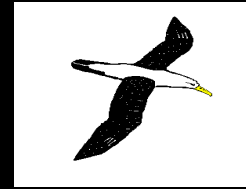


Tahuna News



Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Much attention was given to the Tsunami warning on Sunday and although it turned out to be a non-event it does however underline the need for schools such as ours to have processes in place should such an event happen.

We do have an evacuation policy and plan that we practise once a term so that in the event of Tsunami, fire or earthquake required actions take place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. In the case of a Tsunami generated from a distance we evacuate and head to higher ground at the Dundonald Street steps and eventually assemble at Andersons Bay School.

According to Civil Defence there is no credible risk to our school from a locally generated tsunami.

Emergency procedures can be viewed on our website www.tahuna.school.nz

Tony Hunter
Principal

Congratulations

Brass Band Representation



Congratulations to Harry Smith who made his euphonium debut with the Mosgiel Brass Band last weekend. They played at the 'Festival of the Plains' and Harry certainly looks very professional in his band uniform.

Oliver Production

Claudia Maker and Juliette Bernard have been selected to be in the cast of Taieri Musicals "Oliver" to be staged in July. Approx 70 children auditioned for 24 places.

Tennis

Well done to Eliza Booth for being named in the U12 Otago Tennis team which recently travelled to a Tournament in Timaru and won games against North Otago. I heard that Otago won overall and they enjoyed their games.

Ocean Athletics

Mikayla Garforth and Jessi Clark – Grant went to the National Ocean Athletics last week in Mt Manganui. Representing St Clair Surf Lifesaving Jessie made the sprints final and Mikayla made the knee board final. Both girls were really thrilled with their results and enjoyed their time in the North Island.

Surf Life Saving

Silas Kemp has had recent success when two weeks ago he was up in Christchurch for the Canterbury Champs competing for the St Clair Surf Club. Silas won a gold medal in the beach flags and a gold and silver in the team events.

Then, last weekend he competed in the Otago Championships and

managed a second in the beach sprint and first in the team relay.

Athletics

Well done to Hayley Weegenaar who was selected in the Otago Athletic team for the New Zealand interprovincial competition being held over Easter in Invercargill.

Y.I.P. Awards

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

Silver

Britta Hamill
Samantha Ayson

Bronze

Petra Kemp
Sam Tindley
Josh Kenneally
Sean Davidson
Hayley Weegenaar
Ben Farry
Roscoe Moore
Connor New
Levi Spurr

Children write for "Extra"

The well written thoughts from Oliver Kelly, Logan Herbert, Jassmyn walker, Sam Ayson and Tamera Buckingham on changing the NZ flag were refreshing to read.

Sam Howell's "I am" poem was very descriptive and well done to Mitchell Anderson for winning a book prize in the Extra quiz.

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.

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<http://www.tahuna.school.nz>

e-mail: tahuna@tahuna.school.nz

Japanese Trainee Teachers visit Tahuna.

On Wednesday 24th February we had ten Japanese trainee teachers in for the morning to see how our school operates. They were welcomed by our multicultural group and Mr Hunter. Lucy Melchert also gave a short speech in Japanese to greet them. They had a tour of the school and then spent time in classes interacting with children and seeing how NZ teachers work



Three of the trainees try their skills on the marimba.



Our Japanese visitors were most impressed with the Year 7 children making circuits in the technology room..

Building Circuits

In design technology, our classes got to make a circuit. First, we learnt how circuits work, then we drew a design in our workbooks of what we wanted it to look like. Next, we slowly started to work on our circuit and made sure that we had no gap between anything.

Then we started to make our background. We were able to use acrylic or wood. Once we had done that we joined it all together using a

hot glue gun. The best part of the week for me was being able to accomplish my goal of being the first one to finish.

Brooke Farrell Rm10



Key Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd March - Health nurses in to see some Yr 8 girls [HPV]

Wednesday 3rd March - Rooms 17 off to camp. Return on Friday.

Thursday 4th March – Ms Noonan in to discuss children's absences.

Sunday 7th March - Weetbix Tryathlon.

Monday 8th March – Room 24 leave for camp – return on Wednesday.

Monday 8th March – Rooms 14 + 15 leave for camp – return on Friday.

Wednesday 10th March - Rooms 10 off to camp. Return on Friday.

Monday 15th March – Rooms 5 leave for camp – return on Friday.

Monday 22nd March - Anniversary Day – School closed

Tuesday 23rd March – Room 1 off to camp. Return Friday.

Monday 29th March – Rooms 11 leave for camp – return on Thursday.

Thursday 1st April – 9.00 – 12.00 School swimming Sports at Moana Pool.

Thursday 1st April – last day of Term 1.

Monday 19th April- 1st day of Term 2.

Weekly Highlights for Term 1

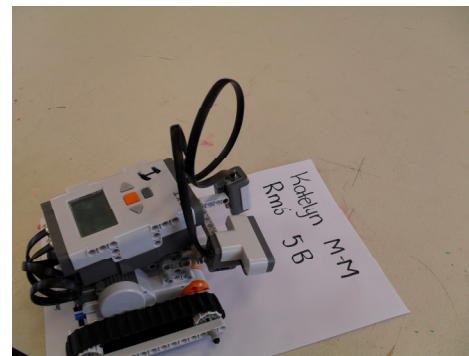
Wk 1- Meeting new friends.

Wk 2 -Meeting new parents / caregivers.

Wk 3 – Camps and Aquarium/Albatross Colony visits commenced.

Wk4 – The visit from the Japanese trainee teachers and moving camp to avoid the bush fire.

Wk 5 - Cricket skills taught to all classes at P/E by visiting cricket coach.



Design Technology - Robotics

For the last week in Mr Boyes room at tech the students in 5b have been programming robots to make them detect things like sound, touch and more. First we had to do a tutorial on the computer then load it onto the robot.

The robot I programmed has a light detector and a distance detector.

By Katelyn Marr – McElroy.

House Leaders for 2010

Congratulations to the following who have been selected for house leadership roles for this year.

Blue House

Jasmine Moody 11

Harry Smith 11

Deputies

Avi Roberts 6

Callum Mc Laren 7

Yellow House

Jessie Clarke-Grant 7

Josh Dijkstra 11

Deputies

Hayley Weegenaar 7

Damon Moss 12

Green House

Lulu Schneiders 5

Caleb Stephens 11

Deputies
Hanna English 15
Nathan Mac Donell 12

Red House

Madi Heywood 5
Stuart Caird 12

Deputies
Roscoe Moore 11
Katie Galvin 6

Metropolitan Cricket Representation

Well done to the following boys who were selected for the Yr 7 or Yr 8 Boys Cricket Metropolitan Teams.

Year 7

George Mc Call
McKenzie Gibson
Patrick Arnold
Harry Procter
Kurt Johnston

Year 8

Elliott Love
Sam Wallis
Taine Bayly
Sam Montgomery
Avinash Shastri
Josh Dijkstra

We wish them well with their representative fixtures.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Congratulations to the following for winning entry tickets to the above for writing a good reason for why they deserved a FREE ticket.

Mike Trillo
Juliette Lequeux
Penny Woods
Claire Hudson

Rotary Park School Duathlon

We were thrilled to hear that Kevin Quick and Josh Aitchison were first equal in the 10 – 11 year old boys section and also the overall winners of the Duathlon. Added comments were made about their great sportsmanship.

HPV Vaccination Programme 2010

A reminder to all parents,

The first dose of the HPV vaccine will be given to the year 8 girls on 3rd March. If a student is away that day, she can receive the vaccination at a later date in a catch-up clinic at school.

If you have not already returned vaccination consent forms, it is not too late. Extra forms are available from the school office. Late consents can be brought to school on the day of vaccination.

Parents or caregivers can accompany their daughters on the day of vaccination, if they wish. Please ask the office what time the nurses will be at your school.

Only girls (under 16) whose parent or caregiver has consented in writing will be given the vaccine at school. Students 16 or older can self-consent.

On the day of vaccination, please ensure your daughter has breakfast, and wears a loose-sleeved top, if possible.

Side effects of the vaccine are uncommon, and the students should be able to participate in normal physical activities a few hours after the vaccination.

All girls born on or after January 1, 1990, are eligible for free HPV vaccine through their GP practice.

Should you have any questions about the programme, please phone:

Karen Nielsen
HPV school-based co-ordinator
Otago Public Health Nursing Service
Phone 03) 476 9838
karen.nielsen@healthotago.co.nz

Rippa Rugby Sessions

Over weeks three and four we have had Amanda and Warren in from the Rugby Union to teach our children how to play Rippa Rugby.

Most coaching sessions were out on the fields but we did have one or two inside when it rained.



The following Monday I visited the Edgar centre to watch some of our 21 teams play in inter school games.



I was fascinated by the speed of the game, positional play, accurate passing and sportsmanship from boys and girls in our mixed teams.

Chocolate Sales

Thanks to all children and parents / caregivers for the great response to selling chocolate. As our major fundraiser we are on course to make a large amount for our new Apple computers and set of mountain bikes .. However, we need to give that final burst to sales to ensure we keep the money coming in.

We have stressed safety of children selling and safety of BOTH chocolates and money raised.

In total appreciation of a great effort to date.

Running Shoes Misplaced



These size 7 or 8 Black and red fringed Adidas runners went

missing two weeks back. If anyone knows of their whereabouts you could quietly let Mr Hutton know. Ph 4553994.

Cricket



On Friday the 26 th February the Tahuna Milo Cricket team went to Bishopcourt to play Balmacewen B. Tahuna bowled first and managed to only allow them to score 115. Good bowling performance by Taine Bayly, Sam Montgomery and Mckenzie Gibson with every one bowling well. There were three ducks in the Balmacewen innings. We chased that down in just 28 and a bit overs with good batting from Kurt Johnston (40) Josh Dijkstra (37no). Overall, a great effort. We hope for the some result next week.

By Arie Verway

University Of Otago College of Education Children's Choir for 2010

This choir is for children 7yrs – 13yrs and commences on Thursday 25th February in the Music Suite at the College at 4.00pm. Rehearsals will run from 4.00 – 5.15 each Thursday of the school term finishing on November 25th. All children welcome with no auditions required. Regular attendance and a commitment to attend arranged performances are expected.

Cost - \$25 per Term 1 and \$30 for the other Terms or .. \$115 for the whole year.

Contact - Carole Randall
UOCE Music Dept
Ph 4794243

Email: carole.randall@otago.ac.nz

Pirates Junior Rugby

Registration Days for U5's and above welcome!

Pirates Junior Rugby invites you all to register at our club rooms on John Wilson Drive , St Kilda on the following days.

Sunday 7th March 1.00 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 9th March 6.00 – 7.30pm

Thursday 11th March 6.00 – 7.30pm

For more information contact Nicky Fleury on 4550483 or Paula Mason on 473829.

Notices available at front office desk

- Violin, Clarinet and saxophone tuition.
- Junior Golf at Chisholm Park
- African Drum lessons
- Meridian Kids Bike Jam
- Ice Hockey
- KORU CARE CASINO night

Dunedin Technical A.F.C.

Are you looking for a Junior Football Club to play for in 2010?

Dunedin Tech AFC Registrations For New & Returning Players

When: • Thursday 4th March 2010, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

• Sunday 7th March 2010, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Where: • Culling Park in Royal Crescent, St Kilda

Fees: • Skills Program (for 4 to 5 year olds): \$10

• Individual Club Player: \$55

• Family fees (for 2 players): \$90

• Family fees (for 3+ players): \$130

All Players from 6th to Youth Grade registering with Dunedin Tech for 2010 will receive a **Free Football**.

This ball is yours to keep & use during training this football season.

Otago Sports Depot will be on site

both registrations days for all your soccer requirements.

All Inquiries: Liz Dijkstra 455-2202 or Mike Clark 455-6318



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Parents Inc Toolbox Parenting Courses

Day & Evening courses

Game On-dads / Parent Support Group-mums

Register now for 2010

0-6 years / 6-12 years / Teenage

6 sessions; cost negotiable

ph 4773403

sue@cathsocialservices.org.nz

www.cathsocialservices.org.nz

Children's Pottery Classes

- Hand building
- slab work
- decoration

The Potters Cottage Glenfalloch Gardens with resident potter Jodie Austin

Starting Thursday 4th March 3.30-5pm

For five weeks 7years and up \$40 per child materials and firings inclusive

Bookings essential

ph Jodie evenings.....4780 050

Dunedin Ice Hockey

The Dunedin Ice Hockey Association is about to begin our 2010 season.

Registration is now handled online at

<http://dunedinicehockey.co.nz/registration/>. Players can register online and then pay their fees at their first practice or game.

Further Information available at school office

Girl Guide Biscuits

Pippins, Brownies, Guides & Rangers are selling GirlGuide biscuits at Musselburgh Playground, opposite Bayfield Road, on Saturday 6th March & Sunday 7th March between 11 am - 3 pm and also the following weekend Saturday, 13th March & Sunday 14th March at the same times. Come along to get your favourite biscuits.