

## **TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARD – MAY 2011**

A **Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Award** has been agreed to by the Tawa Community Board.

This will be an annual award at each of Tawa's six primary schools plus the Intermediate, sponsored by the Tawa Community Board, to be presented to the Year 6 student (or Year 8 student where applicable) who has shown "true leadership, citizenship, contribution to school life, etc" (as opposed to simply academic excellence).

Each school will determine by mid-November which of their students (one at each school) is to be given this award. The award itself will comprise a laminated certificate along with either a book or a cup with the winner's name engraved on it. This prize will be kept by the winner. A wooden shield will be retained by the school - to be hung on the wall - with the name of the winner engraved on it each successive year.

A 40-45 minute ceremony will take place late November at the Tawa Community Centre when the Mayor/Deputy Mayor of Wellington will present the awards to the students from each of the seven schools. The students, their parents along with the principal (or a staff member) from each of the schools, plus various community board representatives will be invited. The Tawa College student who has been awarded the Tawa Borough Scholarship will possibly also be present.

Near the start of the school year a community board representative will speak to the year 5 & 6 children (and year 7 & 8 where applicable), to tell them about the award and encourage the year 6/8 ones to strive to attain it.

The awards are based on how well the children have contributed to school life. Here are a few examples. They might be doing things around the school to be helpful, they might be involved in an eco or environmental group or simply pick up rubbish they see on the ground. They might have been involved in raising funds to assist Christchurch earthquake victims (as we heard some kids have done) or raising funds for some other good cause. They might help in running a sports team, in road patrol, in medical or sick room duties, or in the library. They may take on responsibilities in their own time without having to be asked or they might be a young leader. It's all to do with the way they live their life in school each day – and any of those things mentioned above.

In summary, the **Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Award** comprises:

- a book or a cup
- laminated certificate
- ceremony when Mayor presents the above
- wooden shield to be kept at the school with winner's name engraved on it
- photo in the local newspaper