

Tawa COMMUNITY NEWS



July 2010

This community newsletter is compiled every month or so on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002.

SNIPPETS FROM TAWA COLLEGE

- Geoff O'Halloran, deputy principal at Tawa College (at right in the photo) is acting principal for term 3 whilst Murray Lucas is away on sabbatical looking at 15 different secondary schools throughout the country, as far afield as Northland and Otago, checking out what makes them tick. His intention of course is to pick up ideas on how to make Tawa College better than it is already.
- Tawa College's annual sports exchange with Havelock North High took place this past Monday. The competition involved badminton, cross-country, basketball, football, golf, hockey, netball, rugby and squash, being won overall by Tawa 10-6. Rebecca Burns (girls' rugby) was awarded the "Fair Play" trophy.
- Both the boys' and girls' football teams at the college have made the NZ Secondary Schools' premier tournaments which are restricted to the best secondary school teams in the country.
- New Zealand men's hockey team may have begun their Four Nations tournament campaign in England recently with a 1-3 loss to Germany, but the single goal they did score came from Blair Hilton, a 20-year-old former Tawa College student. He was part of a very successful boys' hockey team at the college in 2007.
- Students from Hannan High School, Tawa College's Japanese "sister school", are currently here on an exchange visit through to Wednesday 4 August. Hopefully they'll see Tawa at its best!
- The college's major production, "The Tempest", is on next week. It runs from Thursday to Sunday, 5-8 August. Tickets are available from the college office and Drummond's Pharmacy.
- And lastly, if you see teenagers loitering on the streets of Tawa on Monday 30 August, they may well have a good reason for not being at school. Tawa College has its mid-term break that day, following a week in which the students will have all been flat out with exams.



MUSICAL ISLAND BOYS 4th IN WORLD!

The Musical Island Boys barbershop quartet, formerly from Tawa College, were placed 4th at the International Barbershop Quartet Competition in Philadelphia on 3 July. The competition was fierce between the 51 quartets vying for the title. In 2006 the quartet *won* the U25 International Competition and went on to place 10th in the Open Competition last year. This year's 4th placing means the quartet will be flown to sing at the Mid-Winter Convention in Las Vegas in January 2011.



WELLINGTON AIRPORT REGIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS 2010

Nominations for the annual Wellington-wide community awards close at the end of this week, i.e. Friday 30 July. The aim of these awards is to recognise and reward the work carried out by various community groups throughout Wellington.

As we've already seen with our own civic awards, there are lots of worthy Tawa groups who could be nominated for the Wellington awards. In 2008 more than a dozen were nominated, and one walked away with a \$500 prize! All it takes is ONE PERSON (like you) to fill in the form to nominate any group. Details at <http://www.comtrustwn.co.nz/awards> or phone 499 7966.

MASSIVE BOOK FAIR

The Rotary Club of Tawa held its 9th "Massive Book Fair" at Tawa Junction on Saturday 24 July. That was the first Saturday of two. The second session will take place this coming Saturday 31 July at 8.30am. Proceeds from the fair support The Life Education Trust whose mobile classroom and teaching programme are well known to local children and parents.

SUNDAY ROAST AT TAWA'S COMMUNITY CLUB

Tawa residents and their friends/families (including children) are invited to Tawa's Community Club, aka the RSA, at 89 Oxford Street for:

Sunday Roast Lunch on 1 August 2010.

Club rooms open at 12 noon, with roast lunch served from 1pm. Only \$12.00 per head for roast pork with all the trimming. The bar will be open. Our prices are very competitive (only \$3.20 for a glass of wine).

If you'd like to come to the Sunday lunch please ring 232 5788 and advise how many will be attending. Leave a message if the phone is not answered.

TAWA INTERMEDIATE OPEN EVENING

Tawa Intermediate holds its Open Evening between 6.15pm and 8.30pm on Thursday 12 August. Anyone with an interest in the school is welcome to attend.

The "School in Action" morning is Tuesday 17 August from 9.00 to 11.00am.

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED TO HAMPTON HILL

We mentioned last month that Alison Cowan had retired as principal of Hampton Hill School after "20 enjoyable years" at the school. Hopefully she didn't have additional years that weren't "enjoyable"! Anyway a new principal has now been appointed - Lou Bray-Burns who is currently deputy principal at Tawa Intermediate. She will start there on a date yet to be confirmed.

SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY



This year's "Spring into Tawa Market Day" will take place on Saturday 11 September at the Main Road shops. Stalls can be booked at the Tawa Community Centre on 232 1682 or by emailing tawacc@wcc.govt.nz. They will be allocated on the basis of previous patronage, and then first come, first served. Full details including the proposed layout are now available at

<http://www.tawalink.com/springintotawa2010.html>.



TAWA SCHOOLS' & COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - DON'T MISS IT!

Just 7 weeks till the big day. If you enjoy good down-to-earth music, then make sure you don't miss this magnificent event! It occurs just once every two years (biennially) and involves schoolkids as well as adults (600-700 participants), and dance routines and various effects as well as the singing.

The writer has been to every show - as part of the audience - since 1998 and will certainly be there again this time. It's a real community occasion and I'll be surprised if you don't come away singing its praises (well, perhaps not literally).

'Tawa Goes to Town' takes place in the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday 16 September at 7.30pm. We'll let you know when tickets go on sale.



TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS - AMENDMENT

In the article about the Tawa Community Civic Awards in last month's email newsletter, the caption under the photo referred to Kathryn Gillum & Catherine Barnes as the winners of the *Sport & Leisure* section of the Awards. It was actually the *Tawa Swimming Club* which won that section. "Club volunteers put in around 200 hours each year ensuring Tawa children can swim." Those pictured were representatives collecting the award on the club's behalf!

BEATBOPPERS FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN - NOW UNDER WAY

Last month's email newsletter mentioned a new singing, dancing, movement and music class for preschool children in Tawa running on Thursdays at the RSA hall in Oxford Street, Tawa. The starting date for this was postponed till 22 July, which meant it started last week. For more info contact Wendy (Dip ECE) on 027 637 5805 or email beatboppers@hotmail.co.nz (not .com).

PLAYGROUND AT PIKITANGA RESERVE

The original intention was to see construction of the new playground at Pikitanga Reserve (in Pikitanga Close off Woodman Drive) completed by the end of June. However it's running being schedule, with the wet weather we've had being mostly to blame. Whatever the case, it's not likely to be in place until next month at the earliest - the photo at right is proof of that!



HOW'S YOUR HEART?

The National Heart Foundation has developed a simple online tool to help you check the health of your heart. Simply go to www.knowyournumbers.co.nz and answer a few simple questions in a five minute check.

If the answer is that your heart age is older than your physical age you need to seriously consider talking to your doctor.

For additional support contact <http://www.wellheart.org.nz>. Well Heart is a club offering support and education in Wellington & Porirua for people who have had or are at risk of heart problems.

COMING UP IN TAWA

- Thursday 29th July: **Men's Health Evening**
Saturday 31st July: **Massive Book Fair**
Sunday 1st August: **Sunday Roast at Tawa's Community Club**
Tawa Orchestra Concert
BB Learners' & Wesley Bands "Sunday Sounds"
Thursday 5th August: **First night of "The Tempest"**
Thursday 12th August: **Tawa Intermediate Open Evening**
Tuesday 17th August: **Tawa Intermediate "School in Action"**

Full details of the above are available at http://www.tawalink.com/coming_events.html

Adios

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WHO IS YOUR REAL FRIEND?

Try this experiment to determine the answer to the above question.

Put your dog and your spouse in the boot of the car for an hour.

When you open the boot, *who* is really happy to see you?

"Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it." - John Maxwell

"Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. And as you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others." - Audrey Hepburn

"The only way to avoid mistakes is to learn from experience. The only way to gain experience ... is to make a mistake."

This community newsletter is emailed to more than 900 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa) every month or so. If there's anything you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please let us know. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.

