



TAWA COLLEGE

Issue 8

December 2011

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The 2011 school year is almost at an end. The Cultural, Sports and Senior Academic Prizegivings have all been held and our senior students have just completed their NCEA examinations. The supervisors were very positive about the attitude and behaviour of our students.

The Year 10 students have completed their week of Outdoor Education and Community Service and the Year 9 students have completed a theme based activity programme entitled Guitawa Hero. We also held Careers Information Days for both Year 9 and 10 students.

Recently we farewelled long standing staff member, Mrs Shona Murray, who has given over four decades of valuable service to Tawa College. I also would like to thank Leanne Jenkins who has been a Dean for the last five years and has been an effective teacher of Mathematics. Finally I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of teachers Shirley-Anne Morrow and Chris McGibbon. I wish all four all the very best for their future endeavours.

It has been good over the second half of the year to interview prospective Year 9 students for 2012. Their behaviour and attitude has been exemplary at both their testing and orientation mornings and I look forward to working with them in the future.

I continue to be impressed with the service ethic and caring nature of our students. I am delighted with the achievement and participation levels of the students in a wide variety of activities at the college. I thank you all for your support of the College in 2011 and wish you all a meaningful Christmas and a positive 2012.

Murray Lucas

NCEA 2011 RESULTS NOTICES

Printed NCEA results notices will not be posted out to all students automatically. Learners who require a printed result notice [must login](#) and order one before 31 December each year [to receive it in mid-January](#). [Later orders will take longer to process](#). There is no charge for the first copy.

YEAR 13 AND JUNIOR REPORTS

End of year reports for students in Year 13 and Year 9 and 10 will be sent home at the end of next week.

UNIFORM

Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on Wednesday 25 January 2012 and Friday 27 January 2012 from 12.30pm to 6.30pm for any exchanges or extra items to be purchased. Second hand uniform items will also be available for purchase at this time. The Uniform Shop will also be open on Monday 30 January 2012 from 3pm to 5pm. The Uniform Shop is located at the southern end of A Block.

Shoes

The following is provided by way of clarification in regard to uniform shoes:

Shoes should be plain, flat, black, polishable, with laces, below ankle, leather or leather-look shoes. Boys may wear slip-ons which don't have laces if they meet the other criteria stated. This is a Health and Safety issue.

Second hand Uniform

We are making a plea for donations of any old Tawa College school uniform items (in good condition), that we can use for emergency situations when students need a replacement item for the day. If you have anything at home that you no longer need, please deliver it to the school office at your earliest convenience. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

National Mix & Match Competition

Congratulations to **Luke Davia** (Y11) who was one of six students nationwide to win this competition with his NCEA DIT website project. One of the judges said that they would like to see Luke's website hosted as a resource for Kiwi teachers and students.

TAWA COLLEGE SPORTS RESULTS

Bowls

The College Sport Wellington Junior Bowls championships were held at the Titahi Bay Bowling Club on Tuesday 15 November 2011. Congratulations to Tawa College students **Surette Arlar** and **Chris Chilcott** who were placed 1st and 2nd respectively.

Cricket

Congratulations to **Daniel Rose** who has been selected for the Wellington Cricket Under 16 Summer Training squad.

Congratulations to the Tawa College Girls 1st XI who reached the finals of the Premier 1 Division. They will play Wellington Girls College in the final.

Softball

Congratulations to **Terina Higgins** who has recently been selected as a member of the Western Bays Under 17 Girls Softball team. They competed at the Central Regional Softball Tournament over the weekend.

Tennis

The College Sport Wellington Junior Tennis championships were held at the Renouf Centre. Congratulations to Tawa College students **Praat Keerasuntonpong** who was placed 2nd in the Boys Singles and to **Bob Kortegast** and **Luke Martin** who were placed 2nd in the Boys Doubles.

LEARNING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Learning Support Department I would like to thank the parents who attended our evening meetings this year.

Your commitment and contributions to the sessions have been greatly appreciated and it was great to relax over our final meeting with a shared fish-and-chip supper.

Many thanks for your continued support and the department is looking forward to working with you again next year.

Maggie Flavell

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

New classes for the 2012 year will be available on the Tawa Community Education website www.tawacomed.co.nz in December. Some of the new classes will include **Road Code Refresher** covering new road rules, **Hula Dancing Fitness**, **Italian Cooking**, **French for Travellers**, **Astronomy** and **Emergency Management**. Please visit the website for further information and contact details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mana Community Grants Foundation Christmas at the Park

Elsdon Park
Saturday 10 December 2011
8pm to 10pm

The 2 hour programme contains a variety of performances by national and local groups, carols by candlelight and fireworks finale. It promises to be a great evening. Admission is free. More information is available at



www.poriruachristmas.co.nz

Boys' and Girls' Institute of Wellington

FREE Summer Holiday Action!! Avoid being bored over summer and come along for a fun line up including *Street Art, Ki-O-Rahi, High Ropes, Ten-Pin Bowling, Indoor And Outdoor Sports, Hip Hop, Bboy Dance* and lots more. The program will run for four weeks: December 19th to 23rd and January 9th to 27th 10am to 2pm weekdays in your area. Feel free to contact us for more information and registration forms via email to katie@bgi.org.nz or call Katie (027 349 1529) or Jahnelle (021 298 5239).

COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON

Call For Volunteers

College Sport Wellington in conjunction with the NZ Secondary School Athletics Association is hosting the NZ Secondary School Athletics Championships at Newtown Park this Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th December. With over 1500 young athletes taking part this is by some significant number the largest Track & Field meeting in New Zealand and accordingly requires a pool of officials that on Sunday in particular we are currently stretched to provide.

We are desperate for assistance from volunteers to act as assistants to officials on Sunday 11th in particular and seek the support of anybody willing to contribute. The roles are not onerous and require no athletic expertise apart from some passion for young people. These roles can be done by either adults or students.

If you are available to assist with any of the roles below please email your name & cell to Ngaire Drake (ngaire@collegesport.org.nz) or Dave Mackenzie (dave@collegesport.org.nz) at College Sport Wellington or call College Sport on (04) 939 1102; no later than Thursday midday and they will then be in touch with you around arrangements. Complimentary refreshments will be made available.

The following roles need to be filled only on Sunday 11 December during the times listed:
Car Park Attendants x 2 from 7.30am - 10am
Sprint equipment movers x 2 from 9am - 12
Sprint equipment movers x 2 from 1pm - 3pm

Hurdle Helpers x 20 from 11am - 12.00 & then 1.30pm – 2pm

Implement Retrievers for:

Shot Put	x 2	9am - 11.30am
Javelin	x 2	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Hammer Throw	x 2	9am - 11.30am
Discus	x 2	3pm – 5pm

Many thanks for your support.

John Hornal, Executive Director
[College Sport Wellington](#)

The Music Learning Centre

The Music Learning Centre is now accepting enrolments for 2012. Please email info@musiclearning.co.nz or call 232 1231 to organise lesson times or to arrange an audition for the choir or string orchestra.



The Music Learning Centre
9 Fitzwilliam Terrace, Tawa

Anchor Milk Promotion – Porirua New World

A considerable sum of money is being made available to Porirua New World from Anchor NZ to be distributed amongst three worthy causes. One of the causes nominated is Tawa College. The money will be divided according to the number of Anchor Milk products that are purchased. A coupon will be provided to you by Porirua New World, and you can then put the coupon in the container of the cause that you wish to support. We would greatly appreciate it if you would show your support for Tawa College by placing your coupons in the Tawa College container. The promotion will run for 13 weeks from Monday 5 December 2011.

COMING EVENTS

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Thu	8	Year 9 Deans Assembly Pd 2 Year 10 Deans Assembly Pd 4
Fri	9	Junior Prizegiving Pd 2 Last day of Term – Early closure

JAN 2012

Wed	18	School Office opens
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