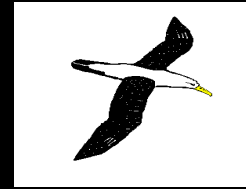


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Reports

Reports are in the last stages of moderation and compilation at present and will be sent home on Friday July 3rd. It is an important task that teachers have been working on over the past month. Data from students learning has been collated and work efforts assessed against expected levels for our important years of education, Year 7 & 8.

Parent Interviews will be held later in Term 3.

Stars On Stage

Stars on Stage has been the focus for extra efforts for 75 of our students this term and it all came together in a fantastic performance entitled "15 Minutes of Fame" on Monday night.

All the hard work paid off with Tahuna students producing a performance that they can be very proud of, as it was imaginative, colourful and beautifully choreographed.

Thank you to Mari-anne Coughlin and her team of teachers for their extra efforts working behind the scenes leading up to, and on the big night. Well done all.



Above The Ballet dancers practise their jumps for Stars On Stage

Snow & ice

Along with winter comes those days when we have to make decisions about the school opening time because of **snow and/or ice** conditions. We have to consider not only conditions in the immediate community, but also those throughout the city. It may be suitable for some students to walk to school, but impossible for students and staff from other suburbs to arrive as usual. Hence the need to delay the start of school.

What you can do when there are marginal weather conditions:

1. Listen to the radio on one of the following stations:

- Classic Hits (89.4FM and 1125AM),
- NewstalkZB (1044 AM)
- 4XO (97.4FM) or
- Radio Dunedin (1305 AM or 99.8FM).

This may cause some inconvenience, but we

endeavour to have the message broadcast before 7.30am.

2. Phone the School on 455 3994 and listen for the cancellation message – this is kept up-to-date! If you can't get through, try again in a few minutes.

3. Ring the radio network cancellation line 474 8426.

If in doubt – stay home! Find out the situation before leaving home.

Thank you for your support.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Y.I.P. Awards

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

Gold

Connor Casey
Ryan Thom
Grace Dillon
Mitchell Fulton

Silver

Jessica McLeod
Conor Gale
Katrina Hansen
Mikayla Donner
Josephine Devereux

New Zealand Lit Quiz Final

Two weekends back our team of Josephine Devereux, James Richardson, Grace Cook and Sam Wallis flew into Auckland to represent Otago at the National final. There were five topics and 13 questions on each, giving a total of 65 questions. The five

topics were :- Authors, first lines of books, titles, Myths and Legends and super heroes.

With a total of 15 of the best Lit Quiz Teams together on stage it was soon obvious that you had to be exceptionally quick to get an answer in. The amazing knowledge present on that occasion was outstanding but we were determined to give it our best shot.

Our plan was to buzz if we were more than confident that we had a correct answer and put up with the deduction of a point for an error if wrong. If the answer was correct you then received 2 points. Consequently, we were asked to answer and with our constant buzzing and our score went up and down over the competition. We answered the very last question of the quiz and ended up 5th which Wayne Mills told us was the best performance from an Otago Team over the 19 years the Quiz has been running.



Lit Quiz Team of James Richardson, Sam Wallis, Grace Cook and Josephine Devereux who were placed 5th at the New Zealand Final.

Dunedin's ODT Extra Spelling Competition

Once again we had ten teams in this challenge and had great competition from 55 other Year 7 +8 Teams who had come from

around the city and from further a field.

At the end of the night we had three teams tied on 96 - Tahuna 1, Tahuna 6 and Columba which meant play off. Six difficult words later it was Tahuna 6 first, Columba 2nd and Tahuna 1 3rd. In the excitement of the playoffs we failed to notice two other top Tahuna teams . Tahuna 7 came in with 95 and Tahuna 3 with 94. Following on our other teams scored 88, 87, 84, 83, 81 and 79. All in all a successful night for all our teams and we thank all children, staff and parents who contributed in making this happen.



Winners of the 2009 ODT Yr 7+8 Spelling Quiz – Alex Laubscher, Josephine Devereux and Liam Spronken.

1st Tahuna 1 [96]

Josephine Devereux
Alex Laubscher
Liam Spronken

3rd Tahuna 1 [96]

Emma Bridgman
Britta Hamill
James Richardson

4th Tahuna 7 [95]

Lydia Anderson
Evan Hinds
Brennan Carne

5th Tahuna 3 [94]

Sandra Pang
Leon Hook
Lydia Dickson



Third place getters in the Yr 7 +8 ODT Extra Spelling Quiz - Emma Bridgman, James Richardson and Britta Hamill

Year 7 Explorers Expo

On Thursday last week all Year 7 classes took part in our Explorer's Expo. We were showcasing our learning from this term's Explorers Unit. The hall was set up with lots of models, power points, posters, demonstrations and other things we had made to show what we had learnt. There were also some amazing drama productions and board games. It was really exciting to be able to share our inquiry work and our learning with the kids from our contributing schools, our parents and the Year 8 classes. We felt really proud of what we achieved and had heaps of fun getting everything organised.

Congratulations

2009 Otago Basketball Representatives

We were thrilled recently to receive notification that the following children had been selected for Otago Basketball teams.

Under 13 A Boys

Blair McKenzie

Under 13 A Girls

Brittany Richards

Hanna English
Jessica White
Jessie Clark-Grant
Miah Small
Claudia flaws

Under 13 B Girls

Emma Takapi
Emma Walker
Jane Hendry
Juliette McMullan
Rachelle McKillop
Stephanie Pickles

Under 15 B Boys

Lewis Mears
Nick Sue
Tad Johnson

Under 15 B Girls

Emily White
Georgia Te Au
Kate Gardner

Girls Representative Games

On Friday the 12th June Otago under 13 A & B girls teams travelled down to Gore for the Regional's tournament.

On Saturday 13th we were ready for our first game which was the hardest as we played Eastern Southland (Gore) but we pulled it together and won 59-46. For our next game we played South Canterbury (Timaru) and won 79-12

Our next game was on Sunday and against Southland B (Invercargill) and once again we won 87-13. Since we won those three games we were in the final to play Southland A. It was difficult at the start but in the end we won 79-48 and won the whole tournament for the third year in the row.

-Miah Small

I also heard that the U 15 girls rep team had a Tournament in Oamaru last weekend and did

well winning against North otago and Southland. Well done girls.

Soccer

Congratulations Soccer reps

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

Alex Growden
Josh Dijkstra
Nathan MacDonell
Josh Bromell

They have a tournament in Ashburton for the Japan Cup during the second week of the July School Holidays . Then, in October they travel to Blenheim for another competition. We wish them the very best.

Room 7 Winter Tramp



Turning cartwheels on Victory Beach on their winter tramp are members of Room 7 & 17. Awesome fun!!!

Extra Contributors

In the next ODT Extra nationwide magazine the following Tahuna students will have contributions –

Letters to the Editor

Leon Hook
Mitchell Jones-Saxton
Stephanie Pickles
Kevas Cole

Poems

Alex Laubscher

Short Story

Lydia Anderson

Well done.

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

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th June Rms 23 + 24 out on their tramp.

Friday 26th June Room 17 assembly+ Rm 5 Abseiling.

Monday 29th June – Short stories and poems due in to Mr Hutton for the ODT Extra Competition.

Wednesday 1st July –swimming for Rms 1.6.12.14

Thursday 2nd July 1.00pm German lesson in Rm 28 + 7.00 – 9.00pm disco by invitation.

Friday 3rd July 3.30 Samoan Practice and School closes for holiday break.

Monday 20 July school opens for Term 3.

Friday 24th July – children leave on TNIS Ski weekend.

Monday 27th July 9.00 Kings and Queens Open Mornings

Wednesday 29th July – 9.00am OBHS + OGHs Open Mornings.

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

Weekly Highlights for Term 2

Wk 1- Auditions for Stars on Stage.
Wk 2 – Health evening and Strike Performance.

Wk 3 – Year 8 swimming starts.

Wk 4 - Blue Light Challenge + Music Assembly

Wk 5 – Mufti Day

Wk 6- Samoan Group Practice and SOS practices.

Wk 7 – Winter tramps.

Wk 8 - ODT Extra Spelling Quizzes in TNIS Hall.

Wk 9 Stars On Stage Performance

to share with not only our class but the wider community.

-Stu, Nathan and Bayley Room 7.

Mufti Day to show our support for the All Blacks. Although a very last minute affair, most of the students and staff got behind the occasion and \$215 was raised for the Council.

NSW [ICAS] Examinations

Just another reminder about children entering the Australasian Examinations for English, Mathematics, now known as ICAS and run by the University of NSW.

Subject	Entries to Mr Hutton	Date of Exam
English	Tuesday 30 th June	Tuesday 4 th August
Mathematics	Friday 3 rd July	Wednesday 19 th August

Please complete the form below and return to Mr Hutton by the dates indicated above.

Name.....
.....Room.....

Please enter me in the following examinations:-

English \$7.50 ()

Mathematics \$7.50 ()

Amount included \$.....

Signature.....



Hard materials Project

At Hard Materials last week Mr Cowan asked us to create a shield or something else but it had to be made of plywood. So I decided to make a door sign with my name on it. It was hard work but it turned out very well. I had to saw wood into shape and cut out letters for my name. Then to finish it off I wiped oil all over it to make the wood a darker tone. After all the hard work I gave it to Mr Cowan to mark and he gave me a 3/4 so it was all worth it in the end.

By Vicki Jackson Room 1



School Council Update

At the last Council meeting, there was a suggestion of having a

Cans from the previous Mufti Day were taken to the Octagon on Friday morning for the "Octacan" Foodbank Appeal. The organisers were delighted with the 211 cans received from Tahuna and mention was made over More FM in the morning and Channel 9 at night. It was great to have Tahuna support local Community fundraising.



Tahuna pupils helping Mrs Toa to unload 211 cans for the Appeal in the Otagon

Opening of the new Boiler

Last Thursday the 18th June we had many visitors in the school to celebrate the efficient running of our brand new eco-friendly wood chip boiler. Below we have Mr Hunter ably assisted by Mitchell Fulton at its official opening



Biographies

This is our biography model on our research topic of Roald Amundsen, after a couple of weeks of intensive research on different types of explorers. We decided to do our topic on him because he linked our interests with Antarctica and colder climates. We really enjoyed this topic and can't wait