



TAWA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Over recent weeks there has been a great deal happening at Tawa College. One of the highlights was the 50th Reunion celebrations held over Queen's Birthday Weekend. I want to thank current students and their families who helped out in a whole variety of ways. A number of students helped with registration on the Friday night and with guided tours of the school on Saturday. Other students were members of the Kapa Haka group, the Jazz Band and the Twilight Tones, all of whom performed at various times during the weekend. There were also a number of current students involved with football, basketball and netball matches competing against past teachers and/or students. I received a number of very positive comments relating to the courtesy and presentation of our current students, all of whom brought huge credit upon themselves, their families, the community and the college.



During Term 2 I have had the opportunity to observe a number of Tawa College groups performing at extremely high levels in various events. I was present at the 2011 Smoke Free Stage Challenge event, where our students gave 100% to their routine. It was clear that the group had put in huge amounts of preparation and practice, whether it was in dancing, acting, backstage support or technical work. It was exciting to see our students leading and directing other students in such a positive fashion. Their overall placement of 2nd was the best result that Tawa College has received since we began entering into this annual event. They also

gained highly commended awards in all of the eight categories.

Our Music students recently performed superbly at the Regional Barbershop Competitions, the Big Sing and our own home grown event, *June Tunes*. Our Girls Barbershop chorus, *Maiden Tawa* were placed first in the Regional Competition and the Boys Barbershop chorus, *Acafellas* were placed second. Our choirs achieved to a high standard at the Big Sing and Year 12 student Fuatino Malo-Siolo was commended for her directorship of the Junior Choir.

Our Premier A and B Debating Teams have both won three out of four of their debates this season.

All of these successful outcomes don't just happen. They are the result of the dedicated efforts of a large number of staff, students and parents who generously donate their time and talents for the benefit of the college. I am grateful for the positive involvement of so many of you within the college community.

In sport, a number of our teams are performing to a very high level. All of our top teams are doing well. In particular our Boys and Girls 1st XI Football teams are both in the Premier 1 competition and have already secured places in the Premier National Secondary Schools Competition. This is a great achievement. Our Rugby 1st XV recently won the Captains 1st XV Rugby trophy, the Bramley Cup for competition against Bishop Viard and also kudos beyond the playing field in the way they have assisted other schools after the game has finished (see our Positive Feedback section later in this newsletter for a copy of the email in this regard).

The Tawa College Swimming team retained the Huia Cup by a large margin and were placed 2nd in the boys section and 3rd in the girls section.

Recently we have had a number of issues relating to inappropriate use of cell phones in the classroom. This has resulted in many hours dealing with issues that have developed as a consequence of this. There will be times when

cell phones are necessary at school, but I have instructed staff to give a warning at the beginning of each lesson, that all cell phones should be switched off and placed in school bags, unless a teacher specifically directs the class otherwise. I would appreciate parental support on this issue as it has been a concern over recent months.

Finally I want to acknowledge all of the students who attended our annual School Formal. This was held at the Wellington Town Hall on Saturday 11th June and a number of people have commented favourably on the appearance, behaviour and participation of all our students. My thanks to those involved in the planning and implementation of this highly anticipated and enjoyable event. It was clear that everyone present had a fantastic time and it made me immensely proud to be part of a school that is prepared to respect standards and yet at the same time have a wonderful evening.

My thanks again to all members of the Tawa College community who have contributed so positively to the college in numerous ways throughout the year.

Murray Lucas
PRINCIPAL

NZQA MATTERS

Assessing NCEA Results on the NZQA Website

Students will be issued with their NSN cards and instructions for registering on the website at the end of June. They will then be able to check their internally assessed standards' results on the NZQA website.

Tracking NCEA Assessment Results

Students can access their up-to-date results for NCEA internally assessed standards through their form teacher in form time. These are the assessment results entered by teachers onto the school student database, KAMAR.

School-based Trial Exams for Externally assessed Standards

Senior Exam Week runs from 15 August to 19 August. This is Week 3 next term. It is essential that all students entered for the NZQA examinations at the end of the year sit these school examinations. As well as being excellent practice, the results are needed for a Derived Grade if your son or daughter is unable to sit an NZQA examination.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

To assist us in managing student absences, it would be appreciated if you continue to give the office staff early notification of the reason for your young person's absence, particularly in the case of ongoing illness. You can either ring the college office on 232 8184 or email absence@tawacollege.school.nz

Absences greater than three days for sports events, family matters or planned holidays still require the prior approval of the Principal. Please either write to the Principal or email mlucas@tawacollege.school.nz in these instances.

READER WRITERS

As part of our desire to support students with their learning we require positive people to act as a reader and writer on a volunteer basis for their internal and external assessments. From Monday 15th August through to Friday 19th August our Senior students will be sitting their exams and we urgently require people to assist.

The role of reader/writer entails reading an exam paper to a student and writing down their answers. Training will be provided on Monday 8th August from 1.20pm – 2.20pm in the Tawa College Library Annex.

Please contact Gail Hughes, Administrator, Learning Support on 232-8184 ext 847 if you are interested in helping out in this way. If you would like any further information please email Gail on ghughes@tawacollege.school.nz

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EVENING

On Wednesday 22 June the Careers Department held their second and very successful Science and Technology Evening. This year the evening was open to all students to attend and approximately 200 students did. The goals for the evening were: to expose the students to possible careers in Science they may never have considered, and to emphasise how important it is for junior students to maintain science skills in order to keep the doors open to Science subjects they may need to take at senior level. This view was backed up by the three guest speakers: Hamish McKenzie from *Holmes Consulting Group*, David Glasson from *David Glasson Plastic Surgery* and Wade To from *Brian Perry Civil*. Other exhibitors included *Cheyne & Sissons Chiropractic Associates*, *Rappaw Veterinary*, *Futureintech*, *Transpower*, *Linden Surgery*, *Skinforme*, and *Victoria University* (with their robots) and NIWA. The evening has been rated a huge success by presentors and students. Year 13 student Simon Fleming won the Quiz – well done.

Jenna Logan 2nd 30 points

Under 15 Boys:

Ruslan Cowley 1st 64 points
James McCarthy 2nd 60 points

Under 15 Girls:

Ellen Van Looy 1st 70 points
Simone Gordon 2nd 68 points
Luda Cowley 3rd 44 points

Under 16 Boys:

Kyle Barnes 1st 72 points
Sean Kemp 2nd 64 points
Anton Melkiau 3rd 26 points

Under 16 Girls:

Nicole Tait 1st 72 points

Senior Boys:

Nick Gillum 1st= 68 points
Thomas McCarthy 1st= 68 points
Josh Rich 3rd 50 points

Senior Girls:

Mikayla McPhee 1st 70 points
Ursula Gordon 2nd 66 points
Steph Watts-Pointer 3rd 34 points

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to year 12 student **Kendall Brown** who as a Corporal in 41 Squadron (City of Porirua) Air Training Corps successfully graduated from his Central Area Senior Leaders Course at RNZAF Ohakea. **Kendall** was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at 41 Squadron on 23rd May 2011.

TAWA COLLEGE SPORTS RESULTS

Tawa College 2011 Swimming Champions

Under 14 Boys:

Ben Walsh 1st 72 points
Callum Sinclair 2nd 62 points
Josh Kemp 3rd 46 points

Under 14 Girls:

Abby Meehan 1st 72 points

TAWA COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS 2011 HOUSE POINTS

1 st	HILLARY	506
2 nd	MANSFIELD	332
3 rd	TE KANAWA	280
4 th	SHEPPARD	218
5 th	RUTHERFORD	40
6 th	BLAKE	0

North Island Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

These were held in Palmerston North on Saturday 21 May 2011. Results from Tawa College students as follows:

Simone Gordon - Girls 14 Yrs & Under

4th in 200m Individual Medley
4th in 200m Freestyle
4th in 200m Backstroke

Mikayla McPhee – Girls 15 Yrs & Over

4th in 50m Breaststroke

3rd in 100m Breaststroke

4th in 200m Breaststroke

Tawa College Cross Country Championships

Year	Place	Name	Time
9 Boys	1 st	Liam Taufaele	13.03
	2 nd	Immanuel Cross	13.29
	3 rd	Ryan Jacobs	13.33
	4 th	Jonno Lawn	13.51
	5 th	James Lewis	14.01
9 Girls	1 st	Jess Kerr	13.36
	2 nd	Kadi-Eve Leggett	15.06
	3 rd	Kate Ohlson-Thwaites	15.25
	4 th	Sarah Gray	15.26
	5 th	Katie Blair	15.35
10 Boys	1 st	Caleb Rapson	11.55
	2 nd	Tim Fenton	12.14
	3 rd	James McCarthy	12.27
	4 th	Sam Findlater	12.52
	5 th	Tom Paver	13.06
10 Girls	1 st	Luda Cowley	14.40
	2 nd	Simone Gordon	15.00
	3 rd	Tessa Morris	15.57
	4 th	Sophie Burdan	16.14
	5 th	Jessica Gillies	16.45
11 Boys	1 st	Sasha Sneyd	12.19
	2 nd	Connor Tomlinson	15.35
	3 rd	Duan Olckers	20.37
11 Girls	1 st	Ashleigh McCutchen	14.21
	2 nd	Anaseini Nuku	20.33
Senior Boys	1 st	Ryan McAlister	11.06
	2 nd	Richard Bott	11.37
	3 rd	Michael Mascheke	13.21
	4 th	Alex Love	13.34
	5 th	Josh Rich	13.38
Senior Girls	1 st	Esther Holt	14.05
	2 nd	Sarah McLeod	14.50
	3 rd	Sarah Riceman	15.28

TAWA COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY 2011 HOUSE POINTS

1 st	SHEPPARD	326
2 nd	TE KANAWA	299
3 rd	MANSFIELD	262
4 th	RUTHERFORD	235
5 th	HILLARY	226
6 th	BLAKE	150

College Sport Wellington Cross Country Championships

Junior Girls:	Jess Kerr	Placing 6 th
Intermediate Girls:	Ella Sturman	8 th
	Ellen Van Looy	11 th
2nd 3 person team	Angela Tuason	12 th
	Luda Cowley	14 th
1st 6 person team	Simone Gordon	18 th
	Tessa Morris	22 nd
Senior Boys:	4 th 3 person team	4 th
	Ryan McAlister Martin McCrudden Jordan Mellars	
Senior Girls:	2 nd 3 person team	8 th
	Esther Holt CJ Bott Ashleigh McCutcheon	9 th 15 th
1st 6 person team	Sarah McLeod Sarah Riceman Ursula Gordon	

Football

Congratulations to **CJ Bott** who has been selected for the “Young Football Ferns”, New Zealand U17 Women’s Football Squad.

New Zealand U17 women’s coach Paul Temple has named 33 players for a training camp to begin the build up towards qualifying for the 2012 FIFA U17 Women’s World Cup in Azerbaijan.



CJ Bott is one of 30 players selected for the U17 training squad.

Basketball

Congratulations to **Micah Brown** who is Captain of the Wellington Under 17 Basketball Representative team. The team recently competed at the National Tournament held in Auckland and were placed 1st after defeating North Harbour in the final. The Wellington Under 17 team is coached by Dale Brown, who is also the coach of the Tawa College Senior A Boys Basketball team.

Nayland Vs Tawa Sports Exchange

Tawa College students recently travelled to Nelson to take part in the annual exchange between Nayland College and Tawa College. The exchange was narrowly won by Nayland College and the closest we have come to winning the exchange. All students behaved well and we are thankful to the host families for billeting our students for the two night stay.

Thank you also to all the coaches, managers and teachers who attended the event. Without your help these sporting exchanges would not go ahead. We are already looking forward to the competition next year with hopes of a win.

Results from the event are provided in the table below:

Sport	Won By	Score
Girls Basketball	Nayland	40-42
Boys Basketball	Nayland	86-71
Netball	Draw	26-26
Girls Hockey	Tawa	4-2
Boys Hockey	Nayland	2-5
Girls Football	Tawa	3-0
Boys Football	Nayland	2-7
Girls Badminton	Tawa	6-0
Boys Badminton	Nayland	0-6
Rugby	Tawa	29-10

Matches were also played by our Girls Football and Netball teams against Nelson Girls College. Results as follows:

Sport	Won By	Score
Girls Football	Tawa	2-0
Girls Netball	Nelson	20-35

Congratulations to the Girls Football team for winning two hard matches on the same day!

GATEWAY

Gateway has had a great start to 2011 with students commencing work experience in building, mechanical, hairdressing, sports, childcare, fitness, plumbing, electrical, retail, veterinary, broadcasting and hotel industries.

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

Tawa College would like to thank the numerous Wellington and local industries that assist us by taking Gateway Students for work experience, without your help our Gateway programme would not be the success that it is.

If you would like to find out more information about Gateway either ring Cheryl Robb at Tawa College (232 8184 Ext 861) or attend the Gateway Information Evening in September (the date will be published in the next newsletter).

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

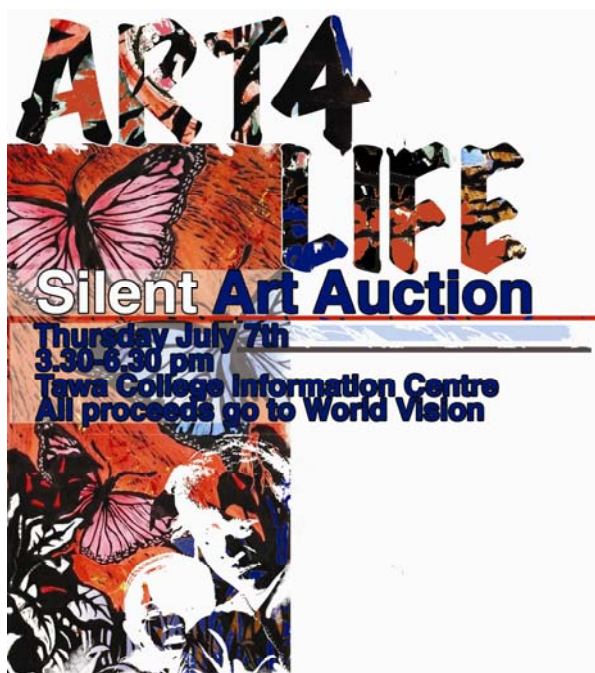
Wellington based Victoria and Massey University's Open Days are coming up on Friday 26 August. Interested Year 13 Students should attend as this will be their last opportunity to have a look before making that final decision.

Year 13 students **Bradley Cox**, **Thomas McCarthy** and **Alex Woodford** were recently selected to attend the Gas and Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth. At the Conference they took part in field trips, met people from the industry and were also privileged to be part of the announcement of a new \$20,000 scholarship.

Term 2 has also seen many students participate in short courses at Whitireia Polytechnic. Students have gained skills in the Outdoors, Light Engineering, Trades,

Journalism and had an Introduction in Coffee Making. Many of these courses offered the students credits toward NCEA.

ART DEPARTMENT



All works for sale were produced by participating students during the 30 hour Art-a-thon on June 22nd-23rd. Visitors will be given a code which they will use as their personal identification when making bids. At 6 pm, the auction will close and successful buyers may pay for and take home purchased works. Please contact Marie Ross or Christine Szabados at Tawa College with any queries.

Hope to see you there!

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

An email received from the Manager of the Paraparaumu College 1st XV Rugby team:

I just wanted to pass on our appreciation of the behaviour your boys displayed during their visit to Paraparaumu College on Saturday. We were well beaten by a very disciplined side on the field and were most impressed with them off the field. To have a visiting team clean the dressing room before leaving and to assist cleaning the pavilion after the function is a first for us and we did not want to let it pass unnoticed.

They are a very good group of young men who display all the attributes you could hope to see in a College rugby team. We wish them all the very best for the remainder of the season.

MATHS DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics Department is again running \$5 tutorials on Monday nights for NCEA Achievement Standard classes. They are held in D Block from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Students are provided with relevant work to do and have a teacher to help them. These were found to be very helpful last year and we have a lot of students returning this year. Year 13 Calculus and Statistics are alternate weeks.

Graphics calculators are expected in Mathematics classes from Year 10 (Year 9 students are not expected to have calculators). There are a lot of students still without a calculator in class and as a result they are unable to do the work that is set. Graphics Calculators are available for \$110, payable at the office.

Lynley MacEwan
HOD Mathematics

TAWA COLLEGE LIBRARY

May I say a huge thank you to all those parents who have cajoled their sons and daughters into returning overdue library items overdue from earlier years. There are however, still a small number to be dealt with, as follows:

- There are 3 students in Year 10 who have 4 items overdue from 2010;
- There are 8 students in Year 11 who have 9 items overdue from 2010;
- There are 7 students in Year 12 who have 7 items overdue, 5 from 2010 and 2 from 2008;
- There are 6 students in Year 13 who have 7 items overdue, 2 from 2010, 2 from 2009, 2 from 2008, and (believe it or not) 1 from 2007.

Shortly I will be sending out emails (or letters) to the parents of these students - I would really appreciate you dealing with these outstanding items straight away. Thank you.

Mrs Hammond
Library Manager

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Music Department Fundraising

Not all good books come to an end.... The 2010/2011 Entertainment book has now expired, however you can still purchase the new 2011/2012 Entertainment book for only \$60 from the Tawa College Music Department. To make it even easier you can order and pay by using the following website: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104120>

TERM TWO MUSIC EVENTS

Congratulations to all students involved in the Regional Barbershop Competition and Regional 'Big Sing'.

At the Barbershop Regionals both our choruses were placed with our Girls' chorus 'Maiden Tawa' coming 1st and our Boys' chorus 'Acafellas' coming 2nd. We had four quartets entered and while none of these were placed, the scoring was very tight and all did a fantastic job. Congratulations to Barbershop coach Charlotte Murray and all 99 students involved.

We were represented at the regional 'Big Sing' by three choirs. All three reached a high standard with our 'Twilight Tones' Chamber choir taking best performance in all three categories of this event. This included the cup for 'Best performance of New Zealand or Pasifika music'. Congratulations to the Music Department staff and all the students involved, this is an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Prin Keerasuntonpong who gained 1st place at the Palmerston North Chamber Music contest. He played with two students from the Wairarapa in a Trio for violin, clarinet & piano by Khachaturian.

Beat the Winter Blues Concert Wednesday 29 June

This concert features an exciting and uplifting selection of items from the school's instrumental groups. Please join us on Wednesday 29 June 7pm in the Tawa

College Hall. Adults \$5 students/children gold coin.

Rock Quest - Saturday 2 July

This event is on at the Wellington Town Hall where the college will be represented by three of our bands. Judging starts at 11.30am with a concert featuring the top eight bands at 8pm. Tickets are \$20, available at Ticketek.

TERM THREE ADVANCED NOTICE – Musical Production

This year's production will take a similar format to the very successful 2009 'Standing Ovation'. With a new selection of songs from a variety of musicals and movies, this event again promises to be a great show.

The production will take place in August at 7.30pm on Friday 5th, Saturday 6th, Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th. There will also be a 3.30pm matinee performance on Sunday 7th August.

Tickets are available from the school office. \$18 Adults and \$10 for children/secondary school students.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 3 Community Education Programme is now on the web site www.tawacommed.co.nz and enrolments can be made online or at the college office. Some of the new courses in term 3 are Bollywood Fitness Dancing, Spanish, Belly Dancing, Painting Mixed Media (a course suitable for children) Babysitting and First Aid (held in the school holidays and suitable for students), Song Writing, Preserving with citrus and Filo Pastry creations. All the other popular favourites are also available but some fill fast so please don't leave enrolling to the last minute. Photos and up to date information can also now be obtained from the face book page "Tawa College Community Education". As more people join the page, special deals will be added.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE

BABY-SITTING SKILLS & FIRST AID:

Robyn Peterson 1 day Fee \$70

On Monday 18 July from 9am to 4pm

Gain a useful certificate to help you become a skilled baby-sitter. Basic skills such as feeding, nappy changing and emergency procedures will be covered as well as first aid skills such as bandaging, what to do in the case of cuts, choking, burns etc and CPR.

PAINTING MIXED MEDIA: (Suitable for children)

Gerda Smit 8 weeks Fee \$70

Starts 10 August from 6pm to 7:30pm

This class is all about painting in any media. You will gain confidence and overcome obstacles that are preventing you from making progress with paint. You will find special ways of working that fulfill you personally and make discoveries that will surprise you. Suitable for all levels of ability. Individualised input specific to your needs. Interactive learning and sharing is encouraged

On Wednesday 3 August in the evening the Tawa College Advisory Committee will meet for its biannual meeting. If anyone is interested in being involved in this meeting which discusses ways in which Community Education can help meet the educational needs of members of the community or if you belong to an organisation where you feel that there would be benefit from Partnering with Community Education for the improvement of the community please contact the coordinator Judith Havill, phone 2327163 or email comed@tawacollege.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PRESENTATION

An open invitation to the parents/caregivers, community leaders and young people. You are warmly invited to attend Dr Paul Quigly's presentation/workshop on "The Impact of

Alcohol and Other Drugs on Young People". Dr Quigly is an Emergency Medicine Specialist and Manager for the Accident and Emergency Department in Wellington Hospital.

Where: Cannons Creek School Hall
Warspite Avenue
PORIRUA
When: Wednesday 29 June 2011
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Cost: Free, light refreshment provided

Due to limited spaces available please confirm your attendance via email to petelo.alosio@acc.co.nz

Tutor Available

I am a friendly approachable student studying part time at Victoria University (Psychology and Statistics).

I am available to tutor Maths, Japanese, and Science as I have achieved high grades in these subjects. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your requirements.

Lisa Randles 04 232 2343
lisa.randles@hotmail.co.nz

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Sat	2	Rockquest Regionals
Wed	6	CSW Indoor Bowls Champs
Thu	7	CSW Squash Champs Science Fair in Hall – all day
Fri	8	Model United Nations
Sun	10	Havelock North Winter Sports Exchange (away)
Tue	12	CSW Junior Badminton Champs
Thu	14	National Kapa Haka Champs
Fri	15	Last day of term - early closure

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Mon	1	First day of Term 3
Thu	4	Major Production begins
Thu	11	CSW Junior Netball Tournament
Fri	12	Heal the World – Mufti Day
Mon	15	Barbershop Nationals Senior Exam Week
Mon	22	Mid Term Break Winter Tournament Week