

tahuna intermediate

the adventure begins

Tahuna Normal Intermediate School Newsletter – Number 20 – 7 December 2011

Welcome

Dear Parents / Caregivers

2011 has been another busy and fulfilling year at Tahuna. As we reflect on another year finishing we can see that we provide a tremendous amount of opportunities for our students to take part in and experience - a very wide range of activities from academic, sporting and cultural disciplines.

Our students really enjoy and embrace these opportunities and as you will have noticed from our newsletters this year many have succeeded to the highest level.

Thank you for another excellent year. The support of our parents, the marvellous efforts of our top teaching team, and the positive involvement of our special students makes this the successful high performing school that it is.

To Jacquie Tonks and the Board, thank you for your positive contributions and support. To the full staff team, thank you and well done!

Finally I would like to express our thanks to every Tahuna student – you have been fantastic at upholding our school values of – Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Success. You have been an awesome group and I know that the Year 8s will go onto

Secondary school and represent themselves and Tahuna well next year.

To the Year 7s I know that you will step up and receive the mantle of leadership and be exemplary role models to our new students next year.

All the best for the holiday break – have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Tony Hunter
Principal

Hats

All students are required to wear hats during Terms 1 and 4. This year's Year 7's hats will be stored at school and made available to students at the start of Term 1 2012. New students can purchase hats from our uniform shop for \$10.

Reports

End of year reports will be given to your child to take home tomorrow.

Congratulations

U16 Otago Cricket Team

Well done to Taine Bayly for his selection in the U16 Otago Cricket Team. This has come about owing to some fine displays with the bat and ball this season. We wish him all the best in his upcoming representative fixtures

Most Valued Player



Louise Nicolson recently was honoured by being awarded the most valued player award for her contributions to her U13 Otago Hockey team. Well done Louise.

Y.I.P. Awards



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

Gold Bar Bar [Outstanding achievement]

Casey Brown
Claire Hudson

Gold Bar

Jade Fielding
Bryn Monk

Gold

Katie Atkinson
Rebecca Turner
Dylan Edwards
Hayley Redmile
Harry Proctor
Charmaine Crawford – Masina
Katie Knopp

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Lewis Anderson

Silver

Jade Hughes
 Calum Booth
 Livie Pattinson
 Lyshanna Tallon - Nicholls
 Solomon Baldock
 Clare Gorman
 Bryleigh Geary
 Lara Davidson
 Kurt Johnston
 Lauren McAuley
 Nelson Mears
 Gibson Winter
 Jacob Granger

Otago Athletic Championship Results

Once again we had some very pleasing results in tough competition. We thank the athletes for their time and effort at training and those who have potential and also trained hard, came through and appeared in the semis and the finals. Relay teams ran well and many featured in finals. Hurdlers and throwers also featured in podium finishes. Congratulations to the following:

1st

Blake McDonald - Hurdles
 Kara Helm - Sprints
 - Relay
 Jules Murphy - Hurdles
 Casey Kruishoop - Relay
 Brittany Moore - Relay
 Paytra Wallace - Relay



Synchronised hurdling

2nd

Liam Ayson - High Jump
 Callum Furzeman - Shot Put
 Taine Bayly - Discus
 Roman Flaws - Relay
 Josef Belton - Relay
 Maatai Glendining -
 Hosking - Relay
 Blake Mac Donald - Relay
 Tom Pledger - Relay
 Solomon Baldock - Relay
 Joel Smolenski - Relay
 Taine Grimsey - Relay



Well represented in the Relays.

3rd

Jade Fielding - Hurdles
 Grace Hurring - High Jump
 Matitia Lale - Shot Put
 James Matheson - Shot Put
 - Discus
 Jules Murphy - Relay
 Mya Hellyer -Melville - Relay
 Hayley Kettings - Relay
 Ciara Maslin - Relay

NZ Speech Results



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**TAHUNA
 INTERMEDIATE
 SPEECH RESULTS**

Speech and Drama

Bryn Monk Grade 4
 Honours Plus
 Kendra Buist Grade4
 Honours
 Maria Angus Grade 4 Merit
 Rebecca McNaughton 4 Merit

Poppy Cairns Grade 2 Merit
 Plus
 Emma Spiers Grade 2 Merit
 Georgia Cook Grade 2
 Credit Plus

Congratulations to you all. Bryn Monk was the only student in Dunedin who received Honours Plus at this exam session. An excellent result Bryn has also been nominated for the Melda Townsley award for Excellence in the use of language and expression



The new glass doors on the side of the hall make the hall seem bigger and brighter.

Diary Dates.

- o Friday 9 December – Top Class challenge 10.40 – 12.30 pm on school grounds.
- o Friday 9 December Councillors and Cultural leaders lunch.
- o Friday 9 December 2.15pm – General school awards presented at Assembly
- o Monday 12 December – Yr7's to Moana Pool at 1.00pm and Yr 8's to skating at 10.00 and

then on to Salt water Pool at 1.00pm.

- Tuesday 13 December at 2.00pm – Prize Giving and 7.30 – 9.30 Farewell Social for Yr 8 children.
- Wednesday 14 December 12.00 - Last day of school.
- **Friday 27 January 2012 TOD, classes announced and meet the teacher session at 2.00 – 3.00pm.**
- **Monday 30 January – School starts and school photos taken.**

Me And My School Survey

Recently all the Yr 7 and Yr 8 children completed this survey and some of the remarkable results were as follows:

I respect other student's space and property at this school. [99%]

I feel my teachers help me learn. [97%]

I feel like I am making progress at school. [97%]

I like learning new things at school [96%]

At school I really care that I do my best work [93 %]

I pay attention in class.[90%]

I take school seriously [91%]

I am interested in what I am learning at school.[91%]

There is just the right amount of challenge for me at school.[91%]

Most of my teachers like me[89%]

People care about each other in this school.[87%]

I am interested in what I am learning at school [87%]

I take care that my homework is done properly [85%]

Most of the time being at school puts me in a good mood. [85 %]

My friends think school is important [84 %]

Most mornings I look forward to going to school [83%]

Technology



I made this carving in hard materials on a piece of MDF wood. First we had to measure up the block of wood, then draw up the block of wood, then draw on our design. We showed it to Mr Arnold and then began to trace in the pattern with a hot poker. My overall mark was a 4 which I am very proud of. We will start to make coasters from our wood blocks later in the week.

- Ella Roberts Rm 14

Published Work



Claire Caird holds her piece on the Yellow eyed penguin at Sandfly Bay which was published in "Kiwi Conservation Club". This magazine is the junior branch of "Forest and Bird".

Her piece was selected from her Science Fair Project and it was also a finalist in the Toroa

Children's Conservation Awards.

"Tahuna on Stage " a Big success.

An appreciative audience at the College Auditorium witnessed a high quality show on Tuesday night. Many positive comments were passed on to staff and we thank you for those and we thoroughly enjoyed working with your children. I'm sure we will see many of them on stage in the future.

Thanks to Mrs Coughlin for putting the show together and thanks to all those staff members who worked with performers over the year to get the quality items we enjoyed. See below some pictures taken at the dress rehearsal.



One of our two Rock Bands who performed on the night.



Our dance group moved as one to a popular tune under magic lighting.



The guitar group sounded great after dedicated practice.



The marimba band played three pieces and concentration was written over their faces.



Personally, I just loved the quick thinking and humour from our Theatresports group.



Our haka boys generated 100% effort in their item.



Original stomp items were well received and Nel's solos caused burst of laughter from the audience.



The orchestra played as a tight unit and during the National Anthem Room 15 children ably signed the words.



All of the cast joined together for the Finale and sang – "Put a Little Love in Your Heart."

Water Polo Participation Survey

We would like to ask the Clubs and Centers if they could communicate to all players, schools etc to go online (follow the link on the home page at www.waterpolo.org.nz) and fill

out the survey please. If you could put a notice with the link on your website and/or in your newsletters it will greatly help us in collating the results.

The survey has been running over the past 4 months and up to this point some interesting observations have been produced, which we would like to verify, or otherwise with a wider response. For example the other sport that water polo players are most likely to participate in is Surf Life Saving. That might be because we have had a great response from Bay of Plenty. Thank you to those people.

We would like to be in a position to publish the results in the New Year, so we will close the survey in early December.

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Newsletters are normally sent home each fortnight on Wednesdays. You can also have a copy emailed to you, or view them on our website. If you would like to be added to the emailing list, please let me know on -

tahuna@tahuna.school.nz.

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