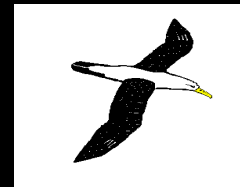


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

The school has been a very busy place over the past few weeks with athletics practices being held at every opportunity. Staff and students are giving up their lunchtimes to fit in that extra bit to ensure that they perform to their very best at next week's South Zone Athletic Sports.

We will have 33 relay teams and overall 150 students will be participating at the sports. I am sure they will all participate with determination, perseverance and pride and of course, represent the school to the best of their ability.

Students remaining at school will be participating in Deca Day which is a fun sports day involving different events in mixed house groups.. Fingers crossed for some good weather.

## Year 7's Surprise visitor

Last Friday, Dr David Kirk was a surprise visitor to the Year 7's as part of their Inquiry Learning study on being a successful Kiwi overseas. He spoke about what was important to him in achieving his goals –

- Always try your best
- Never give up - be resilient
- It's hard work so do something you love.

All very good advice and it was great hearing them from a Kiwi icon who has achieved so much.

The year 7's really enjoyed his talk and asked a lot of questions about his career and life. He in turn, was

very impressed and surprised by how much they knew about him.



Mr Tony Hunter welcomes Dr David Kirk to the school to talk to the Year 7 students about being a New Zealander.

## ERO visit

This week we have also had the Education Review Office visiting and they have been impressed by the behaviour and manners of the students and the quality of teaching and learning happening in the school.

We look forward to receiving the full report later in the year.

Tony Hunter  
Principal

## Congratulations

## Dance

Well done to **Petra Kemp** for passing her Intermediate Silver Award in Jazz dancing.

**Libby Valentine** was also successful in the Dance and Theatre Arts when she passed her Grade 5 Ballet Exam with Honours.

## Y.I.P. Awards

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

### Gold

Alex Laubscher  
Kayla Drinkwater  
Tori Clearwater  
Sean Ibbotson  
Connor Gale  
Cameron Reddington

### Silver

Patrick Hammond  
Jack Hodge  
Daniel Coleclough  
Kate Gardner  
Sarah Jane Hewitt  
Lydia Dickson  
Joseph Cairns Thomson  
Jayden Dowling  
Ben Trainor  
Anthony Tep  
Katie Galvin

## First and Second in ODT Social Studies Quiz.



Back Row – **James Richardson** 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Joseph McAuley** 1<sup>st</sup>.

Middle Row – **Stu Caird** 2<sup>nd</sup>

Front – **Evan Hinds** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Aaron Anderson** 1<sup>st</sup> and **Sandra Pang** 1<sup>st</sup>

The ten teams threw themselves totally into preparation sessions and worked well on the night.

Our winning team scored 96 with our second team one point behind on 95. All our other teams scored well and were placed in the top 75% of the results. Scores were – 88, 86, 86, 85, 83,79,78,and 75.

We thank all the children for a top performance.

## Weekly Highlights for Term 4

Wk 1- School Athletic Sports  
Wk 2- ODT Extra Social Studies Quiz.  
Wk 3 – Life Education Bus sessions

## Diary Dates.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> + Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Life Education Bus Sessions for our Yr 7 classes.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** –Room 1 at Long Beach.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – 11.00 – 2.30 ICT Conference for Children at TNIS.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – South Zone Athletic sports and Deca Day.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - 11.00 – 2.30 ICT Conference for Children at TNIS.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Room 15 at Long Beach.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**- Life Education Bus sessions commence this week for Year 8 classes.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**– Choir Interchange Day with Balmacewen Int School.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**- Marae Week for Year 7 's commences.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Otago Athletics Championships at the Caledonian Grounds + Rm 12 at Long Beach.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**- postponement day for Athletic Champs.

## Art Classes for Term 4

Over this term these Tuesday sessions from 3.30 – 5.00pm will have a Christmas theme and run from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The class is now full and children are underway with their making and creating.

## ENROLMENTS 2010

**2010 Enrolments are arriving at the school in good numbers. Thankyou.**

**We are still accepting enrolments.**

**I am getting lots of useful data from parents / caregivers when I ring around. If I have not contacted you yet, then I hope to do so in the near future**

## Numeracy



Recently we had College teachers out from the University working one to one with some of our Year 7 students on Numeracy.

## Ariki Athletics – Children's Section

When: Monday nights

Where: Bayfield Park

Time: 6pm-7pm (5yr-9yr)

7pm-8pm(10yr -14yr)

Guthrie Pavilion, Bayfield Park 6pm-7pm

For further enquiries phone - Michael 4761708 or Deidre 4545775.

## Special Choir

On Sunday our Special Choir along with Mrs Susan Frame and Mrs Gill Sparrow performed at the Dunedin Star Singers Variety Concert at Knox Church.

The organiser, Carole Randall, e-mailed and said that the children sang very well and that they were attentive and well behaved."

## Self Defence and Fitness

We are a Self Defence and Fitness Gym/Academy/Club that specialises in children, Women and Men's Classes and other Specialised Services. We do a lot of work with Schools, Individuals, Groups, Child Youth & Family as well as many more organisations and businesses.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Cherine Henry on (03) 477 6347.

## 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)

## Foods Technology

Last week I had the pleasure along with other staff members to judge some of the year 7 Muffins. They were all delightful and we were spoilt rotten with such a wide range of muffins to sample.

The children had spent lots of time on planning their recipes and the final presentation was outstanding. We awarded places for-

- ✓ Best taste.
- ✓ Most creative.

✓ Best presented.

Hopefully we will be asked back to judge again.



A variety of muffins with their Year seven creators.

### **Tsunami Fundraiser**

On the first Friday of the term, the School Council decided to be proactive and hold a Pacific Island Mufti Day at school. \$688 was raised by the school and presented to Reverent Alofa Lale at the Lolamanu Fundraising concert which was held at the Presbyterian Church on the Sunday.

A Tahuna representation of the Kapa Haka and Samoan groups performed in this concert where \$5700 was raised. It was wonderful to have the students generously give up their time to support this worthy cause, along with their parents. Thank you.



Breeana Richardson dressed up for our Pacific Island Mufti-Day.

### **Training for the South Zone Sports**

Since our school sports the children have been very busy over breaks and in their own time, training for the South Zone sports.

Our jumpers, throwers, sprinters and distance people are working hard and our hurdlers and relay teams are putting in solid daily practises.

Children not attending the South Zones at the Caledonian Grounds will be involved in the full programme of Deca Day which is based here at Tahuna.



### **ICAS Australian English Examination**

Recently, we received the results from Australia for this exam. It was again most satisfying to see that our school averages for both the Yr 7 and the Yr 8's were higher than those for New Zealand.  
 TNIS Yr 7 = 32.8 NZ = 29.3  
 TNIS Yr 8 = 35.8 NZ = 32.8

Looking at areas of strengths I noticed that they were as follows for the Year 7's:-

1. Reading - Factual
2. Reading Literary
2. Vocabulary

A similar list of strengths can be seen for our Year 8 children:-

1. Reading - Literary
2. Reading - Factual
3. Vocabulary.

Well done to all who sat and congratulations to those listed -

### **Year 7 High Distinction**

Lydia Anderson  
 Britta Hamill

### **Year 7 Distinction**

Anna Cooper  
 Ben Wallis  
 Ruby Craig

### **Year 7 Credit**

Jimmy Flanagan  
 Katie Galvin  
 Petra Kemp  
 James Mullions  
 Nathan MacDonell  
 Erica Paterson  
 Avinash Shastri  
 Evan Hinds  
 Ellie Murphy  
 Mark Davies

### **Year 8 Distinction**

Hannah Auckram  
 Emma Bridgman  
 Erika Savell  
 Alex Laubscher  
 Saskia Ruston Green

### **Year 8 Credit**

Josephine Devereux  
 Sandra Pang  
 Breeana Richardson  
 Jason Lloyd  
 James Richardson

### **ICAS Australian Mathematics Examination**

Last week the last of the ICAS results arrived and we were pleased with these mathematics results.

Looking at areas of strengths I noticed that they were as follows for the Year 7's:-

1. Chance and data
2. Measures and units
3. Number and arithmetic.

A similar list of strengths can be seen for our Year 8 children:-

- 1= Number and arithmetic.
- 1= Measures and units
- 2 Space and geometry.

Well done to all who sat and congratulations to those listed below

**Year 7 Distinction**

Skye Grut  
Sophie Tonks

**Year 7 Credit**

Jimmy Flanagan  
Nathan MacDonell  
Avinash Shastri  
Evan Hinds  
Lillian Bloxsome  
Conor Furzeman  
Kurtis Haanen  
Michael Hatton

**Year 8 Distinction**

Sandra Pang

**Year 8 Credit**

Brennan Carne  
Tom Eden  
Henry Arnold  
Nigel Goulstone  
Alex Growden  
Kelsey Howells  
Heagi Kim  
Wallace Pu  
Cameron Reddington  
Georgia Lepine  
Alex Laubscher  
Erika Savell  
Katie Sapwell  
William Small  
Liam Spronken  
Shanna Verhoef

**Otago Junior Match Play Golf**

Over the holidays, Hamish Calder played 6 rounds of golf over three days to be runner – up in Div 3 of this tournament. There were 18 competitors in his division so he certainly did well. Conor Jamison came third and both received \$25 vouchers for their efforts.

**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

**Tahuna Wins both Boys and Girls Badminton Titles**

It was great to hear that the boys had taken the title in a tough game against Balmacewen Int last week. Well played by –  
Josh Finnie  
Jacob Hoekstra  
Mitchell Wilson  
Wallace Pu.

The winning girl's team was decided this week and congratulations goes out to -

Maddy Doran  
Vivien Liu  
Julia Guthrie  
Emily White



Julia, Maddy, Emily and Vivien

**Performance Dance**

I am a young teacher who has held International titles in Latin American, Ballroom, New Vogue dance.

I will be running classes for both experienced and new pupils with no experience, but have an interest in dance. Male Partners are especially sought after at the moment, we welcome new female pupils too.

Please contact Donna from Performance Dance on 476 4406 or 021 176 9837

**Health Update**

Over the next four weeks we will be having the Life Ed. bus at Tahuna. Year 7 students will cover the Warrant of Fitness programme with Jacqui and Harold in the first fortnight, then the Year 8 classes will be involved in the - From the Shadows programme which promotes making good choices about decisions involving smoking, alcohol and drugs.

Thank you also to the parents who attended Gayna McConnell's evening on the Year 8 Sexuality Road programme, which she will deliver to Year 8 classes in weeks 8 and 9. We are pleased at the positive comments that were received on the night and will address the concerns before the programme is presented.

**Soccer Tuition**

I would like to mention a great opportunity for your children to get outdoors and get some quality football training in January 2010!!!

My name is Andrew Boyens. I am a Kiwi from Dunedin currently playing professional soccer in the USA for a team called the New York Red Bulls. I am also a current member of the New Zealand All Whites Team trying to make the World Cup!!! I am home in Dunedin during my off season and with my spare time have organised a holiday football program for children from the age of 7 to 13. The programme is being run by both myself, from a football point of view and my wife, who will be there from an administrative point of view. It will be run in conjunction with Football South. This will be the second year we have run the camps and the first year was a great success. The dates for the Dunedin camps are as follows:  
The 6th, 7th and 8th of January and;  
The 20th, 21st and 22nd of January.  
If you are interested please see Mr Hutton for an entry form.