



TAWA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are now more than half way through Term 3 and the senior students have just completed their mid year exams. These exams are designed to give students practice for their NCEA external examinations at the end of the year, or to



gain credits at this stage. Hopefully they have put in the work required, and achieved the results of which they are capable. If students have chosen not to sit the practice externals, then they may have jeopardised any compassionate consideration they may require for the NCEA external examinations at the end of the year.

Congratulations to all staff and students involved with the recent Tawa College Major Production, "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare. It was a very successful event and showcased the talents of a great number of our students both on stage and behind the scenes. The staff in particular have done a huge amount of work to ensure the success of the performances.

The Music Block was officially opened by Mr Robert Brace, former Chairperson of the Tawa College Board of Trustees, on Thursday 5 August 2010. This is a wonderful complex and will enable our students to experience first class facilities to enhance their musical talents for many years to come.

The Havelock North High School sports exchange was held on 25th and 26th July 2010. Tawa College won the exchange 10

wins to 6. Congratulations to Rebecca Burns who won the Fair Play Trophy for the event.

The Tawa College Premier B Debating team reached the final of their competition and we wish them every success in their final debate of the season. Winter Sports week is currently underway and we have a number of teams in various codes representing Tawa College at these national tournaments. We wish them all the very best and will report on their successes in the next newsletter.

We are currently planning for 2011 and part of this process is the students' selection of their courses for next year. Course Information Booklets will be issued on Monday 6 September 2010 and we would like all the information to be returned to the college no later than 24 September 2010. An NCEA and Course Information Evening, providing assistance with course selection will take place on Tuesday 14 September 2010 in the college hall commencing at 6.30pm.

We are also in the process of selecting the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. Nominations have been called for, and the candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the students at various upcoming assemblies. Voting will be completed by the end of Term 3.

A reminder that articles of value, including jewellery, iPods, cell phones etc, may be brought to school, but at the student's own risk. Cell phones and iPods must not be used in class and may be confiscated by the classroom teacher. If confiscated the parent/guardian may be required to collect them from the year level Dean or Deputy/Assistant Principal.

STAFFING

Whaea Jojo Rangihaeata has been away in China touring with a Kapa Haka Group. We are grateful to have had the services of Keri Newman during her absence.

Geoff O'Halloran
ACTING PRINCIPAL

NCEA NEWS

NCEA Fees

The fees are now overdue. It is important that the NCEA fees are paid each year so that your son or daughter can be issued with a Record of Achievement and the NCEA certificate. Students cannot access their credits if the fees are not paid.

NCEA Information and Course Selection Evening

This is a combined evening to be held on Tuesday 14 September. It will begin at 6.30pm in the school hall with an outline of NCEA. At 7pm there will be an opportunity for parents and caregivers to discuss course choices for 2011 with subject teachers and deans. This evening will be most valuable for parents of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 this year.

HOMEWORK CLUB

The Homework club is an opportunity for students, both senior and junior to spend time after school with the help of teachers to complete their homework or assignments. This is held each Tuesday and Thursday in the Library Annex from 3.30pm. Refreshments are provided and the students have access to computers. This is a fantastic chance for students who struggle to complete their homework as well as students who require assistance with assignments to take advantage of additional help from their teachers. It relieves pressure at home and fulfills one of our school goals of encouraging the students to increase their ability to manage their own learning.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

It's time to think of summer and get in shape by attending Pilates or Zumba classes or take up a new hobby such as Recreational Fishing (it could be an excellent Father's Day gift).

Pete Lamb is an ex Tawa College student and a well known fishing expert. He has two new courses. One course is on Surfcasting and Rock Fishing and the other is on Boat



Fishing. Learn about the best fishing spots, the right gear and techniques from catching to cooking and eating.

You never know when you will require **First Aid** especially when you are travelling or away from your regular medical centre. Therefore completing a **First Aid** course before the holidays could prove to be extremely useful. Senior Tawa College students can also enrol and a First Aid Course is always a useful addition to a CV.

Defensive Driving Courses will be held in the first two weeks of Term 4 and again at the beginning of December so that they are outside exam times.

Community Needs Survey taking place in September

During September you may be asked to provide input on the courses run by the Adult and Community Education tutors. The Survey will be carried out in person via telephone. An on-line survey will also be available via the Survey Page on the Tawa College Community Education website <http://www.tawacom.ed.co.nz/node/151>.

Groups as well as individuals will be contacted by a team carrying out research while studying Applied Management at WelTec. Two of the team are existing tutors. The team's research aims to expand the range of courses available. Anyone providing feedback will separately be eligible to enter a draw to attend a free class (materials fee is not included) of your choice in 2010/2011.

For more information, or if you would like to anonymously complete a hardcopy questionnaire please either email the team via: tawacom.ed@gmail.com or contact Carolyn Bates on (04) 232-7000.

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.

LEARNING SUPPORT

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The final meeting for this term will be held on 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, rmartin@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 throughout the year. If you are willing to give an hour of your time on a regular basis to support 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

A special thank you to Newlands ITM who have been very supportive of our SPEC (South Pacific Educational Course) programme. ITM Newlands have supplied our students with wood and equipment to make targeted individual projects.

LIBRARY

Of the 2,351 items that are currently on loan, 1,459 are overdue. Could you please check at home and return any overdue items to the College Library before the end of Term 3.

GATEWAY

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 Gateway student, the Gateway Coordinator and Gateway 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 x 861.

SUCCESS FOR GATEWAY

Last month Zac Wells (a foundation member of the Gateway Programme at Tawa College) completed his Chef Apprenticeship with the employer he was placed with for work placement. Well done Zac.

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 at work. Many students achieve valuable credits towards apprenticeships or obtain valuable work experience and contacts that can be used on a CV.

This year most students commenced work experience in Term 2. Work experience categories range from Early Childcare, Education, Building, Plumbing, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Hotel and Administration work to Health work, Gym work, Automotive and Veterinary. There are many 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 13

- This year all Universities have instigated a closing date for course applications (some courses are earlier), which is at the beginning of December.
- Halls of Residence applications are due before 1 October.
- References for Halls of residence are due mid September.
- Victoria, Massey, Otago and Canterbury Universities are booked to visit Tawa College to help students with course planning – students must read the Student Notices for dates.
- Study Link (Student Loans & Allowances) will be visiting the college in October to process applications.
- Scholarships – apply – it is free money! The best place to find information on scholarships is on the 'Breakout' website which you can access at your local library.

ASTRONOMY CLUB



Saturday 18 September 2010

Tawa College Astronomy Club
All interested students and parents are invited
We will meet outside the PTA Centre
building
from 6pm to 9pm
(only if the sky is clear!!!)
Further information on
<http://observethemoonnight.org/>



SPORTS RESULTS

Havelock North Exchange

This year Tawa College hosted the Havelock North Exchange on 25th and 26th July. The weather was good to us and all the teams provided great entertainment and achievements. This time around Tawa College won the exchange 10 matches to 6. Please refer to the table below for actual results.

Rebecca Burns from our Girls 1st XV Rugby team was awarded the Fair Play award for the exchange. Thank you to all families who provided billets with accommodation for the exchange.

| Sport | | HN | TC | Winner |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Badminton | Boys | 1 | 5 | TC |
| | Girls | 5 | 1 | HN |
| Basketball | Boys | 59 | 108 | TC |
| | Girls | 57 | 30 | HN |
| Cross Country | Girls | | 12m 50s | TC |
| Cross Country | Boys | 2m 37s | | HN |
| Hockey | Boys | 3 | 0 | HN |
| | Girls | 1 | 0 | HN |
| Netball | Senior A | 37 | 25 | HN |
| | Senior B | 21 | 23 | TC |
| Rugby Boys | 1 st XV | 3 | 43 | TC |
| Ruby Girls | 1 st XV | 0 | 22 | TC |
| Football | Boys | 0 | 4 | TC |
| | Girls | 0 | 3 | TC |
| Squash | | 2 | 4 | TC |
| Golf | | 84 | 92 | TC |

Netball

Congratulations to **Edan Taufitu-Moses** and **Katie O'Loughlin** who are members of the Kapi Mana Netball Under 15 Representative Team. This team finished 1st at their tournament held during the last school holidays.

Netball Senior A

Congratulations to **Ngawai Walmsley, Keri Simeon, Heidi-Ann Phillips, Tamara**

Taylor, Jamie Nelson, Jess Hildreth, Megan Blair, Kate Chapman and **Lavinia Nuku** who were runners up to Paraparaumu College in the final at the Millennium Cup Tournament played at Kapi Mana. Well done to **Kate Chapman** who was named in the tournament team.

Badminton

Congratulations to **Alyse Derby** who recently won the College Sport Wellington Regional Junior Badminton Championships. Congratulations also to **Jerome John** and **Ahmed Alrawe** who were runners up in the Junior Boys Doubles at the same event, as well as **David Visser** who was runner up in the Junior Boys Plate and **Ella Sturman** and **Angela Tuason** who were runners up in the Junior Girls Doubles Plate. Well done to all of you.

Special congratulations to **Alyse Derby** who has won the Oroua, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley and Wellington Under 17 singles championships. Alyse was also runner-up in the South Island Under 17 singles and doubles championships which was held during the last school holidays.

Football Boys

Congratulations to the Tawa College Boys 4th XI who won their College Sport Wellington final against Wellington College last week. The final score was 6-1.

Congratulations to the Tawa College Boys 5th XI who won their College Sport Wellington final against HIBs last week. The final score was 6-0.

Congratulations to the Tawa College Boys 15th Grade B XI who won their College Sport Wellington final against Marsden Whitby last week. The final score was 3-2.

Rugby Boys

Congratulations to the Tawa College Boys 1st XV for winning the Furrie Cup played against Tawa Rugby Colts (U21). The final score was 18-17. The last time Tawa College won this cup was 21 years ago in 1989.

Congratulations also to the Tawa College 15th Grade boys team who won the Division 2 final 14-8 against Hutt Valley High School.

College Sport Wellington Road Running Championships

| Event | Place | Place | Place |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Boys Senior (U19) | 5 th Ryan McAlister | 6 th Sean McCrudden | 7 th Malcolm Hodge |
| Girls Senior (U19) | 1 st Nicole Mitchell | 6 th Olivia Sullivan | 9 th Catherine Bott |
| Girls Intermediate (U16) | 3 rd Sonia Andrekovic | 5 th Ella Sturman | |
| Boys Junior | 9 th Tim Jackson | | |

The Tawa College Girls Senior 3 and 6 Person Teams were placed 1st in both events. Team members are **Nicole Mitchell, Olivia Sullivan, Catherine Bott, Sarah McLeod, Maddie Tibble** and **Megan Blair**.

The Tawa College Boys Senior 3 Person team was placed 2nd and the Boys Senior 6 Person team was placed 1st. Team members are **Ryan McAlister, Sean McCrudden, Malcolm Hodge, Nick Rogerson, Martin McCrudden** and **Simon Moore**.

Swimming

A number of Tawa College students competed in the first session of the Wellington Swimming Championships held on 28 and 29 August. They all performed with credit. **Nick Gillum** broke a Wellington record for the 400m Individual Medley with a time of 4m 26.32s. The next session is to be held on 4 and 5 September and a full update of results will be provided in the next newsletter.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

Congratulations to **George Taylor** who was awarded second place in the Alliance Française Competition competing in the Wellington region at Year 13 level. George has now qualified for the National Alliance

Française Competition This is a wonderful achievement.

DEBATING

Congratulations to **Callum McPetrie, Kalyani Dixit, John Paver** and **Ben Gamble** who have reached the finals of the Premier B Debating Competition. This team will debate against Chilton St James in the final in the last week of Term 3. In the quarter final they defeated Scots College and in the semi final they won against Wellington East Girls when they affirmed that 'developing countries should be able to prioritise economic development ahead of the environment'.

LANGUAGE WORLD CUP 2010

The Language World Cup is an on-line vocabulary learning website who recently held a competition for language students throughout the world. Tawa College students participated in this event. **Daniel Burton** scored 18,882 points which placed him 6th overall in the competition and within the top 1% of 30,000 participants. **Stuart Oliver** was placed in the top 10% of participants while **Ross Blakemore** and **Charlotte Hastie** were placed in the top 20%. Congratulations to all of you.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to **John Paver** of Year 11 who gained a Distinction in the ICAS Science Competition held in June. **Michael Kalpage** and **Michael O'Carroll** of Year 9 received High Distinction in the same competition and were in the top 1% of NZ participants. **Kathryn Fahey, Paolo Moredo, Sarah Parkinson, Lachlan Temple** and **Bea Wooding** all Year 9 student received Distinction awards. Congratulations.

ICAS WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Hannah Davis** of Year 10 who gained a High Distinction award in the ICAS Writing Competition. **Cat Edwards, Lydia Pincott** and **Stephanie Trusty** received Distinction awards at Year 10 level in the same competition.

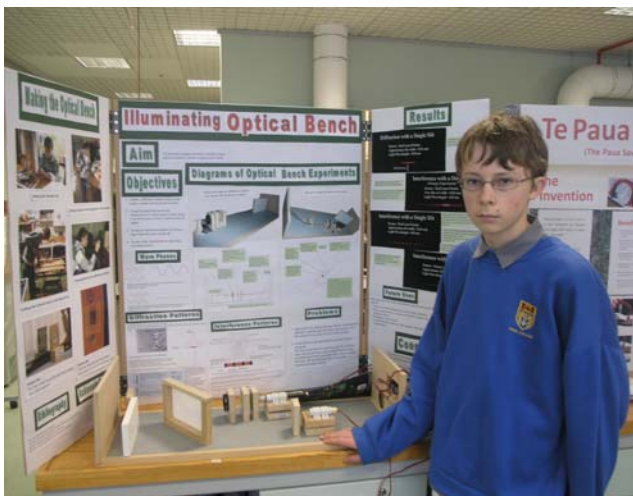
Congratulations also to Year 9 students who gained Distinction in the ICAS Writing Competition: **Kathryn Fahey, Mehrbano Malik, Beatrice Wooding** and **Abby Loader**.

NIWA WELLINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Congratulations to **Connor Hale** who received three awards at the NIWA Wellington Regional Science and Technology Fair. Connor received the Industrial Research Limited award, the Highly Commended award and the Wellington Botanical Society award for his project entitled "Beauty and the Bacteria". Connor is pictured here with his presentation.



Congratulations also to **Sam Watson** (pictured below) who received a "First in Class" award for his project entitled "Optical Bench".



Congratulations to **Dana Rowland**

who has just won for the 5th time the Wellington Porcelain Doll Makers Club Best in Show Junior award. She works on each doll for 12 months with her grandmother and produces a new



doll each year. This year she made this Tooth Fairy Doll. She does everything herself from the moulds, firing, painting and making of clothing.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

The following ex Tawa College students have recently graduated from Victoria University with Honours Degrees: Sarah Allnutt, Timothy Armour, Laurice Avery, Jordan Boyd, Simon Carey, Coralie Clarkson, Purnima Damodaran, Hilary Devine, Christopher King, Norma McCarthy, Igor Milosevic, Duncan Moore, Hayley Prins, Scott Reeve, Simon Scott.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE FAMILIES COMMISSION

The Families Commission has identified the need to better understand the challenges faced by step or blended families. They have helped fund a new study by researchers from the Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families at Victoria University, who are conducting the 'Overcoming the challenges to re-partnering' study. The study aims to investigate how couples and children deal with the issues that typically face these families.

Dr Jeremy Robertson, Deputy Director of the Roy McKenzie Centre, is interested in talking to members of married or cohabiting stepfamilies who have been together for at least five years. Participation would involve

one interview of approximately one hour, at a time and place to suit the parent.

The results of these studies will be valuable for organisations' and individuals who work with families, government organisations' who make policies related to families and stepfamilies themselves.

For more information please contact:
Dr Jeremy Robertson
Ph: 04 463 6831 or 021 143 8712
Email: jeremy.robertson@vuw.ac.nz

“SPRING INTO TAWA” MARKET DAY

The Main Road shopping centre is the place to be on Saturday, 11 September, 9am to 12.30pm. It is Tawa's annual "Spring into Tawa" Market Day. Spend your money on a range of goodies at the community stalls and enjoy a variety of free entertainment including Harry the Clown, the Red Hackle Pipe Band and Tawa Music Festival singers. See you there, wet or fine.

TAWA GOES TO TOWN



“Tawa Goes to Town” is again the theme for this years Tawa Schools’ and Community Music Festival which takes place in the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday 16 September 2010 at 7.30pm. This vibrant multi-media show will feature nine hundred singers from Tawa’s six Primary Schools, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College’s Dawn Chorus, as well as an adult choir from the Tawa community and beyond.

The programme features a variety of songs, and includes arrangements of classics like ‘Fly me to the Moon’, ‘Let me be There’, ‘The Climb’, ‘Somebody to Love’ and a medley of Michael Jackson favourites like ‘Gone with the Wind’, ‘Man in the Mirror’ and ‘Earth Song’.

Some songs are left as choral numbers, while others are accompanied by dances, choralography, props and special effects. There will be solo, group and instrumental interludes between brackets of songs.

Tawa College musicians Murray Cameron and Shona Murray will team up as Producer and Musical Director, while well known choreographer, Sara Scott, who choreographed Tawa College’s successful production ‘Standing Ovation’ last year, will oversee the dance and theatrical numbers. Martin Burdan has been the ‘piano man’ since the festival was first held in the Michael Fowler Centre in 1982. The musical backing is provided by a combination of experienced instrumentalists and young and talented music students from Tawa College.

‘Tawa Goes to Town’ is a showcase of song, dance, lighting, sound, involving a community coming together to form a spectacular evenings entertainment.

Tickets are available from Ticketek.

COLLEGE NEWSLETTERS

Information about the College, including previous 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 on secretary@tawacol.school.nz.

COMING EVENTS

SEPT

- Thu 2 Year 11 SELL Day
Whanau Meeting 6.30pm
- Mon 6 2011 Option Booklets issued
Years 10 -13
- Tue 7 Christine Hayman Memorial
Trophy – Netball 4pm
- Wed 8 Gateway Information Evening 7pm
- Thu 9 PTA Meeting PTC Centre 7pm
Polyfest at Te Rauparaha Arena
- Sun 12 Dress Rehearsal for Tawa Festival
- Tue 14 NCEA Information Evening &
Course Selection Evening 6.30pm
- Thu 16 Tawa Musical Festival – all day at
Michael Fowler Centre
- Fri 17 Triangular Sports Exchange with
Onslow & Newlands
- Tue 21 Senior Meet the Parents Evening
4pm to 7pm
- Wed 22 Market Day (Commerce
Department – in Hall)
Student Representative for Board
of Trustees 2011 announced
- Fri 24 Last day of Term 3

OCT

- Mon 11 First day of Term 4
- Thu 14 PTA Meeting 7pm PTA Centre
- Wed 20 Cultural Prizegiving 7pm
- Mon 25 **Labour Day** school closed
- Wed 27 Sports Prizegiving 7pm

NOV

- Wed 3 November Notes concert
- Thu 4 Whanau Meeting at 6.30pm
- 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

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 Tawa Resident

“On my way home on this sunny Monday afternoon I stopped to let an elderly lady using a walking frame cross the pedestrian crossing by the chemist shop. She was being gently guided by a Tawa College girl (maybe a Year 10 or 11 student?). My first thought was that this was the action of a caring grand-daughter. But as they reached the footpath I noticed the student farewell the lady and head off in the opposite direction. A wonderful example of “do justly” I think, helping someone unknown to you.”