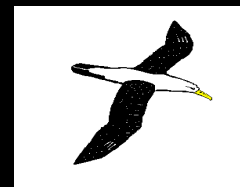


# Tahuna News



## Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Term 1 2010 has been a very busy and successful one.

All 18 classes have gone on their camps within the last 7 weeks of the term – a marvellous experience for all those concerned. Thank you to those who helped with their organisation and supervision – they can't happen without your wonderful support.

Parent Interviews have now been completed but remember if you have missed out you can arrange one at any time – just contact the school to arrange a suitable time.

Classroom programmes are well underway and the teaching teams are well advanced in their planning for the rest of the year.

There is a very positive and engaged atmosphere evident in all aspects of the school and students have made a great start to the year - well done everyone.

Tony Hunter  
Principal

## BOT Elections

Nomination forms for 3 parent representatives have been sent out to all eligible voters. Nominations close 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.

If you would like to know more about being BOT rep contact; Jacquie Tonks (BOT Chair) 454 5081, Janet Bernard 476 1147 or Jonathan Hinds 454 6228.

## Tahuna 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion 2011

The Tahuna Normal Intermediate School reunion will be held at Easter 2011 and we ask any parents or ex-pupils who are interested in helping form a committee to plan and coordinate this event in conjunction with the school to contact the office.

## Congratulations

### Tahuna First equal in Water Polo Final



Coach Werner van Haaslaar and his Tahuna Team who were undefeated for the season and ended up 1st equal with Balmacewen Intermediate.



Two Tahuna swimmers battle it out for the ball.

## Futsal reps

Liam Whittaker has been selected as Captain for the Otago under 12 Futsal team which is travelling to Christchurch over Easter weekend.

We are also fortunate to have Louis Gray in the U11 Otago Team.

We wish both teams well in their representative fixtures.

## Futsal Teams

Great effort from all of the Tahuna teams (9 of them ) at the local interschool Futsal competition. A great attitude was shown throughout the season, terrific parent support and lots of skill shown by the boys and girls. A step up from last year as well with Tahuna teams contesting both finals for the first time. The Girls winning team were the Dominators who coincidentally won the competition last year and over these two years they have developed an excellent team spirit. The Boys final was a closely contested affair with the game going down to the wire. A last minute goal by Tahuna United saw them take out a meritorious 3-2 win against The Flying Pigs.

At time of printing 3 squads are contesting the Otago finals and all three teams have made it through to the semis with the girls winning their pool against older opposition from Otago Girls and Logan Park. We wish them all the best for the games ahead.



**Basketball**

Well done to Jordan Farquhar and James Mathieson for their selection in the Otago U13 Development Basketball Squad. They have a weekend tournament in Timaru over the Easter weekend, another full-day tournament in Invercargill on Sunday May 2 and a third in Dunedin on Sunday May 9th.

**2nd in Otago Lit Quiz Challenge**



Last Friday, two teams from Tahuna competed in the Otago Children's Literature Quiz competition held at DNI. There were twelve teams competing. The two teams, each consisting of four children, had been practising for the previous three weeks before Friday and were reasonably well prepared. There were ten rounds in the competition, each based on a different subject with ten questions about that topic. Prior to the competition, each team had to pick a subject that they would double their points on. Both Tahuna teams doubled on 'Creatures'. In the end, our teams finished up coming second and fourth, DNI beating us for first place. There was a \$80 dollar prize for second place, and both teams won a round each and therefore were given a book each. We all enjoyed competing and it was a good experience, and we all learnt lots of new facts about literature.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Grace Cook  
Sam Lewis  
Jimmy Flanagan  
Lydia Anderson

**4<sup>th</sup> Place**

Anna Cooper  
Nathan MacDonell  
Britta Hamill  
Kevan Cole

- Lydia Anderson

**Otago Swimming Championships**

On Saturday the 26th March Rebecca McNaughton, Josh Aitcheson, Emily Dickie and Lulu Schneiders represented Tahuna at the Otago Primary School Swimming Champs. They all entered in the 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and two relay events- we were placed 5th in the Medley and 6th in the Freestyle. Josh and Lulu did well and qualified for all three individual finals, and Emily who qualified for one. Lulu achieved a 2nd placing in the Women's 12 & over 50m Freestyle with a time of 31.93 seconds!!

Well done to all four competitors!!



**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)

**Robot does what it's told.**



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Josh and I made a ball-kicking robot. First, we followed the tutorial and then we downloaded it onto our

NXT robot. We then constructed an arm and hockey stick out of two pieces of Lego and a motor. We tested it and it didn't work! We finally realised that the arm moved backwards. We fixed it up by changing the computer programme. It worked! Next we played around with it until it could score goals. We showed Mr Hutton he said "Do you guys want to put an article in the newsletter?" We were so surprised we said "Yes!"

- Mitchell Brown and Joshua Buchanan

**School Council – End of Term Disco**

Tonight, Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, the invitation only School Council Disco is being held in the Tahuna School Hall, from 7pm till 9pm, at a cost of \$5.00 per student. This charge includes a drink. Water will also be available. Extra drinks will be sold on the night, at a cost of \$1 per bottle

A high standard of behaviour is expected from all students.. We do ask that parents please collect your child promptly from the appropriate exit, as stated on the invitation. Here's looking forward to another successful, Council fundraiser for the year.

**Multicultural Update**

On Saturday, the 20th March, a small representation from our Kapa Haka group, performed at the MULTI ETHNIC concert to celebrate cultural diversity. The group and Mr Hokianga opened the concert and performed to an audience of various ethnic backgrounds. This was the first performance for the year and not only did the students look smart, they performed superbly too, making Tahuna proud. Many thanks to Mrs Rouvi and the parents for supporting at this out of school activity.

**School Mufti Day**

The School Council Mufti Day last Friday raised a fabulous \$445,

which was pretty amazing considering we were one class down, Literacy Quiz team members were in uniform and a few students were absent. This was a Splendid result and the Council will bring ideas to the table next term, to decide how best to use these funds.

### Room 13 Camp

Hi it's Taylor From room 13 I'm e-mailing you about camp. On the photos you'll see we did kayaking, sailing and air Rifle shooting.



We also did a number of other activities such as raft building and bow and arrow shooting.



At camp we had a water slide and some fun activities (orienteering and some team games).

That's what room 13 did at Year 8 camp and I hope you get more about camp.

-Taylor Murray

### Room 12 Tramp



This is the massive swing bridge on the tramp.



This is Room 12 at the top of the tramp, half way to the end of the tramp.



Joe and Tori are helping Leon on the blind confidence course.



Leon abseiling down a very steep face..” I really enjoyed abseiling.”

- Leon Hook

### REMUERA INTERMEDIATE EXCHANGE 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

On Sunday 16th May, 30 pupils, two teachers and a parent, will fly to Auckland where they will be met by their billets from Remuera Intermediate School. From Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May, they will be engaged in a number of educational activities at Remuera and other venues around Auckland.

Previous years' trips have been successful and we think that this is a significant educational opportunity for some of our pupils, and a link with another school in Auckland which is worth fostering.

### Key Diary Dates

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – 9.00 – 12.00 School swimming Sports at Moana Pool.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – last day of Term 1.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Wk 6- Cricket coaching and the big chocolate prizegiving.
- Wk 7 – Teachers meet parents / caregivers.
- Wk 8 – Literacy Quiz / Mufti Day / Inter School Cricket
- Wk 9 – Swimming Sports

**ICAS [NSW] Examinations**

It is that time again to think about entering children in the Australasian Examinations for Spelling, English, Mathematics, Computing and Science. Now known as ICAS and run by the University of NSW. We find these are great challenges for children who have strong interests / successes in these areas.

Computer Skills	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Science	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Spelling	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
English	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Mathematics	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August

In endeavouring to minimise the handling of lots of money and entries, it would be appreciated if you could complete one entry for them all. There will still be the opportunity for you to enter individual exams and I will inform you around the time of closing dates.

Please complete the form below and return to Mr Hutton by Friday **23rd April** ( Essential if computing is your first examination )

Name.....

.....Room.....

Please enter me in the following examinations:-

Science \$7.50 ( ) Computer Skills \$7.50 ( ) Spelling \$9.50 ( ) English \$7.50 ( ) Mathematics \$7.50 ( )

Amount included \$......

Signature.....

**Lalomanu Appeal**



Last year, after the devastation in Samoa, the School Council held a Mufti Day and a representation of the Multicultural group performed at the fundraising performance, in our local Anderson's Bay church. As it was the village of Mrs Lale which was worst hit, we were delighted to assist and have pledged to commit to an ongoing effort with Lalemanu.

It is hoped that a container of tools can be sent before Easter and we are hoping that there may be unwanted tools in our school community that could be given for this appeal. If you can assist, please drop off your tools in the office foyer, where Mrs Lale will collect them on Thursday, or contact Mrs Toa at school, to arrange collection.

We did not want our support to be a one off, so if you can help in any way, the villagers of Lalemanu will be most grateful. Mrs Lale also intends visiting the school and keeping the children informed of the rebuilding progress.

- Mrs Toa

**Weetbix Tryathlon**

Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March was a very special day for over one thousand children.

It was the 7<sup>th</sup> Weet-Bix Triathlon this year, held in the Memorial park Mosgiel.

It was a fantastic turn out with many families enjoying the hot summer weather. We had to get up very early to put our bike in the transition area!

There were team and individual events made up of Swimming, Cycling and Running!

This was my first Triathlon despite having done some training beforehand, I was very nervous and worried but once I had started I had a lot of fun and was really pleased to finish. For everyone who wants a

challenge or just a fun activity I would recommend this! (Oh and there are excellent spot prizes!)

- Claire Hudson

**Rippa Rugby**

Congratulations to all the Tahuna Normal Intermediate Rippa- Rugby teams on your sportsmanship and positive attitude when playing over the last six weeks. I have seen a lot of skills on display when watching different teams each week.

A BIG THANK- YOU to all the staff, parents/ caregivers for your support and time over the last six weeks, it has been much appreciated by the Tahuna community.

- Mr Ede

**School Activity donation and Technology fees**

Thank you to those parents who have paid their children's activity donation/technology fees. Receipts will be issued and sent home as soon as possible.

**Notices available at front office desk**

- Violin and Brass tuition.
- Netball
- Design an Eco-bag Competition
- Science Badges
- Orokonui Ecosanctuary Easter Eggstravaganza
- Kiwi Kids Learn magazine info.
- ICAS Assessments Entry forms

**Infections**

We would appreciate parents advising us immediately if your child has any infectious complaints ie chickenpox, measles etc. This ensures the health of our pregnant teachers is not compromised. Thank you