr 8, Rachel Horn Yr8 and Sam Wallis Yr 7.

### **Results**

#### Year 7 Girls

1. Hanna English
2. Britta Hamill
3. Hayley Weegenaar
4. Michala Halford-Feron
5. Tabitha Seaton
6. Mikayla Garforth

#### Year 8 Girls

1. Rachel Horn
2. Brittany Wolf
3. Melissa Halley
4. Erin Milner
5. Jessica McLeod
6. Destiny Carvell

#### Year 7 Boys

1. Samuel Willis
2. Leon Hook
3. Morgan Arnold
4. Samuel Tindley
5. Aston Wilson
6. Zane McEwan

#### Year 8 Boys

1. Blair McKenzie
2. Ryan Thom
3. Josh Finnie
4. Logan Garforth
5. Zac Hamilton-Wright
6. Hamish Taylor

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

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

#### **Gold Bar**

James Richardson

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Sidney Fidow  
Katy Sapwell  
Breeana Richardson  
Sarah Hepburn

#### **Silver**

Millie Elliott  
Sean Ibbotson  
Hughen Homan  
Andrew Tomlinson  
Cameron Reddington  
Reiko Russell

### **Diary Dates**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 1.00 children leave on TNIS Ski weekend + 2.15 OBHS and OGHS Road Show Presentation.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July** 9.30 Kings and Queens Open Mornings.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** swimming for Rms 7.9.10.23

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July** – 9.30am OBHS + OGHS Open Mornings.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July** – Room 1 Beach Study

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July** – 2.00pm Keep Dunedin Beautiful Performance in the school hall. \$1 per child.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – Open sessions for Yr 6 children.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August** – 9.00 ICAS English Examination

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** swimming for Rms 7.9.10.23.

+ more open sessions for Yr 6 children keen to visit the school .

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August** – Remuera Group fly in.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – School Science Fair.

### **OPEN NIGHT**

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on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 - 8.30pm.

Yr6 children can see the school in action on visiting sessions over Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Please contact the school for more information. Ph 4553994

I asked children in Room 24 [ Yr 7 ] what they would say to children who asked them about Tahuna.

Some of the responses were- There are lots of cultural activities like – dance , orchestra, rock band, choir, Samoan Group and Multicultural Group.

I came here because my big sister's friend said it was awesome.

Technology classes are great. Lots of sports choices.

You can do heaps of badges.

There are many extension classes you can go to.

We have cool teachers who are helpful.

"I like going to the canteen"

We can go to Auckland for a week and we have ski weekends.

Tahuna has a new big library.

The old laptops have been replaced with new Apple ones.

We do camps, tramps, swimming and other school visits.

You can use the large fields and bars at break.

We have high –tech rooms which have data projectors and active boards.

**Parenting ?**

Take a look at some of the options we have available for parents to discover new skills and find support.

**The Parenting Toolbox.**

Choose from an early years (0-5), middle years (6-12) or Teen years (12+) course and join us for 6 weeks looking at practical things to build your family.

Groups run each term. Courses run at nights 7:30-9:30 and we have day groups for early years..

**Game on.** A 6 week group just for dads wanting to make the most out of their life and their relationship with their kids.

**PSG:** Therapy group for mothers. Safe long term support.

**Phone us now on 477-3403 or email**

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