



# TAWA COLLEGE

**Issue 8**

**November 2010**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The 2010 year is coming to an end. At the beginning of this term we held our Cultural, Sports and Academic Prizegivings and this week our junior students completed their examinations. Senior students are currently sitting their external NCEA exams. There have been many positives throughout the year and I have been delighted with our academic, sporting and cultural achievements. I recently attended the Year 13 drama evening and the final musical concert for the Year "November Notes" and was thoroughly impressed by the large number of participants and the high calibre of the performances in both of these celebratory events. The Senior Art Exhibitions were also most impressive.

In sport I would like to congratulate Nicole Mitchell, Alyse Derby and Nick Gillum who were code winners at the College Sport Wellington Annual Prizegiving. Nick Gillum was one of six finalists in the overall category. Again I would like to acknowledge all who have helped in sport at Tawa College, whether they are coaches, managers or transporters.

I want to acknowledge two particular groups who assist the college in a very positive and supportive way. The first is our Board of Trustees who are charged with the overall governance of the school. The work that the Board undertakes in various areas such as finance, property, uniform and discipline is hugely appreciated. Over recent years the school has undertaken significant property developments and I want to congratulate the Board for the excellent way in which they have managed these projects.

The second group is our Parent Teachers Association. They not only run the school canteen in a very effective and healthy way, but they also support the school in practical and helpful ways.

The development of the timetable for 2011 is well underway. While there will be opportunities for Year 12 and 13 students to change their subject

selections in the light of exam results, it should be noted that it is unlikely that Year 9 to 11 students in 2011 will be able to change subjects once the new school year has begun.

In Week 8 of this term from Tuesday to Friday, all Year 10 students will be involved in an EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) programme. Information has been sent home to parents. I trust that this will be a worthwhile and enjoyable time for our Year 10 students and I thank parents/caregivers and Tawa community members for supporting us in this way.

I want to acknowledge the teaching staff at Tawa College for the huge amount of work that they have done this year. In particular, I would like to thank them for the many additional hours of extra tuition that they have provided to students prior to sitting their external exams.

I am impressed with the attitude and caring nature of our students and have been delighted with their achievement in all aspects of school life this year.

I particularly want to acknowledge our HOD English, Mr Nigel Mitchell who was one of 15 teachers from throughout NZ to be awarded the prestigious Woolf Fisher Fellowship for 2011. This recognises excellence in teaching and provides the recipient with the opportunity to study education in Australia for three weeks.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted the college community this year. I wish you all a safe and meaningful Christmas and a positive 2011.

## **Staffing**

At the end of term we farewell our Year 9 Dean, Mr Tim Dagger, Ms Rebecca Martinez (Mathematics) and Ms Ingrid Berry (Drama/Dance). Each of these staff members has made an excellent contribution to Tawa College and we thank them for their positive involvement in the school and wish them all the best for the future. Ms Katie Turner, Ms Aimee Grigg and Ms Sarah Ellix will all be on maternity leave in 2011 and Ms Leanne Jenkins will be returning as Year 13 Dean after a year's leave of absence.

*Murray Lucas*  
**Principal**

## NCEA INFORMATION

### NZQA Certificates

NCEA, UE certificate, Record of Achievement and School Results Summary **are no longer posted out** to students. You will need to order copies from your Learner login in mid-January. There is no charge for certificates for newly awarded qualifications. There is a charge for reprints of certificates.

### NCEA Derived Grades (formerly Compassionate Consideration)

Applications for Derived Grades for exams that have been missed must be returned to Anne West at Tawa College by 6 December 2010. Refer to [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) for more information and application forms

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

Congratulations to the following students who received Premier Honours Awards at the Cultural Prizegiving held in October:

<b>National Representation</b>	Patrick Barnes Sean Crookes Peter Drake Nicholas Garrett Fuatino Malo-Siolo Julianne Payne Chris Wratt
<b>Services to Choreography</b>	Rachel Palmer
<b>Drama</b>	Mitchell Bernard
<b>Peter Beilby Cup</b>	Patrick Barnes

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to **Hannah Davis** a Year 10 student who received a Highly Commended award in the "Re Draft" writing competition.

## HEAD PREFECTS FOR 2011

Head Boy	<b>Tony Zhou</b>
Head Girl	<b>Elyjana Roach</b>
Deputy Head Boy	<b>Preston Lyons</b>
Deputy Head Girl	<b>Claire Middleton</b>

## PREFECTS FOR 2011

Georgia Coburn	Ali Ayman
Morgan Curry	George Chambers
Joanne Denton	James Clark-Henderson
Grace Faletutulu	Sebastian Glasson
Ursula Gordon	Matt Glendenning
Ngawini Iosefa	Oliver Greenaway
Harriet Judd	Jacob Kyne
Tiana McCreedy	Preston Lyons
Claire Middleton	Thomas McCarthy
Selina Munro	Tane Rangiawha
Charika Muthumala	Hayden Stansfield
Sarah Riceman	Timothy Tomas
Elyjana Roach	Alex Williams
Antonia Van Koeverden	Tony Zhou

### ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

On Monday 8 November 2010 we held our Academic Prizegiving. Congratulations to all prizewinners. The top awards were presented to:

<b>Dux</b>	Erika Sirisomboonwong
<b>Proxime Assessit</b>	Ruby Simeon
<b>Top Year 12 Student</b>	Tony Zhou
<b>Top Year 11 Student</b>	Jie Hon Fan

Congratulations also to the following students who have been awarded scholarships:

<b>Victoria University</b>	Patrick Barnes Mitchell Bernard Conor Donohue
<b>Otago University</b>	Erika Sirisomboonwong Brittani Stanley-Wishart
<b>Massey University</b>	Julianne Payne
<b>Whitireia Polytechnic</b>	Rosie King Jared Lambert Maddie Tibble

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Tawa College Sports Prizegiving

Congratulations to the following students who received Honours Awards for sport:

<b>Nicole Mitchell</b>	Athletics Cross Country Road Running Swimming Multisport
<b>Megan Blair</b>	Athletics Surf Life Saving
<b>Malcolm Hodge</b>	Athletics Cross Country
<b>Dan Annand</b>	Aussie Rules
<b>Alyse Derby</b>	Badminton
<b>Emma-Jane Kortegast</b>	Cheerleading
<b>Kenneth Williams</b>	Cricket
<b>Hamish Kyne</b>	Cricket
<b>Ryan McAlister</b>	Cross Country
<b>Joanne Denton</b>	Equestrian
<b>CJ Bott</b>	Football
<b>Kevin Bellman</b>	Hockey
<b>Sean McCrudden</b>	Road Running
<b>James Coburn</b>	Rugby
<b>Claire Middleton</b>	Rugby
<b>Jessica Jowett</b>	Softball
<b>Gemma Cassidy</b>	Softball
<b>Jamie Nelson</b>	Softball
<b>Keri Simeon</b>	Softball
<b>Nick Gillum</b>	Swimming
<b>Ben Walsh</b>	Swimming
<b>Kyle Barnes</b>	Swimming
<b>Callum Sinclair</b>	Swimming
<b>Ursula Gordon</b>	Swimming
<b>Ellen Van Looy</b>	Swimming
<b>Thomas McCarthy</b>	Swimming Surf Life Saving
<b>Jordan Mellars</b>	Wrestling
<b>Sportsman of the Year</b>	Nick Gillum
<b>Sportswoman of the Year</b>	Nicole Mitchell
<b>All Rounder Male</b>	Simon Moore
<b>All Rounder Female</b>	Ngawai Walmsley

### College Sport Wellington

Congratulations to the following students who reached the final in their sporting category at the recent College Sport Wellington Sportsperson of the Year Awards:

<b>Alyse Derby</b>	Badminton
<b>Kevin Bellman</b>	Hockey
<b>Simon Moore</b>	Services to School Sports
<b>Nicole Mitchell</b>	Cross Country/Road Running/Multi Sport
<b>Nick Gillum</b>	Swimming

Special congratulations to Alyse Derby, Nicole Mitchell and Nick Gillum who all won their categories. Nick Gillum was one of six finalists for the overall award for Sportsperson of the Year.

### Touch Rugby

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Touch Rugby team who were 1<sup>st</sup> in the CSW Division 2 Hutt Valley Touch Tournament. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams at the CSW Junior Touch tournament held on 10 November.

### Football

Congratulations to **Callum Gillies** and **Sasha Sneyd** who were selected in the Capital Football (Wellington Region) Under 13 Representative team that travelled to Newcastle, NSW, in the Term 3 holidays. They were the only team from NZ to compete at the tournament and performed a creditable 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Rugby League

Congratulations to **Ezra Togia** who was recently selected in the National Under 15 Rugby League team. In order to be selected, Ezra represented Wellington in a round robin competition throughout New Zealand.

### Wrestling

Congratulations to **Jordan Mellars** who recently won a National Secondary Schools wrestling title. Jordan won a Gold medal in the 69kg cadet section for 14-17 year olds.

### **Cheerleading**

Congratulations to the Tawa College Cheerleading team who recently came 3<sup>rd</sup> in NZ at the All Star International Cheerleading Competition. Team members were Emma-Jane Kortegast, Courtenay Jamieson, Jazz Amos-Burns, Brittany Brightwell, Kyla Burkinshaw, Elise Butterworth, Samantha Clark, Rachel Coates, Emma Cross, Joanne Denton, Anca Dumitru, Kayla Fisher, Michelle Goh, Lynnaire Highgate, Laura Hook, Tina Lawn, Hannah McKegg, Chantelle Meyer, Dee Minnaar, Tessa Morris, Hannah Ogilvie, Emma Peake, Sarah Ross, Kelly Sarginson, Adel Smith, Ella Sturman and Maew Thipchai.

### **Skateboarding**

Congratulations to **Mitch Jago** who competed at the New Zealand Skateboarding Championships in Auckland held over Labour Weekend. Mitch placed 4<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand in the Under 16 Division.

### **Martial Arts**

Congratulations to **Kurt Jago** who was recently graded as a second Dan Black Belt in the Martial Arts form Zen do Kai.

### **UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS**

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 26 January 2011 and Friday 28 January 2011 from 12.30pm to 6.30pm. The Uniform Shop will also be open on Monday 31 January 2011 from 12pm to 2pm. Second hand uniform items may also be purchased at these times. The Uniform Shop is now located at the southern end of A Block.

Year 13 mufti uniform collection will be held on **Wednesday 26 January 2011 from 10am until 12pm**. Please note that this date is for Year 13 mufti collection only, no other uniform items will be sold or exchanged on this date.

### **UNIFORM SHOES**

As you will no doubt be purchasing new shoes over the summer holidays, please ensure that you adhere to the uniform regulations. Shoes should be plain black leather, flat heeled and able to be polished. Canvas or vinyl shoes, or shoes with any additional markings are not acceptable.

### **UNIFORM DONATIONS**

Once again we are making a plea for donations of Tawa College uniform items (in good condition) that we can use for emergency situations when students need a replacement for the day. We need all types of uniform items including PE uniform and school shoes in reasonable condition. If you have anything at home that you no longer need, please deliver it to the school office at your earliest convenience. Your assistance in this way is very much appreciated.

### **CAREERS DEPARTMENT**

On Monday 6 December 2010 our Year 10 students will take part in activities designed to help them discover their career pathways. This is seen as a general introduction to assist students with beginning the process of thinking about a career plan.



Each child will be given an information pack from Careers Services. The Careers Services website is an excellent resource. It has a great section for parents which provides ideas on how you can offer guidance and ask the right questions. We encourage everyone to visit this site: [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)

If you have any enquiries about this event or careers counselling, please contact Carole Brown, Head of Department, Transition on 232 8184 extension 860.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### TAWA MUSIC FESTIVAL



This event was a huge success. We have been working on a DVD to provide a lasting memory of what took place on the 16

September 2010. The cost is only \$15. If you would like to order a copy please email Caron Hubbard our Arts Co-ordinator at [chubbard@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:chubbard@tawacol.school.nz). We will let you know when the DVDs are ready for collection from the school office.

### THE BIG CAROL SING WELLINGTON TOWN HALL SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2010 AT 6PM

Our Dawn Chorus has again been asked to sing at this Wellington Community event that is put on by The Salvation Army every Christmas. The students will lead the singing for the Christmas Carols and present four items. Students will need to report to the Town Hall at 4pm.



The Dawn Chorus will continue rehearsing every Friday morning right through to Friday 17 December. Dawn Chorus students are asked to attend as many rehearsals as possible and do their best to make themselves available from 4pm on Sunday 19 December.

## MATHS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING

### Garage Sale

The Maths Department Fundraising Committee is holding a **Garage Sale** to

raise funds in support of the student trip to China in 2011. The event is being held at the Salvation Army Hall in Tawa on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010 from 9am until 1pm.

We are still accepting donations of any goods (toys, books, household items etc). Donated items can be collected from your address or if you prefer please drop them off to Gail Hughes at 78 Victory Crescent, Tawa.

### Hypnotist Evenings 15 & 16 February 2011

David Upfold is returning to Tawa College to host another two shows. These shows were absolutely hilarious last time he was here. Be in quick to get your tickets from the College Office at the beginning of Term 1, 2011. Tickets are \$20 per person.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### SITUATIONS VACANT

The programme for 2011 is currently being prepared and we need new tutors especially in the areas of Yoga and Ethnic Cooking. All other courses will also be considered. If you are interested in teaching a course in 2011 please contact the Community Education Coordinator Judith Havill via email at [comed@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:comed@tawacol.school.nz) or by phone on 232 7163.

If you have any ideas regarding courses you would like to see available through Community Education at Tawa College (which can now include enrolments from senior students) please also make contact with Judith Havill.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SIMPLY DENTAL

Thank you to the Tawa College community for the wonderful uptake of the service introduced this term. We will be continuing with the Simply Dental programme throughout 2011. If you have any queries please contact Robin on 0800 123 343.

## HOMESTAYS

Tawa College hosts a number of International Students each year and we are required to provide homestays within the Tawa area for some of these students. If you wish to make yourself available for homestay provision, please contact the Dean of International Students, Mr Steve Conroy via email on [sconroy@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:sconroy@tawacol.school.nz).

## LIBRARY

It's time to start searching out all those forgotten books and magazines! Don't forget to check under the bed, behind the bookcases, at the back of the wardrobe etc. Parents – please encourage your son/daughter to check with one of the librarians that they have returned all the items they have borrowed this year.

All outstanding library books must be returned by Friday 10 December 2010. An invoice will be sent home for any books still outstanding after this date. Thank you for your assistance. Any concerns please contact [phammond@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:phammond@tawacol.school.nz).

Currently Year 9 at Tawa College, Sarah Parkinson has written a fantasy book entitled "The Beast of the Rock" which was first published in 2009. Due to popular demand, this book is now being republished in a second edition, with illustrations by another Year 9 student, Kim Ditchburn. This book is a unique gift idea, especially for readers in the 7 to 11 year age group. Queries or orders can be placed with Robyn Parkinson, phone 232 5338, or email [robroy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:robroy@xtra.co.nz). The books cost \$20 and will also be available at a later date on various online bookshops such as [www.wheelers.co.nz](http://www.wheelers.co.nz). A sequel is expected to be completed in 2011.

## SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS 2011

If you wish to play cricket in Term 1 you need to register at the sports office before **Friday**

**21 January 2011.** All other summer sport codes need to be registered by **Wednesday 9 February 2011.**

Late entries will not be accepted as competition begins on 21 February 2011. Registrations forms will be available at the sports office and on the college website from mid December 2010.

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- Mon 29 Senior Clearance (late start for Year 9 and 10 students – 9.50am)
- Tue 30 Year 10 EOTC school based activities commence  
Library closed (3 days)

### DECEMBER

- Tue 7 Leavers Dinner 6pm
- Thu 9 Year 10 Deans Final Assembly P1  
Year 9 Deans Final Assembly P3
- Fri 10 Junior Prizegiving 10am

### JANUARY

- Thu 27 Prefects' training with Zeal
- Fri 28 Year 13 Mentor training  
Course Confirmation  
Year 12 at 9am  
Year 13 at 11am
- Mon 31 Staff Meeting (8.25am to 3.20pm)

### FEBRUARY

- Tue 1 Year 11 students arrive at 11am  
Year 12 students arrive at 12pm
- Wed 2 Year 13 students arrive at 11am  
Year 10 students arrive at 12pm  
Year 9 students arrived at 1pm
- Thu 3 All students arrive at 8.35am

### TERM DATES FOR 2011

- Term 1 Mon 31 January to Fri 15 April
- Term 2 Mon 2 May to Fri 15 July
- Term 3 Mon 1 August to Fri 7 October
- Term 4 Tue 25 October to 9 December

### SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note that the school office will close on Tuesday 14 December 2010 and will reopen on Wednesday 19 January 2011.

## **POSITIVE FEEDBACK**

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An email from Heidi Mills, Regional Youth Development Advisor:

I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for allowing me to carry out a couple of consultation exercises on the NZQA proposed changes for University Entrants. The students who participated were very engaging and made some insightful comments into the proposed changes and how they may be directly affected.