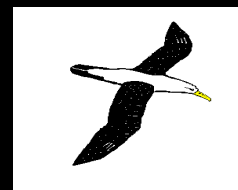


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Parent interviews are next week on Tuesday 7th September 3.30 – 5.30 & 6.00 – 8.30 and Wednesday 8th September 3.30 – 6 pm. These interviews are to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you or the teacher may have, arising from their reports and the improvements they have made.

You book the interviews yourself through the internet by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and entering the school code **8R25N** and then following the steps on the website.

If you are unable to access the internet just contact the school office and we will do the booking for you.

There has been a steady flow of enrolment forms from our Contributing Schools. We are hoping all applications will be in before the end of term. That gives us the time needed to make contact with families and schools to ensure that the transition to Tahuna is a positive and supportive one. If there are any further enrolments out there, please have these forwarded to the office now. Thank you.

The Board would like to clarify that the two students who appeared in last Friday's ODT article on John Wilson drive in their school uniforms were representing their own opinions not that of the school.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Otago Science Fair Awards Special Mention

Victoria Rosin Assistant Educator at the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and Portobello Aquarium recently wrote to us.



Anna Cooper, participated in the Aurora Otago Science and Technology Fair and won the NZ Marine Studies Centre, University of Otago Gifted and Talented Award. This earned her a place at the 5 day programme beginning on 1 Sept. at the Portobello Aquarium.

Otago Science Fair Awards

Drill Spill Kill - Anna Cooper 11 – **Premium Award and Gifted and Talented Award.**

Dough Raise me – Britta Hamill & Mhairi Duncan 15 - **NZ baking Industry Award.**

Magic memories- Nathan Macdonell & Liam Geddes 12 - **Aurora Award.**

Literal Thinking- Lulu Schnieders 5 – **Aurora Award, Computer Science Award and Psychology Dept Award**

Taste Buds- Tabitha Seaton 13 – **Food Science and Technology Award and College of Education Award.**

Solar Cooking – Cohen Rudd 6 – **Aurora Award and Energy research Award.**

Roof Heat - Leon Hook 12 – **Australasian Corrosion Award.**

Keeping it Hot– Sophie Kean 18 - **Australasian Corrosion Award.**

Biodiversity in Danger- Ali Higham 26 – **DOC Award and Forest and Bird Award.**

Ping– Katie Atkinson 26 – **College of Education Award.**

You've got Mail- Braden Smitheram 24 – **Aurora Award and Otago Polytech Award.**

Quality Pencil Cases



Matthew Harbrow



Jodie Little

Jodie and Matt's work came to the attention of Miss McKee at clothing as they were neat and accurate, included extra panels and were lined.

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YIP CARD Winners

GOLD BAR

Nathaniel Otley
Nathan MacDonell



Nathaniel and Nathan with the first Gold Bars for 2010

GOLD

Jaydin Mc Mullan
Jessica White
Evan Hinds

SILVER

Campbell Bulger
Kate Thornthwaite-Kennett
Josh Thom
Ben Rowley
Madalyn Fox
Georgia Hatton
Samantha Roderique
Erica Paterson
Sam Tindley
Sam Wallis

2010 Speech Competitions

This term all students at Tahuna have been working on speech making. We held class competitions and two finalists were selected from each class. The competition got down to eight students and our four representatives were chosen by Mr Jenkinson and Mr Hutton.

The students representing Tahuna in the Otago Lions club speech competition were Kahurangi Flavell and Tom Graves (Year 8), Kara Helm and Riley Coughlin (Year 7).

The main competition was held on Sunday at Kaikourai Valley College. Tahuna students performed to a very high standard, Kara Helm won the Year 7 competition and Kahurangi Flavell was runner-up in the Year 8 competition.

Congratulations to all our finalists who were excellent representatives of our school.

Rhythmical Gymnastics

Nadia Tutbury continued to have success when she recently moved on to the South Island Championships and took out silver overall in her division.

Her next challenge will be in September at the Nationals in Hamilton where she will be a member of the Otago team. We wish her and the team all the very best.

Congratulations

We congratulate all those who are mentioned in this newsletter for achieving representative status and / or higher honours in their chosen endeavour.

If your name is missing then please contact Mr Hutton so it can be included in the next issue.

Key Diary Dates

Tuesday and Wednesday 31 August +1 September - swimming for Rms 8.9.10.17.18.

Wednesday 1 September – Rms 26 + 24 off to the museum.+ our two rugby teams to play semi-finals at the Oval.

Thursday 2 September –Les Mills sessions for Yr 7 children in the hall. and Rms 9 + 17 are to visit the museum.

Thursday 2 September 1.30 – 2.30 – Choir to sing at the Marne Street Hospital + 2.00 3.00 Musselburgh to use our school hall for Kapa Haka practice.

Saturday 4 September – Robotics group at NZ Championships.

Sunday 5 September – School Team involved in Otago Rippa Rugby

Tuesday 7 September Rm 13 climbing on Logan Park climbing wall and Parent teacher interviews 3.30 – 5.30 & 6 – 8.30 pm.

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 + 8 September - swimming for Rms 8.9.10.17.18.

Wednesday 8 September – Dress rehearsal for Musselburgh School in our hall.

Wednesday 8 September - Rm 26 off to the Museum and Rms 1+11 climbing on the Logan Park Wall.

Wednesday 8 September – Parent –teacher interviews 3.30 – 6 pm.

Thursday 9 September – Tahuna performing at Polyfest at 12.30 + 2.00 + 2.30pm.

Friday 10 September – Otago Cross country at the Balmac Course.

Friday 24 September - Last day of Term 3.

Weekly Highlights for Term 3

WK1 – School Ski weekend and the Rhythm Interactive Performances.

WK2 – Yr 8 Visits to local High Schools.

WK3 – Yr 6 school tours and OPEN NIGHT.

WK 4 Remuera Group visited us.

Wk 5 Mathletics, Otago Science Fair, Classics and Writing Workshops.

WK 6 - Kia kaha lessons and Speech finals.

WK 7 – Yr 7 Museum Visits to Discovery World - “Survival Expo – Health “ and Choir Sing Out.

Victory Beach Winter Tramp



On 17th August Rooms 17 & 9 travelled down the Otago Peninsula for our Winter Tramp at Victory Beach. It was very foggy when we arrived but cleared as we headed through the native bush towards The Pyramids. These are two really strange shaped hills which have been caused by volcanic action thousands of years ago. It was really fun because we were able to climb to the top of the smaller one

and we could see for miles. Under this Pyramid there was a cool cave which we could go into and you could climb up through the hill and out onto a ledge part way up.

Then we headed off towards the beach. We walked most of the way along the sand until we came to what's left of The Victory, a mail ship which ran aground in 1861. All that you can see now is the old wheel. We had lunch there and were playing touch, Frisbee and having fun when some sea lions came ashore further along the beach. We watched them for a while and suddenly they started heading towards us. One came really close to us and started to roar – it was pretty scary! We grabbed our bags and headed up into the sand hills hoping they wouldn't follow us. We had to find our way through the bush to the lagoon on the other side and then struggle through wet, sticky quick sand to the paddocks. Once we had done this we trekked across the paddocks (dodging big cow pats!) to where we were meeting the bus. It was raining by the time we met up with the bus and we were all pretty happy to settle down and enjoy the trip back to school.

We had heaps of adventures and fun on our Winter tramp, especially our brush with a couple of angry sea lions.



Maori Games

We are fortunate over a nine week period to have students from Otago University Physical education Department in to work with classes. Their focus is Maori games and you can see below Room six working with the students.



Winter Tramp Recount

It was a cold morning in Dunedin as room 5 and 12 got on the bus to take us to Sawyer's Bay. On the way to our destination people were chatting and laughing .

We finally arrived at Sawyer's Bay so we all got off the bus and numbered off and everyone was there so we started to head up to Mt.Cargill.

The start was very hard because it was all uphill for about 1 and a half hours until we reached the top. We made a few stops on the way up but the coolest thing about the way up was the organ pipes. I just about fell a few times but at the top the view was amazing, you could see right down to the end of the peninsula.

As we got higher we started to see some snow and it was getting colder but at the top it was all worth it because there was heaps and heaps of snow and nearly everyone was part of a massive snowball fight. The other good thing was that we got to have lunch!

After having our lunch and throwing snowballs at each other we started to walk down the mountain to Bethune's Gully. Surprisingly it was just as hard going down as it was going up! Sometimes as we ran down we couldn't stop so we banged into each other.

After another hour or so we got to have a big rest at the playground where there was a hill which people kept falling down. Later the bus arrived to go back to school so we all got on and there was not as much talking as there was on the way to Sawyer's Bay.

When we got back to school we saw all of room 6's shoes and they were all covered in mud! So they must have had it harder than us. Back in room 5 everyone was out of energy but lucky for us it was ten past three so we got to go home and have a nice long sleep.

- Ben Rowley

ICE HOCKEY



It was great to hear that the combined Intermediate team took out the B grade Secondary Schools Ice Hockey league last week. It's the second year running for the boys who have played very well together up against high school teams. They won the final 13-0 against John MacGlashan.

Tahuna boys in the team were - Ben Wallis, Sam Barclay, Callum McLaren, Jacob Hurring and Dylan Devlin. There was also a couple of Balmacewen boys in the squad

ICE SKATING

Recently I heard that Emily Dickie had ice skated in the South Island Championships in Queenstown over the weekend. and came first out of 16 girls in her category.

She skated in the Elementary Ladies 10yrs and over grade with 15 others and her polished performance earned her the title . Well done.

WATERPOLO

Emily Dickie and Seb van Haasler both made the Otago U12 Waterpolo Team who are travelling to Auckland to compete on the first weekend of the school holidays. We

wish the team well in their inter-provincial games

Author – Ken Catran Visits



Above, Ken Catran, leading a discussion on character description

We were fortunate to have Ken Catran working in the school on Thursday 19th July with three groups of twenty children.

Over the day he excited these able writers and they were keen to write for him and then listen to his feedback on their efforts.

Ken read exciting extracts from his books to get them started and they were all ears as this author of around 47 novels spun his charms. Children I spoke to from each of the three workshops indicated the real value of his work and were appreciative of being asked to attend.

Excellent ICAS Spelling Results

We were thrilled to receive our results from Australia to find that our top results in the ODT Extra spelling had continued on to this examination.

Our Yr 8 average was 33.4 with the NZ average being 32.1. Our Yr 7's did even better and were placed at 31.3 while the NZ average was 28.5.

Strengths for our Yr 8's were seen in proof reading and correcting while for the Yr 7's it was dictation, rules, conventions and correcting.

We thank all children for sitting this exam and congratulate the following for their excellent results.

**YEAR 8
HIGH DISTINCTON**

Evan Hinds

DISTINCTION

Lydia Anderson
Anna Cooper
Sean Davidson
Britta Hamill

CREDIT

Jimmy Flanagan
Alix Fraser
Skye Grut
Jasmine Moody
Jessika Porter
Avinash Shastri

**YEAR 7
HIGH DISTINCTON**

Edie Benny
MacKenzie Gibson
Julia Gwynne-Jones

DISTINCTION

Casey Brown

CREDIT

Ali Higham
Jenilee Hill
Olivia Sangster

College Teachers working 1:1



Over week 5 we had five classes of second year College teachers in the school. In total there were nearly 140 of them here to work 1:1 with a Yr 7 child on numeracy understanding. During their first visit they questioned the child and got them to do different tasks so that when they return in Week 8 they will be able to teach them at their appropriate level.

Miniball Finals

Monday night saw the much anticipated miniball finals take place at the Edgar Centre. Both our Year 8 girls team and our Year 7 boys

teams were up against Balmacewan teams.

Both games were nail-biters with the girls conceding by 3 points and the boys by 1.

It was a proud moment when the Tahuna teams were congratulated, at the prize-giving, for their outstanding fair play and sportsmanship. Well Done Tahuna.

Open Night Lucky Draw Winners

Thanks to all those people who entered the lucky draw on the night. Those successful in winning vouchers in the past were –
Colby Teague
Jessica Greenan
Tom Dewes
Charlie Shearstone
Charity Beauchamp
Thomas George
Isaac Underwood

Bayfield High School Enrolments

If you have decided on Bayfield High School for your child, could you please send your enrolment form in as soon as possible.

King's High Yr 9 Enrolments for 2011

Information packs and scholarship information for 2011 can be collected and dropped into the Kings High main office.

**Fundraiser for Otago 12th Grade Girls Rep Football Team
DISCO ON ICE**

Dress-up theme: TV, Movies and Cartoons

WHERE: Dunedin Ice Stadium
WHEN: Saturday 11th September 2010

TIME: 5.15pm-7.15pm
COST: \$10 per person

Refreshments available
Pre-sale ticket enquiries contact: Kim on 027 426 3588 Txt's welcome or email gottlieb@xtra.co.nz