



# TAWA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to the final term of 2010. Senior students will only have a short time at College before they face the challenge of external examinations. It is vital that each student checks his or her timetable and has a friend who can remind the student of each examination. Sadly, we had a few students who missed key exams in 2009 by misreading the timetable. Also it is important to check compassionate consideration details. If you are in doubt please contact the college and ask for our NZQA liaison teacher, Ms Anne West.



I had an interesting and informative time on sabbatical during Term 3. I visited colleges in Nelson, Wellington, Dunedin, Hamilton, Auckland, Tauranga, Napier and New Plymouth. In all of these Colleges I looked at what they were doing about the New Curriculum, Restorative Practices and Behaviour Management as well as Literacy and Information Technology programmes. I was well received wherever I went and I continue to be highly impressed with the New Zealand education system and the willingness of staff to deliver a quality all-round education system.

During the term I also had the opportunity to attend 'Tawa Goes to Town' which reinforced to me the excellent arts programme we deliver at the College. The vibrant energy and enthusiasm was simply outstanding and brought huge credit on the college and the community. Other excellent cultural events I attended included a rehearsal for Polyfest by

our Kapa Haka group and Poly Club that was most impressive. It was also good to attend the final of the Senior Premier B debating competition where Tawa did so well in reaching the final and acquitting themselves so superbly in a high quality debate narrowly losing to Chilton St James. It was also great to attend the Tawa/Havelock North sports exchange as well as watching both our Tawa College Soccer boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI teams in action. Both these teams had excellent seasons finishing 11th in the Premier New Zealand tournaments. I also had the good fortune to watch three Tawa College Boys football teams win their respective finals.

One other important aspect of my sabbatical was to provide me with time to read a number of books about education. I learned a great deal about emotional intelligence and the value of an education system that identifies students' passions and encourages them to develop these.

I also have developed a greater appreciation for those who look after the College property and grounds. Tawa College's facilities were as good and as well maintained as any school I visited. I particularly would like to acknowledge our Executive Officer, Noel Foote and Property Manager, Vince Comis in this regard. I want to also thank Geoff O'Halloran for leading the school in my absence, ably assisted by the remainder of the Senior Leadership Team, Robyn Chester, Richard Gale and Anne West.

This term we have three prizegivings celebrating cultural success, sporting success and academic success. It is important that we pay tribute to the high achievers in all of these areas. It would be wonderful to see as many parents and family members as possible at these three events.

## STAFFING

In Term 4 we welcome back Gemma Lodge from maternity leave. She will teach Physical Education and replaces Kathy Wiltshire who did an excellent job in her absence.

*Murray Lucas*  
**PRINCIPAL**

## NCEA NEWS

The NZQA exams for students entered in NCEA 1, 2 and 3 begin on 11 November with Scholarship Drama. They finish on 1 December. The exam timetable is on the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz). It is important that every student knows exactly when their exams are on and have good arrangements for transport on the day. Students will be given detailed information about exam procedures before they go on study leave.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

### READER/Writers FOR JUNIOR EXAMS

As part of our desire to support students with their learning, we require positive people to act as reader/writers throughout the year for their internal and external assessments. **Week 5 of this term (Thursday 11 November through to Wednesday 17 November)** the junior students will be sitting their end of year exams. We **urgently** require members of the community to assist the students.

This role entails reading an exam paper to a student and writing down their answers. Training will be provided. If you are able to assist, even if it is just for one exam, please contact Rachael Martin, HOD Learning Support on 232-8184 ext 847. If you would like further information please email Rachael on [rmartin@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:rmartin@tawacol.school.nz)

## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Hopefully, most of you have received your "Career Tips" newsletter by email, and have shared the information with your sons/daughters. If you did not receive it, this may be because your email provider won't accept our mass emails. You can still go to our website and view it under Careers. Feel free to contact Carole Brown (ext 860) or Cheryl Robb (ext 861) for any queries about careers.

Year 10s will have their Careers Day with speakers, games, computer work in December during their EOTC week.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The last **First Aid Course** for the year will be held on Sunday 21 and 28 November. This course is a prerequisite for a number of future studies for students or can be a useful course to add to your CV. Tawa College students can also gain Level 1, 2 and 3 NCEA credits.

There is another **Defensive Driving** course due to be held at the conclusion of NCEA exams starting on Monday 29 November. This course is on Monday and Thursday and is completed in two weeks.

Pete Lamb (an ex Tawa College student) has started a very successful Recreational Fishing class on Surfcasting and Rock fishing. On 10 November he will start a new course on **Boat Fishing**. The course even includes learning how to cook that fresh fish you have just caught.

There is still room available in the very popular and practical course run by local solicitor Robert Brace on **Family Trusts, Wills & Powers of Attorney**. You will learn how to make sure that you and your family assets are protected and provided for.

For anyone who is interested in **Family History Research** there is a Sunday morning course on 14 November to show you the ways in which you can use the internet to trace your family history.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

The programme for 2011 is being prepared very soon and there is a need for 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 at [comed@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:comed@tawacol.school.nz) or phone 232 7163.

## NCEA LEVEL 1 – 3 ART

### Due Dates for NCEA Levels 1 to 3

#### VISUAL ARTS EXTERNAL STANDARDS

If your son/daughter is submitting a folio for one of the Visual Art subjects, please take note of the following **FINAL** submission dates. Folios should be handed in to the appropriate teacher.

- Level 1** 9am Friday 22 October 2010  
Week 2, Term 4
- Level 2** Photography and Design  
9am Friday 29 October 2010  
Week 3, Term 4
- Level 3** Photography and Design  
12pm Mon 8 November 2010  
Week 5, Term 4  
Note: Level 3 Painting does not require a folio

#### VISUAL ART SENIOR EXHIBITION DATES

We would like to invite anyone interested to view our Senior Art exhibitions. We would especially like to see parents, family and friends of our students who have worked hard to complete a range of Visual Art, Photography and Design projects throughout the year.

- Level 1** Friday 22 October 2010  
Tawa College Information  
Centre 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- Level 2** Photography and Design  
Friday 29 October 2010  
Tawa College Information  
Centre 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- Senior Art  
Splash** Thursday 4 November 2010  
Tawa College Hall  
4.30pm to 6.30pm and on  
Friday 5 November 2010  
Tawa College Hall  
9am to 12pm

The final exhibition focuses on all Year 12 and Year 13 work. It combines Design, Photography, Painting, Printmaking and

Mixed Media. We recommend this not only for parents of participating students, but also for students of any age who are considering one or more of the Visual Arts as a future option at Tawa College. Please contact Marie Ross, HOD Visual Art with any questions: Ph 232 8184 x 866.

## MATHS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING

The Maths Department Fundraising Committee are 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 now requesting 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.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Football

A correction to the results of football finals detailed in the September newsletter:

Congratulations to the Tawa College Junior Boys B who won their College Sport Wellington final against Wellington College. The final score was 6-1.

Congratulations to the Tawa College Boys 4<sup>th</sup> XI who won their College Sport Wellington final against HIBs. The final score was 6-0.

Congratulations to the Tawa College Boys 5<sup>th</sup> XI who won their College Sport Wellington final against Marsden Whitby. The final score was 3-2.

### Triathlon

Nicole Mitchell is a member of the NZ Triathlon Development Squad and has been chosen to represent NZ Under 19 Womens team to compete in Tasmania in January 2011 at the Australian championships.

### **NZSS Winter Tournament Week**

Tawa College had six teams travel to various locations to compete at the New Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week. These tournaments provide an extremely valuable experience for the future development of sport at Tawa College.

Our Senior A Netball Girls had a tough week playing in a competitive 'A' grade competition at the Lower North Island Tournament held in Wanganui. The girls' finished in 30<sup>th</sup> place out of a total of just over 50 teams competing at the tournament maintaining both their 'A' grade status and pride.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys and Girls Football teams qualified for the Premier Lotto Tournaments.

This year the girls travelled to Nelson after being successful in qualifying and topped their pool group earning them a quarterfinal playoff game with 2009 tournament winners Marian of Christchurch. Tawa lost 5-3 in a penalty shoot-out but finished their tournament with a win over Freyberg and a National Ranking of 11<sup>th</sup> in the country – an excellent effort.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Boys travelled to Napier for the Premier Lotto Tournament. They played last years winners, Mt Albert Grammar in the first game and lost 2-0, despite dominating the game territorially. They then lost to the winners of the tournament, Palmerston North Boys High School, 4-1 before beating Western Heights High of Rotorua, 2-0. Two wins followed against Rongotai College and Shirley Boys' High School before a narrow loss to West Lake Boys'. This meant that our team finished in 11<sup>th</sup> position overall which is an excellent ranking and the highest Tawa College has achieved for many years. All the team played well and represented the school with pride.

The Senior 'A' Basketball Boys had a great tournament with results way above expectations winning 3 of the 4 pool play games. The highlight was a big win over Hastings Boys, a team who regularly make National Tournament. This win resulted in a 3-way tie in the group and an anxious wait to see who made the quarterfinals.

The jury came out and claimed we were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pool, with our reward being a quarter final against Mana College. A loss in this game as well as the next against St Pat's meant we just missed out on making the National Finals Tournament, but had a great win over Wellington College to finish 7<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey Boys attended the Mayhill Cup Tournament based in Levin. Mayhill Cup is a middle tier tournament attended by 16 colleges. The boys performed admirably in this tough competition, displaying good sportsmanship and determination to earn 10<sup>th</sup> place.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey Girls competed in the Mary Clinton Cup at Stratford. The goal for this tournament was to finish in the top 8, they achieved this by placing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. The final result was very pleasing considering they are a very young team that will only have three senior students leaving school over the next two years.

Once again our 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Boys were invited to the Central Six Tournament in the Manawatu which was held at Fielding High School. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> narrowly losing to Wanganui High School who were the overall tournament winners.

### **Swimming**

The Wellington Short Course Champs were held last term with a number of swimmers from Tawa College doing very well. Following are the medal winners and Wellington record achievers:

#### **Individual Medal Winners**

Ellen Van Looy - 2 Silver, 3 Bronze  
Mikayla McPhee - 1 Silver, 1 Bronze  
Kyle Barnes - 7 Gold, 1 Silver  
Nick Gillum - 1 Gold, 2 Bronze  
Sean Kemp - 1 Bronze  
Callum Sinclair - 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze  
Thomas McCarthy - 2 Bronze  
Ben Walsh - 4 Gold, 8 Silver, 2 Bronze

## **Wellington Records**

1500m Freestyle - Nick Gillum

400m Individual Medley - Nick Gillum

200m Individual Medley - Ben Walsh

400m Individual Medley - Ben Walsh

## **2010 AGE GROUP SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Eight swimmers qualified from Tawa College for this Championship meet which was to be held in Christchurch during the September/October school holidays. It was transferred at short notice to Wellington due to the Christchurch earthquake/s. There were some excellent results achieved by the swimmers from Tawa College with most of them making finals.

There were also five new **Wellington Age Group Records** set by Nick Gillum in the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle and also the 400m Individual Medley with the 400m Individual Medley a **New Zealand Age Group Record**. Ben Walsh also set new **Wellington Age Group Records** in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke.

### **Individual Medal Winners**

Nick Gillum - 3 Gold and 4 Silver

Kyle Barnes - 3 Gold and 2 Silver (2 gold medals as a member of the Wellington relay teams)

Callum Sinclair - 1 Silver and 2 Bronze

Thomas McCarthy - 1 Silver and 1 Bronze

Ben Walsh - 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

The Tawa Swimming Club boys 16 years and over relay team which comprised of Tawa College students; Nick Gillum, Kyle Barnes, Thomas McCarthy and Joshua Rich finished 5<sup>th</sup> within New Zealand.

### **Christine Hayman Memorial Trophy**

Our Senior A and B Netball teams played Paraparaumu College in the annual competition for the Christine Hayman Memorial Trophy. It was very well supported by friends and family of Norma Bremner (mother of Christine) and Barry Hayman (widow of Christine). This year the Paraparaumu Senior A team played an outstanding game winning 41-19 to take home the trophy. This event has now been

played for 16 years and each college has won the event eight times. The Senior B team had an exciting game finishing in a 25 all draw. Christine was a past Head Girl of Tawa College and a teacher at Paraparaumu College.

### **Skateboarding**

Mitch Jago recently came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Wellington Skateboarding Regionals held at Waitangi Skate Park on 9 October 2010. He will now be competing at the NZ Skateboarding Nationals over Labour Weekend to be held in Auckland.

### **Australian Rules Football**

Congratulations to Daniel Annand who has been selected in the Wellington Men's Australian Football League team. This team will compete in the AFL New Zealand National Provincial Championships over Labour Weekend in Christchurch. The Wellington team will be defending the title they won last year.

### **Winter Sports Uniforms**

At Tawa College we try to supply as much sports equipment and uniforms as possible. The College is committed to upgrading gear and uniforms to keep us in line with other colleges. As you will be aware the cost of sporting equipment is extremely high and our funding will not keep pace with these costs.

We are very conscious of the need to keep the costs of sporting participation down. We are unable to continue to do this if students do not return the college equipment and uniforms at the end of the season.

To date there are still a large number of uniforms outstanding. Could parents please check at home for any items of Winter Sport Uniform and return to the college as soon as possible. Alternatively an invoice will be sent out for replacement costs.

**SPORTS PRIZEGIVING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2010 AT 7PM IN THE COLLEGE HALL.**

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### STUDENT 'CHOGM' AT PARLIAMENT

In the last week of Term Three Stuart Campbell and Felicity Murdoch went to the Parliament Buildings to take part in the annual Student Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. This is a two day simulation of the real CHOGM that will take place next year in Perth. Tawa College represented the country Nigeria, and Stuart and Felicity took part in debates as if they were the Head of State and the Foreign Minister of that Commonwealth country. There were over 20 countries represented by schools from as far away as Auckland, New Plymouth and Darfield and the sessions are held in the old Legislative Council Debating Chamber and the Grand Ball Room of Parliament. The benefits of having the SCHOGM in such surroundings cannot be discounted.

The event is hosted each year by MP Peter Dunne, who has given valuable support to this excellent learning opportunity for senior students, some of whom (like Darren Hughes) go on to political or diplomatic careers of their own. The Minister opened and closed the meeting, and also attended the formal State Dinner in the Banquet Room at the Beehive. Delegates were lucky enough to have the Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand as Guest of Honour at the banquet this year. Sir Anand spoke about the role of young people and the future of the Commonwealth and impressed everyone with his genuine interest in the young people of this country and the challenge he issued them to carry on the work of their elders. Definitely a real New Zealander!

The following day's intelligent (and sometimes amusing) debate addressed His Excellency's challenge and the delegates left having gained much from their experience over the intensive programme.

*Mr Salter - Teacher in Charge*

### Chemistry Quiz

Several of our Year 13 students recently participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz, an international competition which runs throughout the Pacific. Congratulations to **Nickson Lim, Patrick Barnes** and **Erika Sirisomboonwong** who achieved High Distinctions, placing them in the top 10%. **Francesca Au** and **Nick Weaver** also did very well gaining Distinctions.

### Mathematics Competitions 2010

#### *Casio Senior Mathematics Competition*

This is an exceptionally tough Mathematics competition for Year 12 and 13 students. This year we had one student reaching the required grade to send off for Round 2, but no further grading was awarded. Congratulations to **Patrick Barnes** for this achievement.

#### *National Bank Competition*

With over 150 Year 9 to 11 students sitting the National Bank Junior Mathematics competition earlier this year, we have some promising and talented Mathematicians coming through. A total of 8 Merits were awarded and 6 students were placed in the Top 200 in NZ for their year level, results as follows:

<b>Year 9 Merit</b>	Kim Ditchburn Gap Jae Jeikal Hamish Lockhart Caleb Rapson Adam Wark Bea Wooding
<b>Year 10 Top 200</b>	Chiraag Ishwar
<b>Year 11 Merit</b>	Kalyani Dixit Natasha Wong
<b>Year 11 Top 200</b>	Nic Catto Colin Douch Luke McLuskie Jono Moore Cara Sturman

### **Australian Mathematics Competition**

A promising set of results across the year levels show we still fare very well in this tough competition. A total of 3 High Distinctions, 20 Distinctions and 64 Credit awards were issued to Tawa College students as follows:

#### **Year 9**

**Distinction** Beatrice Wooding  
Caleb Rapson  
Callum Gillies  
Breanna Kennedy  
Rachel Coates  
Gap Jae Jeikal  
Kseniya Bulatova

#### **Year 10**

**High Distinction Distinction** Jamie Roberts  
David Visser  
Sasha Sneyd  
Aidan Thornton  
Simanu Simanu

#### **Year 11**

**High Distinction Distinction** Nic Catto  
Luke McLuskie  
Jie-Hong Fan  
Cara Sturman  
Jerry Yang  
Esther Holt  
James Wratt  
Lydia Hicklin  
Nicholas Garrett

#### **Year 13**

**Distinction** Leanne Robb  
Francesca Au

### **Mathswell Teams**

Congratulations to the students that competed in the Year 9, 10 and 11 Mathswell competitions this year. Results as follows:

#### **Year 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Jie-Hong Fan, Nic Catto and Luke McLuskie

#### **Year 10 – 6<sup>th</sup> Place**

Matt Gotlieb, Adrian Thornton, Jessica Kyne, Rachel Charlesworth, Sasha Sneyd and Chiraag Ishwar

#### **Year 9 – 6<sup>th</sup> Place**

Gap Jae Jeikal, Rachel Coates (reserve), Mehrbano Malik, Katie Fahey, Sarah Parkinson, James Fraser and Callum Gillies

### **NZ Economics Competition 2010**

A number of Tawa College commerce students recently competed in the NZ Economics Competition, and achieved some outstanding results, as follows:

#### **Year 13 Distinction Certificates**

**Krishan Prasad and Xindi Zhang**

#### **Year 12 High Distinction Certificates**

**Callum McPetrie and Sebastian Glasson**

#### **Year 12 Distinction Certificate**

**Sarah Riceman**

### **University of Canterbury – Business Simulation Competition 2010**

Our students also took part in the above competition and again performed with distinction. Results as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> in NZ for Year 12 **Luke Jackson**  
3<sup>rd</sup> in NZ for Year 12 **Sam Phelps-Barber**  
8<sup>th</sup> in NZ for Year 13 **Nick Johnston and Aaron Reid**

### **Dance**

Congratulations to Chantelle Anthony who has been awarded a Solo Seal Performance Diploma by the NZ Association of Modern Dance in the Hip Hop discipline.

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Kapi Mana Music Teachers' Association competition was held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September in the Theatre at Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua. A number of Tawa College students received awards at this event. Details as follows:

Most Promising Senior Musician – Prin Keerasuntonpong

Most Promising Ensemble – Wind Quartet – Rosie Tate, Reece Wells, Oliver Burdan and Prin Keerasuntonpong

Senior String Solo – 1<sup>st</sup> Prin Keerasuntonpong; 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Sneyd

Senior Piano Duet – 1<sup>st</sup> Prin Keerasuntonpong; 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Garrett and Nic Catto; 3<sup>rd</sup> Elijah Futi and Alexander Sneyd.

Senior Piano Solo Grades 4 to 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Trusty

Senior Piano Solo Grade 7 and above – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Sneyd; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prin Keerasuntonpong

Senior Special Event (a jazz type piece) 1<sup>st</sup> Prin Keerasuntonpong; 2<sup>nd</sup>= Alexander Sneyd; 3<sup>rd</sup>= Julianne Payne, Elija Futi VHC Nic Catto

Senior Ensemble – 1<sup>st</sup> Wind Ensemble Rosie Tate, Reece Wells, Oliver Burdan, Prin Keerasuntonpong; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Sneyd, Elijah Futi (violins and harpsichord); 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Sneyd and Elijah Futi (violin and piano)

Senior Wind or Brass Solo – 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Watson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosie Tate; 3<sup>rd</sup>= Nic Catto and Reece Wells

### **November Notes Tawa College Hall Wednesday 3 November 7pm**

This is our final school concert for the year. It features a lot of our groups from our singing and instrumental programme. It is also a chance to bid farewell to our faithful Yr 13 students. Entry cost is \$5 adults & gold coin for students and children

### **The Big Carol Sing Wellington Town Hall Sunday 19 December 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. 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 3.30pm on Sunday 19 December.

## **SUMMARY OF CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP**

**November Notes on 3 November in the College Hall at 7pm (\$5 adults & gold coin for students)** A concert featuring the singing and instrumental groups within the school.

**The Big Carol Sing on 19 December in the Wellington Town Hall at 6pm (free concert)** A Wellington community Christmas concert that features our Dawn Chorus.

## **TAWA GOES TO TOWN**

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in this unique Tawa event. College students were involved in all aspects of the show from singing, dancing, playing in the band and helping back stage. We have had a lot of positive feedback from participants, first time attendees as well as from those who have attended many iterations of the show over the years.

A DVD of the show will be available soon.



The cost is only \$15. If you would like to order a copy please email Caron Hubbard our Arts Coordinator 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.

## DRAMA DEPARTMENT

### “TODAY’S BAY” – YEAR 13 DRAMA



This is the final performance for the year by our Year 13 drama students. Friday 5 November 2010 at 6pm in the Tawa College hall. This play is a study of Katherine Mansfield's short story “At the Bay”.

## LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

### SENIOR FRENCH NOUMEA TRIP

The sun shone through the coconut trees, the baguettes were crisp and everything was in a foreign language! Sixteen students from Year 11, 12 and 13 French classes swept four teachers along with them, leaving a wintry Wellington behind for the warmth of New Caledonia and an educational trip that had been months in the planning. All the fundraising efforts seemed worth it the moment we stepped off the plane and into 28 degree heat, and we started to be greeted “bonjour et bienvenue” not because it was part of a French lesson but because, incredibly, people there talked like that!

That was the point of the trip, of course, and everyone made an effort to use their French in real-world situations from the first evening we were there. The step was easier for some than others, it is easy to underestimate the courage it takes to order up an ice cream when it may be the first time you have used another language with someone who is not a teacher or a classmate. But by the time we went to bed the local Creperie had made its

monthly target and the Orangina was sold out.

Our students stayed with host families chosen by the language school, and enjoyed exchanging information, showing family photos, helping with the cooking and washing up or playing with the children. Some dined French style, with a bewildering progression of dishes. After four nights in homestay, three mornings' intensive language class in a converted penal institution, daily decoding of signs and advertisements, much buying of snack food, souvenirs and ‘pareo’ wraps, a lot of French had been used by everyone. The tropical location was just a bonus.

We had a fantastic day out at the Phare Amedee which was filled with snorkelling, eating, sunbathing and watching out for sea snakes. The beach at Anse Vata and the hotel pool on the last day were both well used; our picnics of fresh baguette, cheese, unusual biscuits and tropical fruit were highlights; there was always someone to kick a football with and the supermarkets were full of exotic mysteries just like the Aquarium. We rode “le Petit Train” and visited the “Centre Jean-Marie Tjibaou” for Melanesian Arts and Culture. Some even located McDonalds for the comfort of familiarity.



It was a very successful trip - from a teacher's point of view the group was a pleasure to accompany, fantastic kids and a credit to the school and their parents. They fitted a lot into one short week, and I am sure they will remember and value their experience for many years to come.

*Mr Salter, Teacher of French*

## TAWA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Now that we are in Term 4 could I ask that you encourage your sons and daughters to deal with their outstanding library loans. It is less than three weeks until senior students go on study leave, and I would like to get as many items as possible back before then. All senior loans become due on or before 29 October. Juniors have a little longer - their loans will become due on or before 29 November.

The library holds approximately 13,000 items, and it seems a shame that they are not available for use during the December/January holidays. So this year I would like to offer Tawa College families the opportunity to borrow items for use during the holiday period. There will be a few requirements; the family must have a child returning to Tawa College in 2011 - current students must have no loans outstanding - all items must be returned in the first week of Term 1, 2011 - any items lost or damaged must be paid for.

If you and your family would be interested in this scheme, could you please contact me via email at [phammond@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:phammond@tawacol.school.nz) or telephone me on 232 8184 x 835. If there is sufficient interest, I will hold an open evening some time after senior students leave so that you can come along and choose your books, DVDs, etc.

*Pat Hammond - Library Manager*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### AIR TRAINING CORP

#### Open Evening 19 October 2010

An open evening will be held on Tuesday the 19th of October 2010 from 6.45 pm until 9pm for young men and women who will be in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 next year. The open evening activities will include an explanation of what



we do, viewing of videos, a look at the unit and its training, and an opportunity to speak with existing Cadets, NCOs and Officers about their experiences. We parade in the T.S. Taupo building located on Ngatitua Domain, in Mana, Porirua.

Check out our websites for more information:

[www.41squadron.org.nz](http://www.41squadron.org.nz) or

[www.tstaupo.net.nz](http://www.tstaupo.net.nz)

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[ts\\_taupo@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ts_taupo@paradise.net.nz)

Alternatively; a message can be left on our units answer phone: 04 233-8146

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is now located at the southern end of A Block. The entrance to the shop is by the sun canopy at the top of the driveway.

Used uniform sales will now take place at the shop during normal opening hours. There will no longer be monthly used uniform sales in the PTA Centre.

The shop opening hours during term times are: Mondays from 3.20pm to 4.20pm and Wednesdays from 3.20pm to 5pm.

Any students who travel by train or bus to school and who may be unable to go to the shop at 3.20pm on opening days should call at the office at morning interval to arrange any uniform purchases.

Please note that the uniform fittings for new students from 4pm to 7pm on Monday 18, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 October **will be held in the PTA Centre.**

## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- Wed 20 Cultural Prizegiving 7pm  
Thu 21 Victoria University here  
Mon 25 **Labour Day** school closed  
Wed 27 Sports Prizegiving 7pm  
Thu 28 Study Link here

### NOVEMBER

- Wed 3 November Notes concert  
Mufti Day – Heal the World  
Thu 4 Whanau Meeting at 6.30pm  
Senior Art Splash  
Mon 8 Academic Prizegiving 7pm  
Tue 9 Year 13 Deans Final Assembly  
Wed 10 Years 11 & 12 Deans Final  
Assembly  
Thu 11 Junior exams begin  
PTA Meeting 7pm PTA Centre  
Sat 13 NCEA Exams begin  
Wed 17 Junior exams end  
Thu 18 Year 8 Testing  
Thu 25 Year 8 Orientation  
Mon 29 Senior Clearance  
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 9.30am  
School closes

## TAWA COLLEGE 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION 2011



The Tawa College 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be held over Queen's Birthday weekend 2011 at the Te Rauparaha Arena. Please visit the Tawa College website [www.tawacol.school.nz](http://www.tawacol.school.nz) for

a registration form. For further information email Mr Steve Avery on [savery@tawacol.school.nz](mailto:savery@tawacol.school.nz) or the Reunion Co-ordinator Jennie Crane on [jennie.c@ps.gen.nz](mailto:jennie.c@ps.gen.nz)

## POSITIVE FEEDBACK

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

An email from Carl Fraser of Murdoch James Estate, Martinborough

*"Mr Barclay brought a group of students over to us this morning, as part of an assignment on 'Renewable Resource use of a Vineyard'. Without exception, their behaviour, questioning and preparation were of the highest order. They should be extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves. As an ex-teacher, it was very clear that they had benefited from both excellent teaching and a positive school environment. Keep up the good work!"*