



TAWA COLLEGE

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September 2011

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we approach the latter half of Term 3, it is good to reflect on a busy but rewarding start to the term. One of the highlights was the Major Production, "Standing Ovation 2" which took place over the first two weeks of the term. It was a positive and entertaining celebration of the musical and dancing talents of our students. My thanks to Murray Cameron and Sara Scott for their considerable input and I also would like to acknowledge the contribution from many others of our school community, whether they are parents or past students. Soon after the Major Production, our Barbershop Quartets and Choruses performed with distinction at the National Secondary School Competitions which were held in Wellington. Maiden Tawa was placed a most creditable third. Our Drama department have also put on some outstanding plays which have showcased the talents of our drama students admirably. Another Tawa College student who has excelled is Year 10 student, Josh Faletutulu who was crowned this year's regional and national Westfield "5 Minutes of Fame" supreme winner. His wonderful voice and exceptional guitar playing skills were very impressive.

Academically, the College has also had some excellent results. In particular I would like to acknowledge the excellent achievements of Adrina Venayagam and Michael Kalpage who were placed respectively 1st and 2nd in the Wellington Science Fair at Year 9 and 10 level. They won a number of other rewards recognising their research skills and academic rigour. The school has also received some encouraging results in Australasian Academic Competitions. The NCEA school examinations for senior students were held in week three. Staff were

impressed with the positive effort and attitude displayed by the students.

The winter sporting season is almost over. We had six teams who attended the National Secondary School Tournaments. Our highest achievers were the Rugby 1st XV who won the Central Six competition. They beat Wanganui High School 17-14 coming back from a 14-0 deficit at half-time. All other teams acquitted themselves well and their behaviour was exemplary. Just over a week ago a number of our Year 9 and 10 students attended a sports tournament in Napier competing against five other co-educational schools in the lower North Island. It was a long 17 hour day but all eight sports teams who took part gave of their best and represented the school with resilience and pride. Overall Tawa finished second and we won the Rugby section. Can I thank all members of the Tawa College community who have assisted with sport throughout the winter whether they were coaches, managers, transport providers or encouragers on the sidelines.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank parents and caregivers for the way they worked with the school during the snow conditions we encountered earlier this term. The Staff also had a most productive day working on Level 2 NCEA standards which are introduced in 2012.

At the end of this term the College will hold the annual Sports Prizegiving and in the first week of Term 4 we will hold our Cultural Prizegiving. These are really positive occasions which recognise the achievements of our students throughout 2011. In Week 3 of Term 4 we have our Senior Academic Prizegiving which is another highlight of the year.

We welcome Shannon Johnson who is with us for Terms 3 and 4 whilst Matt Barclay is on leave and Jennifer Bush-Daumeac who is taking Mr Salter's classes for the next few weeks whilst he is in France on a Ministry of Education Language Immersion visit.

Thanks again for all you contribute to Tawa College. It is very much appreciated.

Murray Lucas
PRINCIPAL

NZQA MATTERS

NCEA Exam Timetable

The NCEA exam timetable is on the NZQA website, www.nzqa.govt.nz. Students are responsible for knowing when their exam sessions are being held so that they are at school on the correct day and at the right time. If an exam is missed there is no other opportunity to sit it.

Examination and Study Guide

Students will be given an examination and study guide next week to help them prepare for the end of year exams.

NCEA Results

Students can request a printed result notice from the learner-login on www.nzqa.govt.nz. This facility will close on 31 December 2011.

Students will get one free copy of certificates, result summaries and Records of Achievement. These must be ordered on-line from www.nzqa.govt.nz.

Senior Course Information Booklets

The Course Information Booklets for choosing courses for Years 11, 12 and 13 in 2012 will be given to students on 19 September. The booklet will also be available on the school website. The course selection forms need to be returned to form teachers by 30 September 2011.

NCEA and Course Information Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 27 September at 7pm in the school hall. Students and caregivers can get information and advice to help them choose courses for 2012 and beyond.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform fittings for Year 9 students in 2012 will occur during the period Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 October from 4pm to 7pm in the PTA Centre.

Fittings for Year 13 2012 students mufti uniform will occur during the period Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 September during lunchtime in the Uniform Shop.

Standard opening hours for the Uniform Shop are Monday 3.20pm to 4.20pm and Wednesday 3.20pm to 5pm. Any students having to catch trains or buses straight after school on these days, who wish to purchase uniform items, should go to the office at morning interval.

The price list for uniform items is shown on the college website.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT UK TRIP 2012

Planning has begun for the proposed English Literature Trip to the United Kingdom and France, June/July 2012.

The trip will take in significant cities of relevance such as: London, Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh, York and Canterbury. Other areas being explored include the Moors, Penrith Castle, Tintern Abby, the Tower of London, the Globe Theatre. The trip will also, briefly, de-camp to France: Paris, the Somme and Paschendale. The purpose of the trip is to encourage senior students to explore the origins of great literature, and for many of the students, a dual opportunity to explore their own family roots and origins. The trip is being organised by Mrs Lesley Brown, Mrs Joanne Greenlees and Ms Camilla Bourne. Please contact any one of the above teachers if you have any queries via email at:

lbrown@tawacollege.school.nz
ggreenlees@tawacollege.school.nz
cbourne@tawacollege.school.nz

FINGERPRINT SCANNER IN THE LIBRARY

We are considering the introduction of a fingerprint scanner in the College Library. The intention is that a scanner will speed up the book issuing process plus assist those students who do not have their ID card with them.

The system does not store a student's actual fingerprint just an algorithmic calculation of the different scanned points and it is not possible to recreate a fingerprint from the data we would store in the library system. The record would be deleted at the end of each school year and re-scanned the next. It would not be compulsory;

students would still be able to use their ID card as an alternative.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NIWA Science and Technology Fair

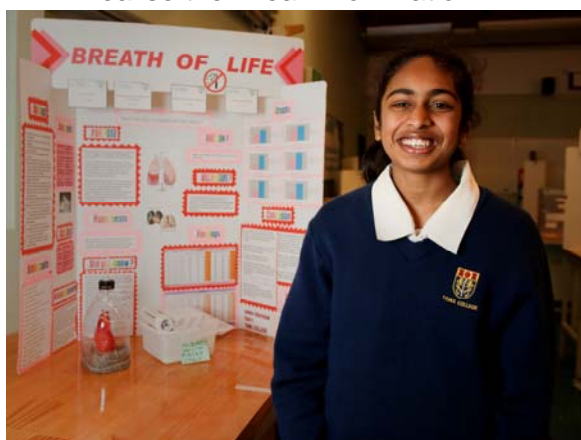
Our top three projects from the Tawa College Science Fair entered spectacular projects into the NIWA Wellington Regional Science and Technology Fair this year, Dain Pavelich and Adrina Venayagam (both Year 9) and Michael Kalpagé (Year 10).



Dain Pavelich at the NIWA Wellington Regional Science and Technology Fair

We were very pleased to see the results; Adrina and Michael both did exceptionally well. Adrina won four awards for her 'Breath of Life' project which investigated the lung capacity of smokers and non-smokers. Adrina received the following awards:

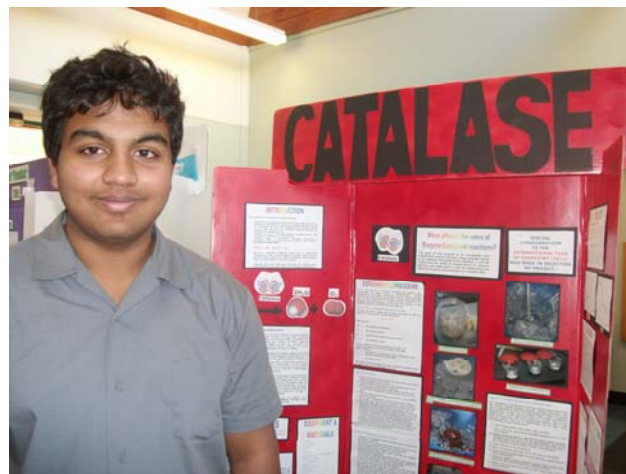
- 1st out of all Year 9's
- Cancer Society of NZ award
- Wellington Medical Research Foundation award
- Realise the Dream nomination



Adrina Venayagam at the NIWA Wellington Regional Science and Technology Fair

Michael won two awards for his "Catalase" project investigating enzyme rates. Michael received the following awards:

- 2nd out of all Year 10's
- NZ Institute of Chemistry award



Michael Kalpagé at the NIWA Wellington Regional Science and Technology Fair

Photos of Tawa College students are courtesy of NIWA and Photographer Dave Allen.

All three students should be very proud of their efforts!

In addition to our Science students succeeding at the NIWA Science Fair, the following students received Distinction grades in the ICAS Science Competition held a few weeks ago. Congratulations to:

Sarah Gray	Year 9
Kseniya Bulatova	Year 10
Michael Kalpagé	Year 10
Sarah Parkinson	Year 10
Jie Hong Fan	Year 12
John Paver	Year 12

Chorus

The NZ Secondary Schools Choir joined 400 voices on the anniversary of the September 4 earthquake to sing the beautiful Faure Requiem, conducted by Andrew Withington and accompanied by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to **Nic Catto** of Year 12 who travelled to Christchurch for five days to take part in "Christchurch Sings". Nic was billeted in Fendalton and experienced a 4.9 quake on the Friday morning before the concert!

The Matthew Club



Mr Lucas, Matthew Kooistra, Matthew Paice, Matthew Murray, Matthew Chapman and Margaret Nicholls (Chair of Cystic Fibrosis, Wellington)

We had a wonderful ceremony at The Matthew Club on Friday, when Mr Lucas gave certificates, and thanked the four Matthews for their wonderful fundraising efforts, selling chocolates at Tawa College. Thanks to everyone who supported them – they raised \$1000, a fantastic amount. They raised it to support Ms Michelle Greenfield, teacher aide, who is racing in Ironman 2012. The money will go to the Ironman Official Charity – Breath4CF, the arm of the Cystic Fibrosis charity for physical activity.

The Matthew Club was recently featured in the Wellington Cystic Fibrosis Newsletter. Special thanks to teacher aide, Mrs Pauline Wilson who takes the Matthew Club every Friday and helped the boys with their fundraising project.

Music

Congratulations to Sasha Sneyd who participated in the Hutt Valley Performing Arts competition held in the last school holidays. Sasha won the Senior Concerto class on the violin and the Senior Recital class on the piano.

5 Minutes of Fame – Joshua Faletutulu

In the July school holidays Joshua Faletutulu of Year 10 won the 5 Minutes of Fame competition at Westfield Queensgate. Joshua was then invited to the Good Morning show where he was interviewed about his interest in music and also his involvement with music at Tawa College.

Joshua then went up against the other first place winners across Westfield centres nationwide. The performer with the most votes received a scholarship towards their preferred performing arts tuition to the value of \$1,500). Our congratulations to Joshua who won the music scholarship. To see Joshua perform please follow the attached link which shows Joshua performing at Classic Hits Wellington on the Dave and Camille Breakfast Show www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNLDfruE95A.

TAWA COLLEGE SPORTS RESULTS

Swimming

Tawa College swimmers recently qualified to swim at the 2011 NZ Short Course Championships. This is a national competition which was held here in Wellington from 6th to 9th August. There were some outstanding results achieved with most of the swimmers managing to advance to the finals in their events. Medal winners were:

Nick Gillum – 3 Bronze

Ben Walsh – 5 Gold, 2 Silver (*1 silver medal as a member of the Wellington U15 boys IM relay team*)

Kyle Barnes – 1 Gold and 3 Silver (*1 silver medal as a member of the Wellington relay team*)

Callum Sinclair – 3 Silver and 2 Bronze

Thomas McCarthy - 1 Silver medal as a member of the Wellington relay team

Nick Gillum broke a Tawa Swimming Club record dating back to 1980 which was the 200m Individual Medley. This record was held by Barry Salisbury in the 17 years & over male age group. Barry represented NZ in the Commonwealth Games in 1978 and 1982 and is a past student of Tawa College.

Wellington records set:

Nick Gillum – 17 years 400m freestyle (twice, heat and final); 1500m freestyle and 400m Individual Medley

Callum Sinclair – 14 years 1500m freestyle

Ben Walsh – 14 years 100m and 200m breaststroke

Results from all Tawa College students who competed at this event are detailed below:

Name and Age Group	Event	Place
Joshua Rich – 17 & over	200 Fly	21
Mikayla McPhee – 16 yrs	50 Breast	8
James McCarthy – 14 yrs	200 Breast	11
Thomas McCarthy – 17 & over	100 Free	35
	100 IM	13
	50 Free	24
	50 Breast	12
Callum Sinclair – 14 yrs	200 Free	13
	1500 Free	2
	100 Breast	3
	400 IM	2
	200 Breast	2
	200 IM	3
	50 Breast	5
Sean Kemp – 16 yrs	100 Breast	6
	400 IM	9
	200 Breast	4
	100 IM	11
	200 IM	10
	50 breast	7
Kyle Barnes – 16 yrs	50 Fly	11
	200 Free	2
	100 Free	2
	400 Free	7
	100 Fly	9
	50 Free	1
Ruslan Cowley – 14 yrs	200 Breast	10
Nick Gillum – 17 & over	200 Free	13
	1500 Free	3
	400 IM	3
	400 Free	5
	200 IM	8
	200 Back	3
Ben Walsh	50 Fly	8
	100 Back	2
	50 Breast	1
	100 Breast	1
	200 Breast	1
	100 IM	1
	200 IM	1

2011 NZ Division II Championships

Congratulations to **Nicole Tait** who competed at the NZ Division II Championships in July. Nicole competed in the 15 year age group and achieved the following results:

- 2nd 500m Breaststroke
- 5th 100m Individual Medley
- 6th 100m Breaststroke
- 7th 200m Individual Medley
- 9th 200m Breaststroke

The Wellington Short Course Swimming Championships were held over the last two weekends (3/4 and 10/11 September) at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. A large number of Tawa College students did extremely well making top 10 results and obtaining Wellington and Tawa Swimming Club Records. Ben Walsh (from Porirua Swimming Club) was awarded the prize for the 14 year age group.

Results are detailed in the table below:

Name and Age Group	Event	Place
Callum Sinclair 14yrs	400 IM	1 st
Wellington Record	200 Fly	1 st
	200 IM	1 st
	100 IM	2 nd
	100 Breast	2 nd
	200 Breast	2 nd
	400 Free	3 rd
	200 Back	3 rd
Opens event	1500 Free	3 rd
	50 back	6 th
Ben Walsh 14yrs	100 IM	1 st
	100 Breast	1 st
	400 Free	7 th
	50 Back	1 st
	50 Fly	1 st
	200 Free	1 st
	100 Fly	1 st
	200 Breast	1 st
	200 IM	2 nd
	200 Fly	5 th
	200 Back	2 nd
	100 Free	1 st
	50 Breast	1 st
	100 Back	1 st
Sean Kemp 16 & over	200 Breast	1 st
	100 Breast	5 th
	200 IM	5 th
	200 Fly	5 th
	100 IM	6 th
	200 Free	7 th
	50 Breast	7 th
	50 Back	8 th
	100 Fly	10 th
Ruslan Cowley 14yrs	200 Breast	5 th
	50 Breast	8 th
	100 Free	9 th
	50 free	9 th
Mikayla McPhee 16 & Over	200 Breast	6 th
	200 Back	8 th
	50 Breast	9 th
	100 Breast	9 th
James McCarthy 14yrs	200 Breast	9 th
	200 IM	10 th
	200 Free	10 th
	100 Breast	10 th
Josh Kemp 14yrs	50 Back	10 th
Justin Roberts 13yrs	50 Back	6 th
	50 Fly	6 th

Kyle Barnes 16 & Over	50 Free	4 th
	200 Free	6 th
	200 Fly	6 th
	100 Free	6 th
	50 Fly	8 th
Thomas McCarthy 16 & Over	100 Fly	8 th
	100 Back	9 th
	200 Free	3 rd
	100 Free	3 rd
	100 IM	4 th
Nicole Tait 15 yrs	50 Breast	5 th
	50 Free	6 th
	200 IM	9 th
	50 Breast	3 rd
	100 Breast	4 th
	200 Breast	4 th
	200 IM	7 th
	100 IM	8 th
	200 Free	10 th

Badminton

Congratulations to **Alyse Derby** who was a member of the Wellington North Senior Open team which won the Slazenger Cup at the NZ Team National Championships held in Auckland recently. Alyse also was runner-up in the Under 19 singles and doubles at the South Island championships held in August.

Squash

Congratulations to **Tim Newton** of Year 11 who recently won the Marlborough Junior Open Squash tournament, held in Blenheim. This tournament is open to all junior age players (under 18 years) and is played over two days. Tim was 4th seed in his division and after beating the top seed in the semi final in three sets he met the 3rd seed in the final. It was a very close match with some long rallies. Tim won the first game, lost the second and won the third. Half way through the fourth game he broke the strings in his racquet, and using a spare racquet he won the fourth to win the match 3-1.

Central 6 Junior Tournament

Tawa College were invited to attend the Central 6 Junior Tournament, between Havelock North High School, Taradale High School, Wanganui High School, Freyberg High School and Kapiti College. This event was held at the Napier, Hastings, Taradale and Havelock North sports venues.

All games commenced at 10.30am with a final presentation held at 3.30pm. To enable our teams to arrive on time we had to depart

Tawa College at 4.30am in three coaches. Tawa College placed 2nd overall. Congratulations to all our sports teams that took part. Results from the competition are provided in the table below.

Central Six Winter Tournament 2011 – points table						
	FHS	HNHS	KC	THS	TC	WHS
Boys Basketball	2	4	0	3	5	6
Girls Basketball	3	2	5	0	4	6
Boys Football	1	2	4	6	5	3
Girls Football	1	5	6	3	2	4
Boys Hockey	2	6	5	1	4	3
Girls Hockey	5	3	4	1	2	6
Netball	4	1	5	2	3	6
Rugby	2	4	0	3	6	5
Total Points	20	27	29	19	31	39
Final Placing	5	4	3	6	2	1

FHS = Freyberg High School
 HNHS = Havelock North High School
 KC = Kapiti College
 THS = Taradale High School
 TC = Tawa College
 WHS = Wanganui High School

The table below provides a breakdown of each code and where they came overall:

Boys Basketball	2 nd
Girls Basketball	3 rd
Boys Football	2 nd
Girls Football	5 th
Boys Hockey	3 rd
Girls Hockey	5 th
Netball	4 th
Rugby	1 st

This sports exchange was a big ask for all involved, especially with the early start. It meant that everyone had to be super organised and up and on the road way before the birds were chirping! We have received very positive feedback from the students, parents and coaches. The day was enjoyed by many, and the students were very well behaved.

We would like to thank all participants - parents, ex-students, coaches, managers, teachers, and of course the students, who played their hearts out.

SCIENCE REVISION CLASSES

The Science Department is running revision sessions, starting the week of the 12 September, to help students prepare for the upcoming NCEA examinations. Students are welcome to attend any session or sessions. It would be helpful if students bring questions along.

Subject	Time	Venue	Teacher
Science 101	Tues 3-25pm	C5	Mr McGuire
Science 101	Mon 1-30pm	J1	Mr Geary
Science 101	Wed 1-30pm	D4	Mr Monigatti
Chemistry 201	Thurs 1-30pm	C5	Mr McGuire
Chemistry 201	Thurs 2-20pm	D5	Mr Monigatti
Chemistry 201	Friday 3-25pm	D5	Mr Monigatti
Chemistry 301	Tues 1-20pm	S4	Mr Sturman
Biology 201	Wed 3-25pm	B4	Ms Burge
Biology 301	Tues 3-25pm	B4	Ms Burge
Physics 201	Thurs 1-30pm	S2	Mr Geary and Mr MacDougall
Physics 301	Wed 1-30pm	S2	Mr Holt

GATEWAY INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 22 September at 7pm
Tawa College Library Annex

All students and parents/guardians of students wishing to apply for the 2012 Gateway programme are invited to attend the Information Evening to learn what Gateway is, what is expected of the students and what the students can gain from the programme. Current students, the Gateway Coordinator and Administrator will be present on the night to talk about their experiences and share their enthusiasm for the course. If you would like to attend the Gateway Information Evening

please RSVP to Cheryl Robb on 232 8184 xtn 861 or alternatively email Cheryl at crobb@tawacollege.school.nz.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

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 2011.
- References for Halls of residence are due mid September 2011.
- Victoria, Massey, Otago and Auckland 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 at the end of September 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.

LEARNING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

As part of our desire to support students with their learning we require positive individuals to act as a reader and writer on a volunteer basis for internal and external assessments.

On Wednesday 9 November and Friday 11 November our Year 10 students will be sitting their exams and we urgently require people to assist the students with these exams.

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 us in this way please contact Gail Hughes, Administrator, Learning Support on 232 8184 extension 847. If you would like further information please email Gail at ghughes@tawacollege.school.nz

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 Wednesday 26 October 2011, Week 1, Term 4

Please note this deadline is right at the start of Term 4. Students have a final practice assessment in Week 9 of Term 3. They must treat this as the last formal opportunity for feedback prior to summative assessment on 26 October 2011.

Level 2 Photography and Design
9am Tuesday 1 Nov 2011,
Week 2, Term 4
Note: Level 2 Visual Art is not submitting a folio

Level 3 Photography and Design
12pm Wednesday 9 Nov 2011,
Week 3, 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 Wednesday 26 October 2011
Tawa College Information
Centre 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Level 2 Photography and Design
Tuesday 1 November 2011
Tawa College Information
Centre 4.30pm to 6.30pm

**Senior Art
Splash** Thursday 3 November 2011
Tawa College Hall
4.30pm to 6.30pm and on
Friday 4 November 2011
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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The final term for the year starts on Tuesday 25 October 2011. The Term 4 programme is now on the web page www.tawacomed.co.nz where you can enrol on line.

New classes to be held during the term are: Fashion Straw Hat Making; Developing your CV; Gorgeous Gifts in Metal Jewellery; Pattern Making for Bodices, Dresses and Jackets; Speaking Publicly with Confidence, and Preserving for Christmas – making jam and pickles for gifts or treats.

The Belly Dancing and Bollywood Fitness Dance classes started in Term 3 and are being enjoyed by all participants. A 20% discount is offered for a mother and school aged daughter enrolling in either of these two classes. For fathers and school aged sons a 20% discount is offered if they attend one of the fishing courses together.

An Introductory NZ Sign Language class will start on Tuesday 25 October 2011 for those who are interested in finding out about NZ Sign Language and to see if it is a course they would like to continue next year.

The Tawa Orchestra, run through Community Education, will be holding a concert at 2pm on Sunday 30 October 2011 in the Tawa College hall, featuring wonderfully tuneful music from (among others) Handel, Lennon and

McCartney, Gliere, Lehar, Rogers and Hammerstein, and a Violin Concerto of Oscar Reading with soloists from the Music Learning Centre in Redwood.

Childbirth / Antenatal classes started at Tawa College Community Education in 1993. We are on the look out to find a Tawa College student whose parents attended a childbirth class through Community Education. If you are that student or the parents please email the coordinator Judith Havill at comed@tawacollege.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NCEA Exam Preparation Programme

Knowledge Shop will be running its highly successful NCEA Exam Preparation Programme at Tawa College from the 10th to the 14th of October. Classes are limited to a maximum of fifteen students and will be taught by experienced and knowledgeable NCEA teachers. On the programme, students will:

- revise key areas of the curriculum
- learn exam techniques and strategies
- examine how best to prepare for the exams

Places are strictly limited. Students can book for individual sessions or for full courses. Details and booking forms can be found at: www.knowledgeshopnz.co.nz

Please feel free to call us at 478 8000 for any queries.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

An email from a parent who attended the hugely successful Tawa College 2011 Major Production, "Standing Ovation 2"..... (email abridged)

My daughter was a performer in Standing Ovation 2 and I had the pleasure of seeing her and the cast perform on Saturday night.

I cannot begin to tell you how impressed I was with the quality of the performance and the level of professionalism displayed by the students and the college in putting the production on. Most importantly I wanted to sincerely thank you and your team for what is a massive contribution to the lives of the children involved in staging it. To me a great education is about so much more than attaining the basic skills of reading and writing it is about preparing young people to be real contributors to a dynamic society. As a result of your work there are 86 (if my maths is right) young people who have been shown a real path forward in their lives. I cannot say thank you enough. Please pass on my appreciation to all involved.

*Best regards
Frank Jasper*

and another email from a parent who appreciated our Drama Department productions (email abridged)

Dear Mr Lucas

I am just writing this quick note as a parent who attended one of the drama productions last night at the school. The show we saw was set in Northern Ireland in the 1960's, and dealt with teenagers and the "troubles".

All I can say is that the cast and the others involved in this show deserve a fantastic rave, they were in the same class as many productions I have seen at BATS or Stagecraft theatres. The characters were all very real and they all managed to carry off their roles professionally as well as maintain Irish accents.

I am not sure if this was a one off, but this play could easily have been put on to a "paying" audience or a wider school attendance, the story is as valid today as it was then, which makes it a bit bittersweet.

Please pass on my congratulations to the Drama teacher, fantastic job and when my four year old can sit through the two hours and still say, "that was awesome" – plus lots of questions – then he and the production members have achieved their outcome.

*Yours sincerely
Kim Arnold*

COMING EVENTS

TERM 3

SEP

- Mon 19 Course Booklets provided to students
- Thu 22 Board of Trustees meeting 4.30pm
Gateway Information Evening 7pm
- Tue 27 NCEA & Course Information Evening 7pm in the Hall
- Thu 29 Studylink here at lunch time
Weltec Open Day 12 noon to 6pm
Massey University Sports Information 9am to midday at Wellington Campus

OCT

- Mon 3 Year 9, 2012 uniform fittings in the PTA Centre 4pm to 7pm
- Tue 4 Year 9, 2012 uniform fittings in the PTA Centre 4pm to 7pm
- Wed 5 Year 9, 2012 uniform fittings in the PTA Centre 4pm to 7pm
PTA Centre 4pm to 7pm
- Thu 6 CSW Road Race Championships
Sports Prizegiving 7pm in the Hall
- Fri 7 Last day of term – Early Closure at 1.30pm

TERM 4

OCT

- Mon 24 Labour Day
- Tue 25 Term 4 begins
Gateway Information Evening 7pm
- Thu 27 Cultural Prizegiving 7pm in the Hall
Weltec Open Day 12 noon to 6pm
Massey University Sports Information 9am to midday at Wellington Campus

NOV

- Wed 2 November Notes in the Hall 7pm
- Thu 3 Art Splash in the Hall – all day and evening
- Fri 4 Art Splash in the Hall – all day and evening
Mufti Day – Heal the World
- Sun 6 CSW Sports Awards Dinner
- Mon 7 Academic Prizegiving 7pm in the Hall
- Tue 8 Year 11 Final Deans Assembly
Year 13 Final Deans Assembly
- Wed 9 Junior Exams begin
- Thu 10 NCEA Exams begin
Timetable changes to 2-1-2