



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 3 is now upon us. This is the term where senior students (Years 11 to 13) need to focus on their academic work if they are to realise their potential in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement. Students need to ensure that they take full advantage of all internal assessment opportunities and that they prepare adequately for the practice examinations which are to be held later this term. The practice examinations are of value if students then need to apply for compassionate consideration in Term 4.

I want to congratulate all students who have participated fully in our extensive co-curricular programme. Early this term we have our major production for 2010, "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare. The students have rehearsed tirelessly for the performances. It was great to attend both "June Tunes" and "Beat the Winter Blues" at the end of last term. Both concerts were a real celebration of the vocal and instrumental talents of our students. I admired not only their musicianship but the versatility and enthusiasm of all performers. In Debating both our Senior 'A' and Senior 'B' teams have qualified for the quarter-finals. I am also aware that we have a number of groups practising for the Poly Festival which is to be held later in the term. I thank all teachers, parents and past students involved with our cultural programme for their energy and commitment.

In sporting events our students have achieved some excellent results. Nicole Mitchell was placed 7th in the National Secondary School Cross Country Championships. In the same event our 6 person team in both the Senior Girls and Year 9 Girls were placed 4th. In Football, both our Boys and Girls 1st XI's have qualified for the National Premier Secondary Schools Tournament. They are both currently ranked in the top three in the top regional grade. Our top Netball team are also doing well in the top Collegiate grade of the Kapi Mana competition. Can I thank all the coaches, managers, transporters and sideline encouragers for their support of our sports teams.

Our new Music Department has just been completed and it is certainly an impressive facility and a real asset for the College. The buildings and grounds certainly look great and this is a tribute to key support staff responsible for this area.

This term, I will be on sabbatical. I will be visiting 14 schools throughout New Zealand. It will be an opportunity to learn from other schools and to share the information gained with our staff and students. I am grateful to Geoff O'Halloran, who will be Acting Principal and Robyn Chester who will be Acting Deputy Principal during my absence.

STAFFING

On the last day of Term 2 we said farewell to Loren Barnes who is leaving Tawa College to relocate with her husband to England.



Murray Lucas
Principal



POSITIVE FEEDBACK CORNER

It is always heartening to receive positive feedback from parents and the wider community. Again I would like to share a couple of these with you:

An email from Rob Neil (abridged)

"I just wanted to say how incredibly impressed I was with your school choir's performance at the Big Sing concert. It was absolutely amazing – so beautiful, in fact, that the combination of perfect sound and obvious spirit of teamwork in the choir brought tears of emotion to my eyes.

I am not a Tawa parent (my daughter is at another school) but the quality of your school's performance was so good I felt compelled to write. Congratulations to the wonderful choir who were a credit to themselves, their music department and Tawa College. It was an absolute joy to listen to them last night. Thank you very much.

A letter from Charles Chauvel (Labour List MP)

"I have been informed that Tawa College won excellence awards for concept and costumes at the recent Wellington heats of Stage Challenge. No doubt you are extremely proud of the hard work and effort the students' put in to achieve such an impressive result. I was honoured to table a motion in Parliament acknowledging their accomplishments. As the Labour List MP in the Ohariu electorate, I congratulate the students' efforts, and wish you the best for the future.

WHANAU GROUP

The next Whanau Hui will be held on Thursday 2nd September 2010 in B9 starting at 6.30pm. All parents of students who take Te Reo Maori as a subject and who have a connection with being of Maori descent, are most welcome to come along. If you require any information regarding the upcoming meeting please contact jrangihaeata@tawacol.school.nz



Please also note that our Kapa Haka and Poly Club groups will be performing at the upcoming Polyfest to be held at Te Rauparaha Arena on 9th September 2010.

NCEA NEWS

Senior Exams

NCEA practice exams will be held from 23 to 27 August. These exams are compulsory for students entered in external standards. They are an essential part of the preparation for success in the end of year exams. The results from the exams are needed if a student is prevented from attending the NCEA exams at the end of the year.

NCEA Financial Assistance

If parents or caregivers are getting a Work and Income or Study Link benefit or have a Community Services Card or have 2 or more children entered as candidates this year with fees more than \$200, then you can apply for Financial Assistance. Application forms are available on:

www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/for-students/fees/financialassistance.html or from the college.

Completed forms must be returned to Tawa College no later than 27 August 2010.

MATHS DEPARTMENT

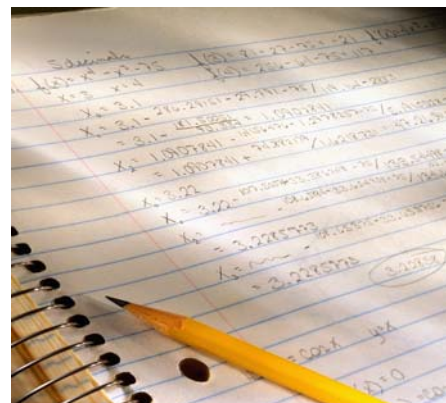
SENIOR MATHEMATICS TUTORIALS

Monday evenings:

Statistics from 6pm to 7pm

Calculus and Year 11 and 12 from 7pm to 8pm

Cost is \$5, held in D Block. Please arrive 10 minutes early to allow the full hour of tuition. We will attempt to have at least two Mathematics teachers at each tutorial and we will be giving out revision material and practice assessments at various stages throughout the remainder of the year. A great time to start revising with mock examinations coming up in Week 6 this term.



GRAPHICS CALCULATORS

We still have plenty of Graphics Calculators for sale in the Mathematics Department. These are especially ideal for Year 10 moving into NCEA Level 1 in 2011, as well as current students in Year 11 and 12. They will be extremely useful for Mathematics right up to the end of Year 13. Cost is \$90. We believe the prices will rise in 2011. 9H and 9I Mathematics students may also consider this now in the lead up to Mathswell and 2011 and beyond.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This will be held in Week 3 this term on Thursday 5 August 2010. Students who entered this competition must be at school on time. The competition starts Period 1.

Tawa College Sport

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Swimming

Nick Gillum who recently competed in the Trans Tasman Tri-Series Competition, held during the school holidays in Mt Maunganui, Taupo and Masterton. Nick was placed 3rd in the Mens 200m Freestyle and 3rd in the Mens 400m Medley. Nick broke a Wellington record for the 400 Individual Medley. He also broke a Tawa Club record (for the 200m Freestyle) that went back to 1980 and was held by Barry Salisbury who also went to Tawa College and also represented New Zealand in swimming.

Gymnastics

Dougie Andrews who recently competed at the Kapiti Junior Gymnastics Championships and came 2nd overall in his level (Mens 6). Dougie also won a cup for the highest scoring male gymnast in the Wellington region at Level 6.

Tennis

Pratt Keerasuntonpong who recently won the Manawatu Under 14 Tennis Championships. Pratt travelled to Dunedin in the holidays to compete in the National Tennis Championships and reached the quarter finals of the Under 14 section.

Rugby

Kevin Sydney who has been selected for the Wellington Cook Islands Rugby Secondary Schools Squad to tour Rarotonga in late November this year.

Waterpolo

Joshua Rich who was selected for the Under 16 Hutt team. This team competed in the Pan Pacific Tournament held recently in Auckland.

Cross Country

Nicole Mitchell who won the Womens Under 19 6km Wellington Cross Country Championships held at Waikanae Park on 17th July. **Ryan McAlister** won the Male Under 19 8km event. **Malcolm Hodge** came 7th and **Jack Oliver** came 8th in the same event. **Nicole Mitchell** was also placed 2nd in the Womens Under 19 4km North Island Cross Country Championships, held in Taupo on 10th July. **Ryan McAlister** was placed 10th in the Mens Under 19 5km event at the same championships.

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.

Tawa College Student Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Fuatino Malo-Siolo who is a member of the NZ Secondary Schools' Choir which travelled to Canada to attend the 2010 International Choral Kathaumixw in British Columbia. They NZ Choir was awarded the People's Choice Award and was also placed first in the Adult Mixed Choir and second in both the Youth Choir and Folk and Cultural Traditions competitions.

Nahshon Neru who has been selected to participate in the AFS Jenesys trip to Japan in December 2010.

Michael Kalpage and **Michael O'Carroll** who achieved High Distinction in the ICAS Science Competition held in June. Congratulations also to the following students who achieved Distinction in the same competition: **Kathryn Fahey, Paolo Moredo, Sarah Parkinson, Lachlan Temple, Bea Wooding** and **John Paver**.

The following Year 9 students were the top participants in the Tawa College Science Fair held during the last week of Term 2: **Michael Kalpage, Bhavika Jeram, Olivia Booth, Rachel Coates, Zoe Skene-Lowe, Ashley Darbyshire, Jacinta McAra-Graham, Hamish Lockhart, Callum Sinclair, Sam Watson, Kayla van Endt** and **Adrienne Tucker**.

Annelise Havill who was recently presented with the first ever Youth Award in the Tawa Community Civic Awards. Annelise was a Tawa College Prefect in 2009.

Musical Island Boys barbershop quartet formerly from Tawa College placed 4th at the International Barbershop Quartet Competition in Philadelphia on July 3rd. The competition was fierce between the 51 quartets vying for the title. In 2006 the quartet won the U25 International Competition and went on to place 10th in the Open Competition last year. Their 4th placing means the quartet will be flown to sing at the Mid-Winter Convention in Las Vegas in January of next year.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be two meetings this term for parents and caregivers of Learning Support students. They will be held on Tuesday 3rd August and Tuesday 7th September from 7pm to 9pm in the Library Annex. This will be a time to share ideas, network and support students while they are attending Tawa College. Any queries please call Mrs Rachael Martin, HOD Learning Support Department on ph 232 8184 ext 847 or email,



martin@tawacol.school.nz

READER/WRITERS

Are you interested in volunteering your time to be a Reader and/or Writer for students with specific learning needs? Some of our students require assistance to read or write down their answers to an exam paper or an internal test. Most assessments take up to one hour. Throughout Week 6 of this term (Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th August) Senior Students will be sitting their mock exams and we urgently need Reader/Writers for our students. If you are interested in supporting these students please contact Mrs Martin, HOD Learning Support on 232-8184 x 847. If you would like further information please email Rachael on rmartin@tawacol.school.nz

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

**2011 Gateway Information Evening
Wednesday 8 September at 7pm
in the Tawa College Library Annex**

All students and parents/guardians of students wishing to apply for the 2011 Gateway programme are invited to attend the Information Evening to learn what Gateway is, what is expected of the students and what the student can gain from the programme.

Current students, the Gateway Coordinator and Administrator will be present on the night to talk about their experiences and share their enthusiasm for the course. Please RSVP your attendance to Cheryl Robb on 232-8184 Ext 861.

2010 Gateway Programme

Gateway is a great introduction to the World of Work for students where they are expected to attend work one day a week in an area of their choice. Students are then expected to complete Unit Standards linked to the knowledge they have gained during their work experience. Many students gain valuable credits towards apprenticeships or gain valuable work experience and contacts that can be used on a CV.

This year students have met course requirements early and a large number commenced work experience last term. Work experience categories range from early childcare, education, building, plumbing, hairdressing, hospitality, hotel work to health work, gym work and automotive. There are many other options available for work experience so if your desired career experience is not mentioned above do not discount Gateway as we are open to all suggestions, within reason.

Careers Information

Wellington based tertiary providers have Open Days coming up – more information below. Interested Students should attend these as this will be their last opportunity to have a look before making that final decision.

Massey University Palmerston North Campus's Open Day is on Wednesday 4 August. Tawa College is putting on a bus for students that are interested in investigating options that Massey Palmerston North offer. Students should register with Cheryl Robb in T11 as soon as possible as places are limited and Year 13 students will get preference.

Tertiary Open Days

All Year 12 & 13 students interested in courses from the following providers should attend the Open Days on Friday 27 August – last Friday of Exam Week:

- Victoria University
- Massey University, Wellington
- Sir George Seymour Travel & Tourism College
- Travel, Careers & Training School

The Massey University Wellington Open Day is on Friday 27 August 2010 from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Areas of study range from business to creative arts, education, sciences and the arts. Interested students and parents are invited to attend. To download the programme visit www.massey.ac.nz and enter keyword: "Open Days".

MAJOR PRODUCTION 2010

THE TEMPEST *by William Shakespeare*

"How many goodly creatures are there here! How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, that has such people in't."

Prospero, the true Duke of Milan is now living on an enchanted island with his daughter, Miranda, the savage Caliban and Ariel, a spirit of the air. Raising a storm to bring his brother – the usurper of his dukedom – along with his royal entourage, to the island, Prospero contrives his revenge.

The cast of this production brings to life the magic and intrigue of a tale of spirits, sorcery, monsters and maidens and shipwrecked, scheming noblemen. In what is regarded as his final sole-authored play, Shakespeare, at the height of his powers, deftly explores the contrasting themes of control and power, illusion and reality and nature and society.

Set to storm onto the stage from the 5th to the 8th of August in the Tawa College School Hall. This will be a stunning production that you won't want to miss.

TAWA COLLEGE PRESENTS
THE TEMPEST

5TH, 6TH, 7TH AUGUST 7PM
8TH AUGUST 2PM
SCHOOL HALL



TICKETS: SCHOOL OFFICE AND
DRUMMONDS PHARMACY

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 3 classes begin the week commencing 26 July although the **Zumba** class has started a week earlier with over 30 people having an 'exercise party' in the Tawa Intermediate Hall.

Many classes are also available for college students and some of these help students to gain useful certificates for future employment. These include the **First Aid Certificates** and **Defensive Driving Certificates**. Parents who are teaching their children to drive will find the **Parents as Driving Coaches Seminar** a very valuable course providing practical steps in teaching.

NZ Sign Language courses are very popular and a fourth course is starting in Term 3. Over 60 people come to these classes on a Monday night.

New courses this term include Family History Research, Baking Cookies for Teens, Computer Confidence, Op Shop Challenge, Gluten Free Meals and Baking, Car Maintenance, Touch Typing and Stress Free Home Buying. The Raranga flax weaving class will be run as a one day class on a Saturday this term so it will give students a chance to complete a project.

Details on all of these courses can be found on the Community Education website www.tawacomed.co.nz or by emailing comed@tawacol.school.nz

If you have ideas for courses you would like to attend which are not currently offered please make contact so that the educational needs of the community can be met.



FROM BASKETBALL COURT TO UNIVERSITY LECTURE HALL

We can thank a knee injury during a basketball game for setting Leanda Harris on a new path: a career in medicine.

“When I was 15, I was a New Zealand basketball player when I tore ligaments in my knee,” the Tawa College graduate explains. “I had two operations and couldn’t play anymore, but being around the medical people got me thinking about other options; it opened up another door. I’d always been interested in people and I have a genuine love for people and want to help them.”

Leanda (an ex Tawa College student), now 19 got her chance to pursue that dream after a teacher handed her a pamphlet on a novel programme offered through the University of Otago called Tū Kahika.

A new initiative, Tū Kahika is a transition year of supported study between high school and first year tertiary study. The goal is to help better prepare academically-qualified Māori students for the University of Otago's highly-competitive Health Sciences First Year programme and to see more Māori successfully enter the health professions for the future benefit of Māori communities.

Leanda, the fourth of eight children, has family links to the Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou and Te Rarawa iwis. She was absolutely thrilled to gain acceptance into Tū Kahika and to be awarded a scholarship covering full tuition fees plus another \$4,000 towards her accommodation costs.

“This scholarship gave me hope,” she says. “The Tū Kahika programme was like an answer to my prayers. I am very honoured to be one of the first recipients of the scholarship, and both I and my parents are really grateful.”

Now she's immersed in her studies, with lectures beginning at 9am each day as well as extra tutorials. On this particular day, Leanda had already had lectures in Chemistry, Physics and Biology before noon.

“The advantage for me is that while the course is still intense it's not quite as intense as Health Sciences First Year. With HSFY, there are about 2,000 students all wanting to make the cut into medicine, you've got only one chance, and with this programme you don't have that huge pressure.”

Being in a supportive environment within her residence at Arana College also has its advantages for Leanda. She's Mormon, and the drinking antics of some first-year students living away from home alienate her.

“The student culture is different for me. Being Mormon, I don't drink. But I'm on an alcohol-free floor at my college residence. I'm still kind of surrounded by it, but my warden, Jamie (Gilbertson), is really good and checks in with us. At Arana, the people on my floor are like a family,” she continues. “We all came from different parts of New Zealand and can empathise with each other.”

Leanda also has the support of Māori Centre tumuaki/manager Pearl Matahiki (Ngāti Porou), and Tū Kahika kaiarahi/Māori student coordinator Zoe Bristowe.

Zoe is obviously very proud of Leanda's achievements thus far and has high hopes for her future: “Leanda's an extremely diligent student who is making the most of this opportunity. She is aware of the level of determination it takes to succeed academically, and I have no doubt she will make an outstanding medical professional and will inspire other Maori students to do the same thing.”

To find out more about the Tū Kahika programme, check out the University of Otago website at: www.otago.ac/tukahika or speak to your school's careers advisor.



We are The Study Gurus, and our goal is to teach the high school students of New Zealand how to study and prepare for their NCEA exams.

Please visit our website using the following link www.thestudygurus.co.nz

From our website we run a free weekly newsletter for parents that provides study tips for their children.

TAWA ROTARY CLUB MASSIVE BOOK FAIR

The Rotary Club of Tawa is organizing another “Massive Book Fair” for the 24th and 31st of July. The Book Fair will be held at the old Hazelwood’s Store at Tawa Junction from 9am to 4pm. There is still time available for any donations of unwanted but good quality books that the Rotary Club can offer for sale. As in previous years, half of the net profits will be donated to the Life Education Trust. Donations of books, CD’s or DVD’s can be left with Harcourts Tawa, Mexted Motors Show Room or Drummonds Tawa Pharmacy.



NEWSLETTERS

As previously mentioned we would like to get as many parents/caregivers onto our emailing list as possible. To assist us in this process would you please email the College Secretary on secretary@tawacol.school.nz with your home email address, at your earliest convenience.

Information about the College, including newsletters and the calendar of events is available on the Tawa College website www.tawacol.school.nz.

We endeavour to report all student achievements, sporting, academic or cultural. These can relate to in-school activities or achievements recognised by outside organisations and/or clubs. If you would like us to mention achievements made by current or past students, please email the College Secretary.

COMING EVENTS

Please note the appropriate dates in your diary or on your calendar:

JULY

Sun	25	Havelock North Exchange (at Tawa College)
Thu	29	Australasian Chemistry Quiz
Fri	30	Year 12 and 13 Leadership Training with NZ Army Chamber Music – Semi Finals
Sat	31	Chamber Music - Finals

AUG

Mon	2	Junior Exchange with Newlands & Onslow Colleges (here)
Tue	3	ICAS English Competition NZ Economics Competition (Years 12 and 13)
Wed	4	Air Force visit here at lunchtime
Thu	5	Australian Maths Competition – Periods 1 and 2 Official Opening of Music Block Opening Night of “The Tempest” at 7pm
Fri	6	“The Tempest” at 7pm
Sat	7	“The Tempest” at 7pm
Sun	8	“The Tempest” at 2pm
Tue	10	Auckland University visit here – Period 3
Thu	12	Barbershop National Finals Competition in Hamilton Junior Triangular Exchange PTA Meeting in PTA Centre at 7pm
Mon	23	Senior Exam Week
Fri	27	Victoria University/Massey Open Day
Mon	30	Mid Term Break
Mon	30	Winter Sports Week (Monday to Friday)

SEP

Thu	2	Year 11 SELL Day Whanau Meeting 6.30pm
Mon	6	2011 Option Booklets
Wed	8	Gateway Information Evening at 7pm
Thu	9	PTA Meeting in the PTC Centre at 7pm
Sun	12	Dress Rehearsal for Tawa Festival
Tue	14	NCEA Information Evening for Year 10
Wed	15	Course Selection Evening (2010 Years 10, 11 and 12)
Thu	16	Tawa Musical Festival – all day at Michael Fowler Centre
Tue	21	Senior Parent Evening 4pm to 7pm
Wed	22	Market Day (Commerce Department – in Hall)
Fri	24	Last day of Term 3