

NEWSLETTER

**MR. DANIEL POBLETE**

Former student and now principal, aims to uphold the school's Christian values, foster a strong sense of community, and lead Tabancura into a bright future.

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MR. MANUEL ELGUETA

After 33 years of inspiring students at Tabancura, respected English teacher Manuel Elgueta retires, leaving a legacy of passion, mentorship, and transformative education.

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B2 FIRST CERTIFICATION

Thirty-nine 11th-year students from Tabancura achieved outstanding results in the prestigious Cambridge B2 First certification.

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From the Editors



Dear School Community,

We are thrilled to share with you the final edition of this year's newsletter!

What began as a dream has now become a reality, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our students—our very own "journalists."

This workshop arrived at just the right moment to shine a light on all the amazing things happening at Tabancura.

Our goal has always been to inspire and empower our students to go beyond the expected, fueled by passion and enthusiasm. Each article in this newsletter was crafted with love and dedication, aiming to bring joy and connection to everyone in our school community.

We hope you have enjoyed every edition as much as we have enjoyed creating them. We eagerly look forward to starting our second year with the same energy and commitment! Wishing you all a joyful holiday season, and we can't wait to see you again in March 2025!

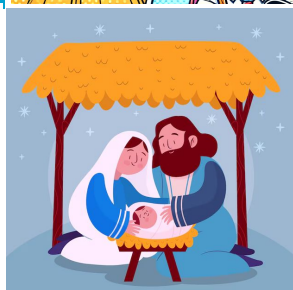
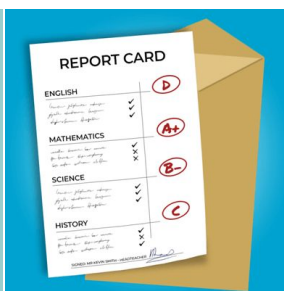
Warm regards,

Fabrizio Costa & Rodrigo Cuevas
Editors-in-Chief



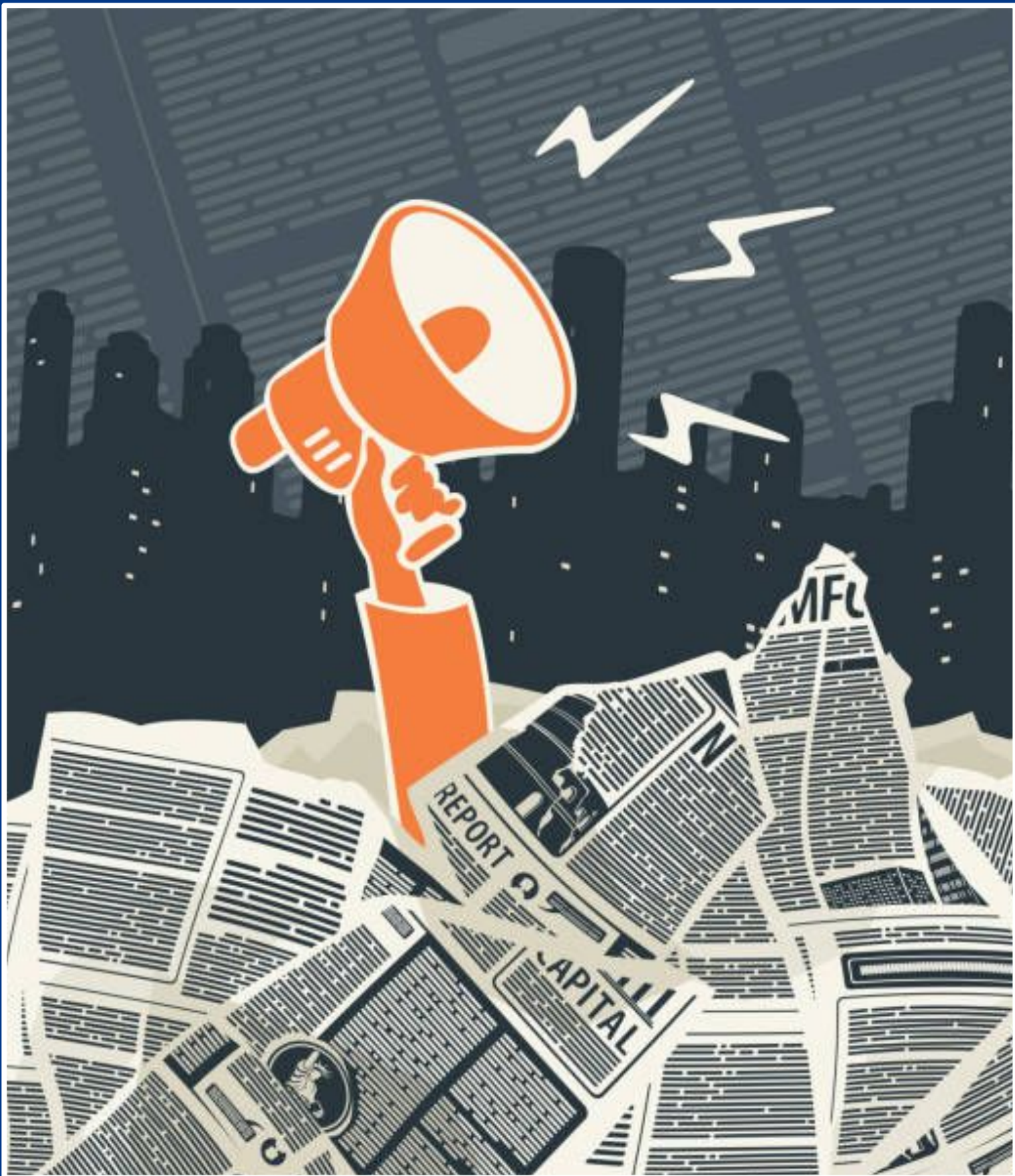
School Events

- Last day of School (December 11)
- Summer Volunteer Jobs (Dec. 11-15)
- Report Card 6 (December 16)
- Christmas Mass (Dec 24 - 19:30 hrs)



LET'S GO PENGUINS!

TABANCURA NEWS



COLEGIO
TABANCURA



Mr. Daniel Poblete: A new chapter at Tabancura.

By Raimundo Gaete, Anibal Saenz and Martín Birke.

Mr. Daniel Poblete, the newly appointed principal of Colegio Tabancura, has a deep connection to the school, having been a student here from 1988 to 2001. In 2005, after his high school teacher and principal, Santiago Baraona, invited him to return as an Assistant Teacher for the new “Essay Plan Class”, Mr. Poblete began his professional journey at just 22 years old, a path that has now spanned nearly two decades.

“What I like most about Tabancura are the people—students, families, and teachers. They are happy, polite, and respectful,” says Mr. Poblete, who views the school as his “second home.” He is also proud that Tabancura is the school his own children attend, making it even more special to him.

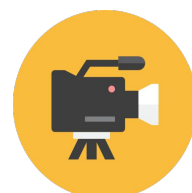
When asked if Mr. Santiago Baraona had hoped for him to be his successor, Mr. Poblete humbly leaves the answer to Mr. Baraona. However, he’s confident that Mr. Baraona was pleased when he learned that SEDUC had chosen him to continue his legacy. “We’ve known each other for many years, and he knows my goal is to carry on his work,” Mr. Poblete reflects.

As he looks to the future, Mr. Daniel Poblete hopes his time as principal will bring growth and happiness to everyone at the school. “I want these to be times where everyone feels like an important part of the community,” he says. His plans include strengthening the school’s current programs, improving infrastructure, and launching new academic projects and partnerships.

Mr. Poblete’s main goals as principal are to uphold the Christian values that have always defined Tabancura, maintain the human and professional quality of the teachers, and foster a spirit of service and good coexistence. He is committed to facing challenges with faith in God and the support of his dedicated team, always putting people—students and teachers—first.

Concluding with a message of gratitude, Mr. Poblete shares, “Tabancura is what it is because of its people. We should focus not on rankings or social media followers but on the incredible community we have here.” Proud and excited for the future, Mr. Daniel Poblete is ready to lead Tabancura into its next chapter, continuing its legacy while shaping its future.

[Watch the Full Interview Here](#)



INTERSCHOLASTIC MARIO CORREA LETELIER



By Diego Correa and Tomas Arenas

From Friday, October 10th to Sunday, the 12th, the 60th Interscholastic Women's Athletics Championship and the 66th Interscholastic Men's Championship, Mario Correa Letelier took place. It all happened in the Julio Martínez Prádanos National Stadium, that has a capacity of 48,665 people, and more than 3,300 athletes from schools throughout Chile competed in the third day. During those three days, the stadium was full of people from different schools who were supporting its athletes, unfortunately, our school wasn't able to organize an official cheering section due to certain restrictions. However, that didn't stop many of our classmates from forming an improvised one.

In the general men's table, Colegio Verbo Divino won the final Interscholastic championship with 434 points, surpassing

our school who had 330 units in total, positioning ourselves as second place.

Third place was for Saint George school who collected 282 units along the three days of the competition. On the other side, the Interscholastic Women's Athletics Championship podium was made up of Villa María Academy in first place with 263.5, with Everest school coming in second place with 234, while the bronze went to Saint George with 219.5.

Although in the end our fellow penguins couldn't get first place, they showed an incredible effort and dedication throughout the whole event. There's none other thing left to say but congratulate all the athletes who represented our school demonstrating their strength and dedication and those students who went to support them.



INTERSCHOLASTIC MARIO CORREA LETELIER

OUR ATHLETES BEST RESULTS:

PREPARATORY

Long jump - 3rd place **Zijie Zhou Lin** (4.89)

JUNIOR

Shot put - 2nd place **Cristobal Cortes Prado** (12.19)

5x80 Relay - 3rd place **Tabancura** (47.68)

INTERMEDIATE

100 meters, Final Series - 2nd place, **Juan Jose Garcia** (11.33)

110 meters hurdles, Final Series - 3rd place, **Alejandro Eyzaguirre** (14.81)

Long jump - 3rd place, **Tomás Irarrázabal** (6.17)

Triple jump - 2nd place, **Tomás Irarrázabal** (13.33)
3rd place, **Fernando Eyzaguirre** (13.27)

Pole Vault - 1st place, **Jose Tomás Bravo** (4.30)
3rd place, **Jose Kaltwasser** (4.00)

Shot put - 1st place, **Vittorio Gorziglia** (15.94)

Javelin throw - 1st place, **Joaquin Amunategui** (51,15)

Discus throw - 1st place, **Vittorio Gorziglia** (49,42)

1500 meters with obstacles - 3rd place, **Martin Porzio** (5:01.41) 10th, **Jose Tomás Bravo** (5:15.61)

4x100 Relay - 1st place, **Tabancura** (43.60)

5x300 Relay - 3rd place, **Tabancura** (3:07.57)

SUPERIOR

110 meter hurdles - 3rd place, **Jose Correa** (15.00)

Discus throw - 1st place, **Franco Gorziglia** (47.01)

400 meters hurdles - 3rd place, **Diego Iacobelli** (56.81)

4x100 Relay - 2nd place, **Tabancura** (41.84, School record)



TABANCURA CHAMPION OF COLPAR RUGBY



By Andres Piña Naudon



On Friday, October 22nd, the intermediate rugby team from Tabancura School proudly secured the championship title in the Colpar Rugby tournament. This competition, organized by Carlos Olcay, is one of the most prestigious, bringing together renowned institutions like British, San José, St. Andrew, and others.

In the final match, Tabancura faced San José de Chicureo School in a thrilling and closely contested game. Both teams demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, keeping the audience focused on the match. After a hard-fought battle, Tabancura emerged victorious with a 21-12 scoreline, earning them the well-deserved title of the 2024 Colpar Rugby champions.

This victory is a testament to the players' dedication, teamwork, and relentless effort throughout the tournament. It is a moment of great pride for the school, leaving an unforgettable mark in its sports history and strengthening the unity of its community.



TABANCURA TEN A SIDE

By Andres Piña Naudon

On Saturday, November 9th, Tabancura School Ten-a-Side Rugby Tournament was held, a tradition with more than 15 years of history. This tournament is a rugby championship in the ten-a-side format, lasting all day from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM, with teams from different schools in Santiago and other places. Unlike regular 15-player rugby, this mode has 10 players per team, with shorter matches of 10 minutes per half instead of the traditional two 40-minute halves.

The 15th edition of this tournament was for the Intermediate (U16) and Senior (U18) categories. In the Intermediate category, six teams participated: Tabancura, Bradford, Newland, British, Greenhouse (from Temuco), and San José. Tabancura School became the champion after a close final against Bradford School, with a 5-0 score. In the Senior category, six schools also participated: Tabancura, Saint Andrew, Huinganal, Greenhouse (from Temuco), Redland, and San José. The champion was Saint Andrew School, who won the final against Tabancura Senior team.

This great tradition has always been led by Carlos Olcay and Tomás Pino, who are responsible for organizing the tournament and improving it every year. Their effort makes it a better experience for everyone in the school rugby community. We hope this tradition never ends, as it is a great moment to share and enjoy a beautiful sport like rugby.





The farewell of a great English Teacher

By Tomás Eyzaguirre and Juan Pablo Rodríguez.

One of Tabancura's most respected English teachers, Manuel Elgueta, will retire after thirty-three years of teaching at Tabancura. His story is characterized by passion, commitment, and a profound love for education.

Teaching had always appeared as the profession for him, even from a young age. Growing up in Valparaíso—a city rich with diverse cultures and languages—his fascination with the English language grew. "You could hear it everywhere," he says, recalling how that interest increased.

Even then, as a child, he was already teaching others. "When I was nine or ten, the neighbors would stop by to ask me to help their children with homework. I was never paid, but I would get a bar of chocolate at the end of the month," he said. He was so good at it, in fact, that he would serve as a substitute teacher from time to time at school and teach to older student.

Although pursuing engineering at first, it was soon evident that his heart lay in teaching. Years along, he switched gear and studied English Teaching at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso—and never looked back.

He has cherished seeing his students growth, describing it as a miracle to watch children blossom into teenagers and leave school as young adults. "It's not magic; it's teamwork between teachers and parents," he explains. A standout memory is a letter from a former student who thanked him for making writing approachable, which helped during an internship at an American university. "Moments like that show the impact you've made," he reflects.

Over the years, he has seen education evolve from chalkboards to advanced technologies like apps and AI. Yet, he believes one thing remains constant: "The teacher as a guide and mentor is the foundation of learning." He advises students to connect English to their passions, such as learning song lyrics, reading about sports or topics that really draw your attention to make the process enjoyable.

As he prepares to leave Tabancura after 33 years, he knows he'll miss the students and daily adventures most. Looking ahead, he plans to spend more time with family, friends, and hobbies while exploring life near Viña del Mar. "I'll enjoy this new stage with its challenges and options and, of course, watch Netflix, Prime, Max and Disney" he says with a laugh.

Though retiring, his legacy lives on through the students and teachers he influenced. Grateful for his journey, he embraces the future with fond memories of his time at the school.

B2 First

CEFR Level B2

by Mr. Rodrigo Cuevas

On November 8 and 9, 39 dedicated 11th-year students embarked on their journey to earn the prestigious **Cambridge B2 First certification**, administered by English UC Language Center. This milestone marked a culmination of months of preparation, determination, and hard work.

The English Department ensured the students were well-prepared not only academically but also physically. To help them stay energized and focused during the rigorous examination process, the department organized a special breakfast. This thoughtful gesture not only fueled their bodies but also lifted their spirits, creating an environment conducive to success.

The results of the Cambridge B2 First certification process showcase the students' exceptional language proficiency:

C1 Level (Proficient User): 21% of students (8)

B2 Level (Independent User): 69% of students (27)

B1 Level (Intermediate User): 10% of students (4)

These remarkable achievements demonstrate the students' dedication. The high percentage of students achieving the B2 and C1 levels underscores the school's success in fostering advanced language skills, preparing students for academic and professional challenges worldwide.

The Cambridge B2 First exam is a globally recognized certification that boosts academic and career opportunities. It evaluates a candidate's ability to communicate effectively in real-life situations, making it a valuable asset for students aiming for international university admissions or careers.



TABANCURA SCHOOL LIFE



CAT ELECTIONS



By Diego Olivos

On Friday 15th of November the elections for the new CAT (Centro alumnos Tabancura) were held.

The results were clear. All students from 8th grade to 12th grade could vote, and they chose the second list to represent them for the 2025 with the 71,8 % of the votes. The second list, led by Tomas Eyzaguirre as their president.

The list led by Tomas Eyzaguirre presented a series of projects based on its mains pillars, such as Sports and social action. Some of their main projects that made a lot of people vote for them where the project to bring back the “noche naranja”, a celebration the days before the interscholastic, the students day, a celebration for all the students of the school and the idea to make a Jacket and a hoodie that form part of the schools uniform.



The 2025 CAT will be formed the following way:

President; Tomás Eyzaguirre

Vice President: Pedro Inglesi

Secretary: Jaime Besa

Sports delegates: Pedro Valdes and Leon Bulnes.

Culture delegate: Lucas Fernandez.

Social Action delegate: Cristobal Vidal.

The change of command with the 2024 CAT will be after the summer holidays, in the first weeks of March.



RECYCLING PROJECT AT SCHOOL

By Domingo Correa

What's this project about?

A few years ago, our school began a recycling project, which includes all areas of the school. For this, it was necessary to make renovations, adding new garbage cans for each material and a collection system that would allow it to function efficiently. Also, it was necessary to train many people from the community, including managers, teachers, assistants and some students. Thanks to them, this project has worked to this day.

The system consists of classifying garbage into three types; organic, plastic and cardboard. What is not left within these groups goes into the common trash. The 4 types of trash cans can be found in almost every part of the school, including all classrooms. In the classrooms, 3 students are in charge of classifying and checking that each thing corresponds to its label and then emptying the trash cans into their respective containers, where they will be checked by a person in charge, in order to, at the end of the school year, check that everyone has complied their labors, and if so, they will receive a benefit; being able to delete 2 grades per semester, in addition, the course also receives a benefit, this in order to encourage the community to recycle.



**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**

Is all the effort really worth it? Are so many things recyclable?

Yes, all that effort during the year is worth it, since it is estimated that a human, within the garbage that he “produces” in a day, between 50% and 75% is recyclable. However, this depends especially on one factor, and that is the contamination of waste, whether such as papers with traces of oil or soiled with organic waste, among others. Finally, I would like to invite not only the Tabancura community, but everyone, to join in recycling and reusing.



AFUTCOP FINAL

By Diego Olivos

On Thursday, November 21st, the final of the AFUTCOP football championship was held in Quilín. The teams that played in this final were Everest and Tabancura. Tabancura advanced to the final after defeating San Anselmo in the semifinals through a penalty shootout.

The match was very evenly contested, with either team capable of winning. However, Tabancura scored the first goal with a header by Agustín Larraín. The equalizer came from a penalty awarded to Colegio Everest. The penalty was taken and scored by Clemente del Río, sending the match into a penalty shootout to determine the winner.

Before the penalty shootout, Tabancura's coach, Esteban Díaz, delivered an inspiring speech that motivated his players to give their best.

During the shootout, Tabancura's goalkeeper, Martín Lacámara, delivered an outstanding performance. He saved two penalties, securing the victory and earning the Penguins the coveted cup.

With this win, the Class of 2024 leaves the school with a remarkable legacy, having won a championship in both 6th grade and 12th grade. This incredible team, comprising members from the 2024 and 2025 classes, won the AFUTCOP Championship without losing a single match.

Congratulations!



CULTURAL WEEK



by Clemente Monckeberg
and Pedro Vial.

From November 11th to the 15th, the culture week took place in our beloved school, a week to motivate students to participate and do activities such as the science fair, talks with experts in different areas, the book fair, debate, the school play and many other activities.



Debate

On Friday the 15th, the final debate of the second media took place. The issue was whether the use of nuclear energy was beneficial or not for cities. That Friday, the two teams carried out their points of view in presence of a jury.

School play

During this incredible week the students of theater performed the incredible play “El abuelo que saltó por la ventana y se largó”. According to the actor Anibal Saenz: “It was a very difficult play to do, because of the props, but we managed to do it well”. Cristian Mardones said to us: “ It was a very demanding play, but in the end, it was a real success.



CULTURAL WEEK



The Science Fair

On Tuesday, November 12th, the science fair took place, there were many science projects, experiments, scientific dissemination and even teach to the students of the primary school.



Talks

Throughout the entire week, there were many talks with experts in various topics, such as Astronomy, Gastronomy, Nanotechnology, Biology and many others topics.



Other Activities

There were many activities such as the round table. Additionally, this week gave rise to several awards, such as best essay and best photography, the chess tournament. The typical school literature book was also launched. The traditional book fair was also held, which is one of the main sources to promote reading.



CRECER CANTANDO FINAL ROUNDS

by Clemente Monckeberg

Last November, Monday 25th, and Tuesday 26th, the contest 'Crece Cantando' was held. This contest is a competition for all the school-level choirs that wish to participate. The Tabancura choir reached the semifinals, which took place on Monday.



In the semifinal, Tabancura competed against a school called 'Liceo 7.' Our school performed the songs 'Soon I Will Be Done' and 'Pilgerchor,' and thanks to a strong performance, the choir managed to reach the final. As strange as it may sound, in the final, the rivals were the same.



On Tuesday, the final took place, and unfortunately, our school came in second place. In the final, the Tabancura choir performed 'O Magnum Mysterium' and repeated 'Soon I Will Be Done.' By the decision of the jury, Liceo 7 won the contest.



TABANCURA CHALLENGE HUB



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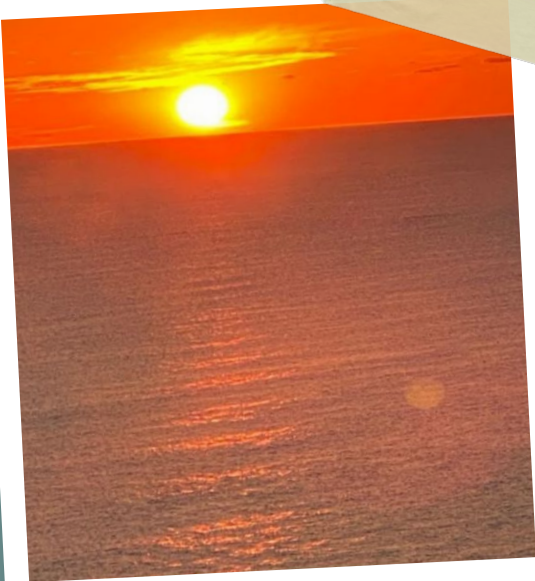
CONTESTS WINNERS



*Here are the winners of the photograph contest. Congratulations to all the participants!
Never give up, the next time will be your opportunity!*

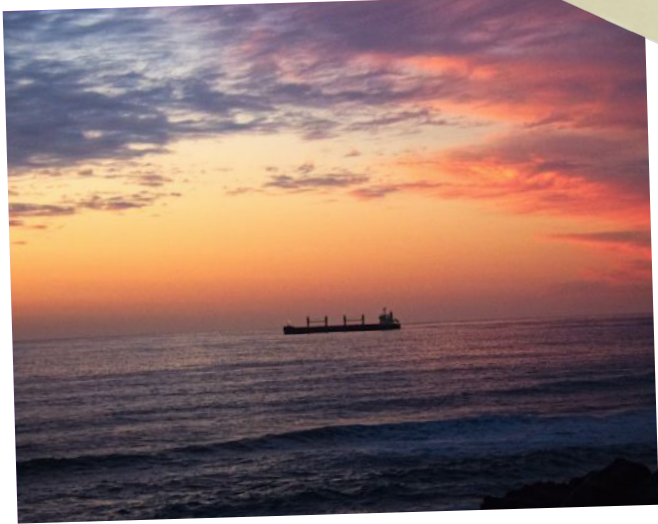


“The perfect sunset”
By Juan Agustin Alcalde 8°B



“Atlantic sunrise”
By Cristobal Eblen 6°B

CONTESTS WINNERS



"The sunset in paradise"
By John Paul Fischer 8°C



"Misty Road"
By José Ebensperger 8°B

You can be the next one!
Compete to win amazing prizes



CONTESTS WINNERS



Our winners showing their photos published in the school library!



Our winners congratulated by our principal Daniel Poblete



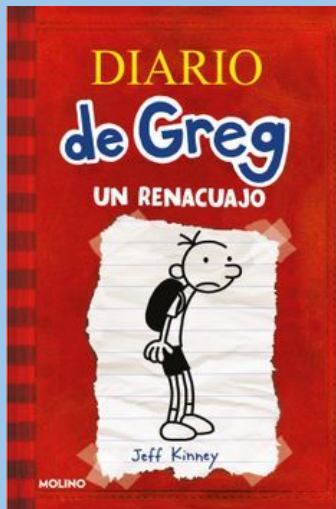
WHAT CAN YOU READ ON THIS HOLIDAYS?

By Tomás Bravo & Pedro Vial

SPANISH

El Diario de Greg

A funny story about a kid navigating school and life but with some exciting situations.



El Puente hacia Therabidia

A wonderful story of friendship, imagination, and finding courage through loss.



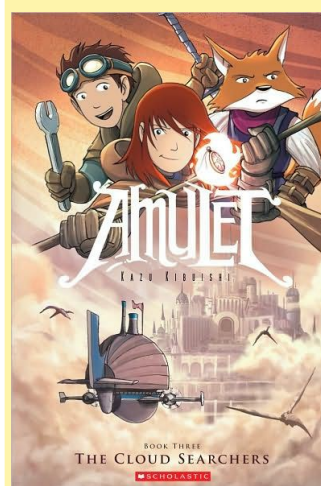
ENGLISH

DREAM JUMPER



Dream Jumper

It's an exciting adventure with a big twists and having good friendships.



Amulet

An epic fantasy journey with mysterious magic and brave heroes.

FOR STUDENTS FROM FIFTH TO SIXTH GRADE

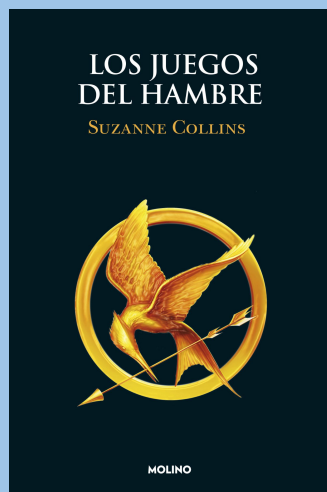
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SPANISH

Los Juegos Del Hambre

A very intense story of survival, bravery and fighting for freedom.



El Chico de la Flecha

A interesting story of friendship, courage and adventures in ancient Rome.



ENGLISH

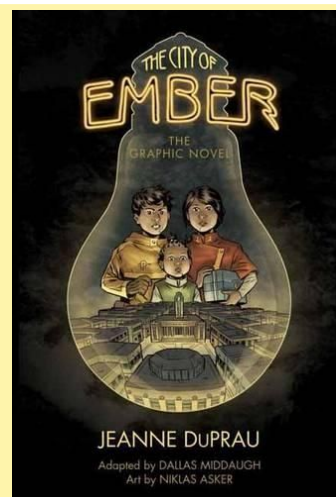
Percy Jackson

Action mythology adventures with humor, powerful friendships and heroes.



The City Of Ember

Exciting story about kids solving mysteries to save their city.



FOR STUDENTS FROM SEVENTH TO EIGHTH GRADE

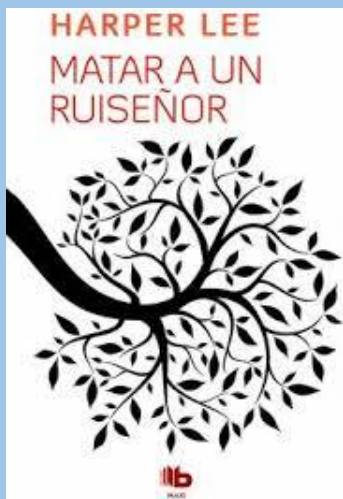
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SPANISH

Matar a un RUISEÑOR

A thought provoking gothic novel of racial injustice and innocence destruction



Recuerdos de la casa de los muertos

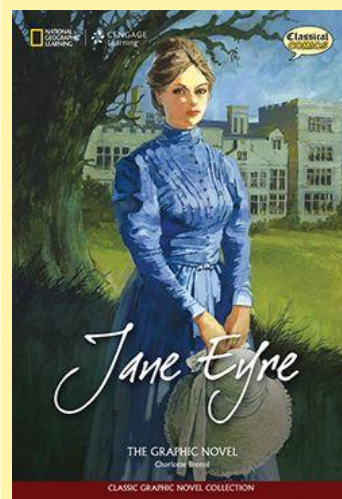
A book that explores life, suffering, and resilience in a Siberian labor camp



ENGLISH

Jane Eyre

A novel about the life and struggles of a young orphan in search of love and autonomy.



Macbeth

A great Shakespeare tragedy about ambition and its consequences.



FOR STUDENTS FROM NINTH TO TENTH GRADE

WHAT CAN YOU READ ON THIS HOLIDAYS?

By Tomás Bravo & Pedro Vial

SPANISH

Crónica de una muerte anunciada

Explores themes of honor and justice



Relato de un naufrago

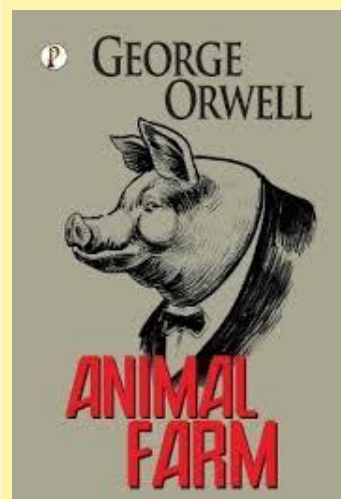
Based on true events, it follows the odyssey of a sailor who survives alone at sea for ten days.



ENGLISH

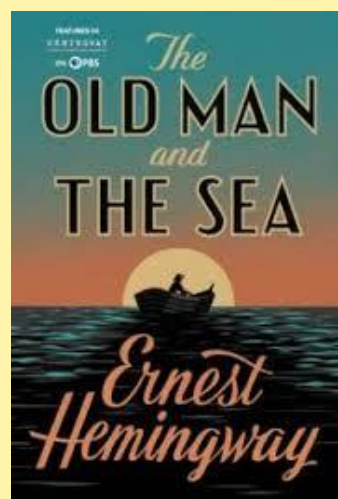
Animal Farm

A satire on power and corruption set on a farm governed by animals, symbolizing totalitarian regimes.



The old man and the sea

The story of a fisherman's struggle against a giant fish, symbolizing resilience and perseverance.

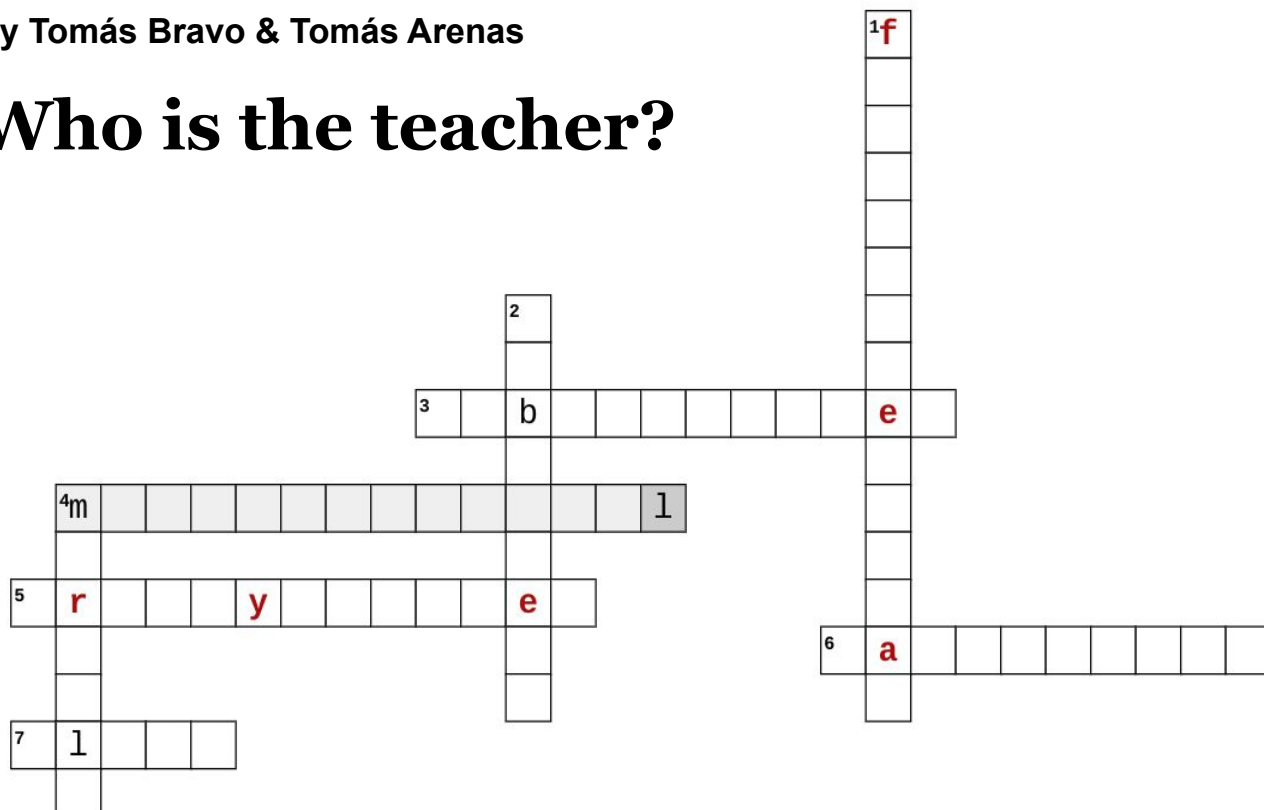


FOR STUDENTS FROM ELEVENTH TO TWELFTH GRADE

RIDDLES 2#

By Tomás Bravo & Tomás Arenas

Who is the teacher?



Across

3. Philosophy teacher at the high school level.
4. Head of the Mathematics Department.
5. Physics teacher with an international background.
6. School inspector who also teaches English.
7. Newly appointed athletics teacher at the school.

Down

1. Spanish teacher who acted in the short film *Cuatro Aces*.
2. English teacher with a strong British accent, whose last name includes an animal.
4. PE teacher specializing in athletics, endurance training, and hurdles.

RIDDLES 2#

- 1) First man on the moon.
- 2) Current president of USA.
- 3) Owner of Tesla.
- 4) Discover America.
- 5) Wrote Harry Potter.
- 6) Invented the airplane.
- 7) First chilean to win a nobel prize.
- 8) Discovery gravity.
- 9) Known as the "King of Pop".
- 10) Holds 100m sprint world record.
- 11) The all-time top scorer in the NBA

A- Christopher Columbus.

B- Gabriela Mistral.

C-Isaac Newton.

D-Michael Jackson.

E- Usain Bolt

F- LeBron James

G- Donald Trump

H- Elon Musk.

I- Neil Armstrong

J- J.K. Rowling

K- The Wright brothers

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RIDDLES 2#

- 1) Most populated country in the world
- 2) It's shaped like a boot
- 3) It is famous for sushi
- 4) It has Canberra as its capital
- 5) Largest country in South America
- 6) It has Ottawa as its capital
- 7) the Eiffel Tower located there
- 8) It has Berlin as its capital
- 9) It is famous for its pyramids
- 10) The statue of liberty located there

A- France

B- Italy

C- Canada

D- USA

E- India

F- Australia

G- Japan

H- Russia

I- Brazil

J- Egypt

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SUGGESTIONS?

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any ideas or suggestions you may have. Your input is invaluable to us, and we are always eager to hear from you.

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