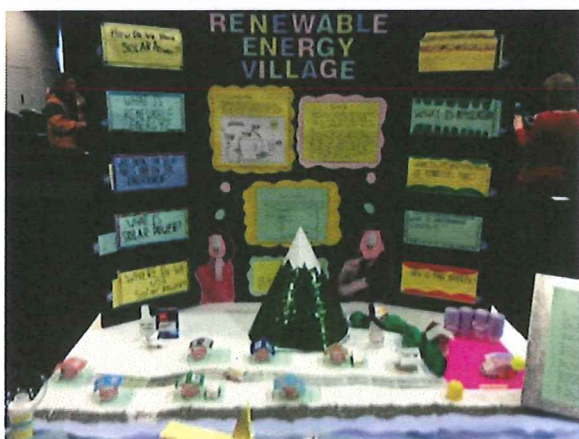


Science Fair Success

Last Friday seven teams of Yr 4-6 children were present at the Devon Hotel to hear the results of the Petroleum Skills Association Science Fair. This year's theme was *Energy of the Future* and 8 Taranaki schools had submitted 75 entries for this year's fair. Not only did each child receive a free lunch and a goodie bag but Central School managed to walk away with several prizes. Our biggest congratulations must go to Thomas Hooks, Lars Farrant, Tayen McGuinness & Nataya Lumluksanaphaiboon.

Thomas & Lars were placed second for their display on Hydro Electricity and were also awarded the Best Technical Design prize. Tayen & Nataya won third place and also the Most Creative/ Artistic prize for their Renewable Energy Village. Total winnings came to \$1650 which is shared between themselves and the school. Sophie Thomas was the lucky recipient of a gift bag containing many items from the sponsors.

Mr Hills would like to acknowledge the efforts of all children who managed to complete a display board and model for this competition. These projects require a good deal of commitment from both the children and adults as planning began with our first meeting back in July. I realise that much of the work was done at home and this often required the coordination of children, science play-dates and the compilation of resources. Your efforts were much appreciated and the science resources at the school will be boosted with the money to be received shortly.



Tennis at Pukekura

Spring is here (in theory), and a new season of tennis is about to get underway. Pukekura Park Tennis Club is very fortunate to have Mat Garnham as Head Coach - Tennis New Zealand's "2015 Club Coach of the Year". So why not learn from the best - with options for beginners and experts, kids and adults!

To find out more about **playing or learning tennis at Pukekura**, go to www.pptc.co.nz or email admin@pptc.co.nz. Or you can register in person at the Club on Tuesday 22 September from 3:30 to 6pm. Coaching for juniors is included in the membership fee, and starts on the first week of term 4.

The **School Holiday Programme** runs from 5-9 October, with half and full day options. Register at www.blitztennis.co.nz. Open to all students aged 5-18, with or without tennis experience. This is a great way to give tennis a go, or to hone your skills in preparation for the new season.

Hey parents, don't let the kids have all the fun! There is **group coaching for adults** at 9:15 - 10:15 am on Fridays during term time; or try Cardio Tennis on Sundays at 4-5 pm from 18 October. Non-members and new members very welcome.

Pukekura will also be hosting Taranaki's first ever Pink Tennis Day called **Girls on Court**, on **October 11th, 11am-2pm**. All women & girls welcome - even if you've never played tennis before! Males can come along too, provided you don't mind wearing pink. All funds raised go to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Head to blitztennis.co.nz to register (**it's free!**) and get a free t-shirt on the day!

