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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

www.neighbourly.co.nz • www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa • www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard

INVITATION FROM OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS IN TAWA

“Our community has been overwhelmed by the kindness that the whole of New Zealand has shown to us post March 15. We would love to show our appreciation by hosting an event in Tawa where we can formally thank the wider Tawa community. We would also like to take this opportunity to continue to build on these relationships so as a community we stay stronger together.”

**A chance to get to know more
neighbours in this community**

**Tawa School Hall, Oxford Street
2pm - 4pm, Saturday 13th April**

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Salaam / Peace

NEIGHBOURS' DAY IN TAWA

A substantial number of “street get-togethers” – BBQs, afternoon teas and similar – have taken place in Tawa over the past month or two. Events loosely under the Neighbours' Day umbrella have been held locally since 2012 when more than 50 streets took part. See http://www.tawalink.com/neighbours_street_list.html

Feedback like this is a recurring theme:

“It was a great evening spent chatting to both familiar and unfamiliar neighbours. We would be keen to make it an annual event. I now feel more prepared if we were put in an earthquake situation.”

“It was a good excuse to catch up with existing neighbours and to meet the new families who have recently made our street their home.”

“An enjoyable time was had by all involved and new contacts were made. There was comment that this should be a yearly event.”

Many thanks to all who took the time to organise a get-together in their own street this time around!



THINKING OF STANDING FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR?

Local body elections – for the city council and the community board – will be taking place on 12 October this year.

An official will be at the Tawa Community Board meeting on Thursday 9 May to speak about the elections and the regulations regarding campaigning. You're welcome to this meeting if you would like to find out what's involved.

TAWA ANZAC DAY PARADE

This year's Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance will commence with a parade which will assemble at the New World car park on Thursday 25 April at 9.30am and march off to the Tawa RSA at 9.40am. The Civic Service will be held at the Tawa Memorial at the northern end of Oxford Street at the completion of the parade (approximately 10am).

Members of the public are welcome to march in the parade, attend the service and pay tribute on this special day of remembrance.

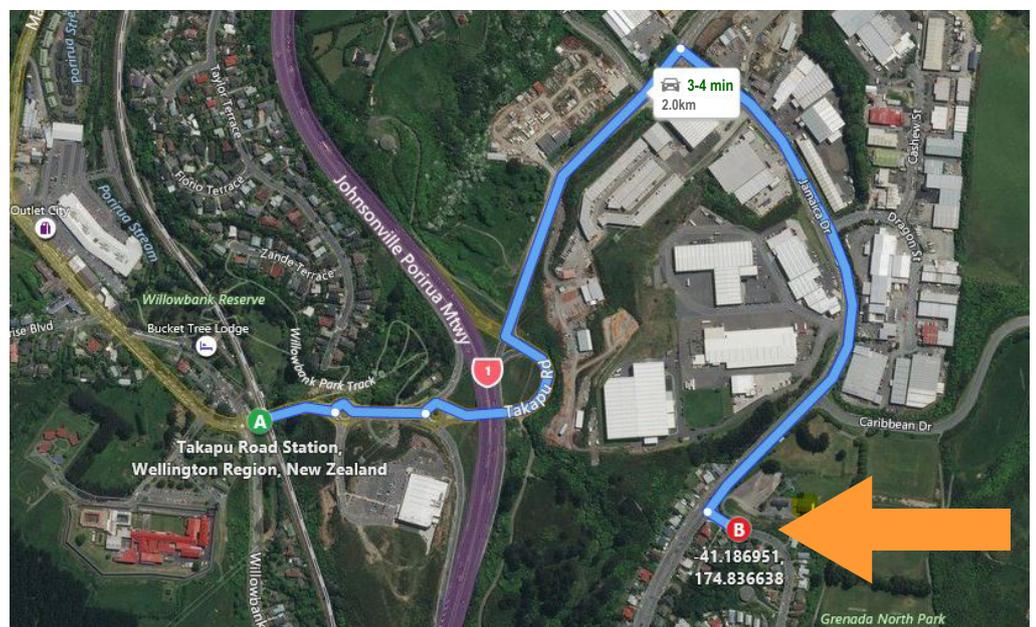
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB OPEN DAY

The Wellington British Railway Modellers Club is holding an open day at its Grenada North clubrooms on the afternoon of Anzac Day (Thursday April 25) from midday till 4pm. Everyone is welcome and entry is free.

The club expects to have at least four model railway layouts in operation. If you have any OO, HO, or N gauge model trains of your own (from any country), and would like to see them running, please bring them along too.

The WBRM clubrooms are in Grenada North Park. The vehicle entrance is opposite 10 Nassau Avenue, Grenada North. There is limited car-parking below street level. From the car park there is a 30 metre walk to the clubrooms.

See the attached map for directions from Takapu Road railway station to the clubrooms.



Easter Holiday Hip Hop Day

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL
9AM TO 12 NOON
TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come along for a fun morning of dance classes and Easter games! Morning tea and Easter treats provided, please bring a water bottle. Full supervision provided, parents not required to stay.

Ages 4 - 10

Cost \$20 per child



For more information and to register, send an e-mail to: tomoderndance@gmail.com

BEDTIME STORIES FROM INSIDE

There are often very interesting speakers at Rotary Club of Tawa meetings. That was the case this past Tuesday evening when a representative from a group of Tawa mums gave an inspirational talk on "Bedtime Stories from Inside". – Ed.



Bedtime Stories from Inside goes into prisons (like Arohata at the southern end of Tawa) and records people reading stories for their children (or grandchildren, nieces and nephews). The book they have read is then sent home, along with the recording and a message to their children. The goal is to keep whanau connected during times of forced separation.

The programme gives children the opportunity to hear the voice of someone special to them whenever they need to and encourages children to know that they are loved and wanted, even when that family member can't physically be around. For parents and relatives in prison (who have often had a traumatic time themselves), it gives them an opportunity to do something positive for their children whilst they also learn to heal and re-parent themselves.

The Bedtime Stories Programme promotes literacy and gets good quality books into the homes of vulnerable children in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

The Bedtime Stories team relies on funding and sponsorship from a variety of companies, groups and individual authors, including Tawa Rotary and local author Marie Munro. Currently the programme is run at Arohata and Remutaka prisons and the long-term goal is to roll out the programme to other prisons in Aotearoa. Find us on Facebook or emailbedtimestoriesfrominside@gmail.com



TAWA ORCHESTRA CONCERT

This concert programme, conducted by Wellington pianist and vocalist, Thomas Nikora, has been curated by Alec Carlisle, timpanist/percussionist for Wellington Chamber Orchestra. Alec also volunteers his time to play with the Tawa Orchestra on occasion. The concert date corresponds with Alec's birthday, so he's chosen a light-hearted programme of music to dance to. This will be a family-friendly concert for all ages with many of the tunes immediately recognisable by young and old alike.

The Tawa Orchestra is a community orchestra that formed as part of the Tawa College Community Education Programme and attracts players of all ages and walks of life.

Concert name: Come Dancing!

Venue: Tawa College Hall, 38 Duncan St, Tawa

Date & Time: Sunday 14 April 2019 at 3pm

Entry: Donation / koha

TAWA ORCHESTRA

With conductor: Thomas Nikora



presents

Come Dancing!

Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz & Radetzky March

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite (excerpts)

Piazzolla's Libertango

and many more...

TAWA COLLEGE HALL

38 Duncan St, Tawa

3pm

Sunday 14 April

Admission by koha / donation

PLANNING FOR GROWTH IN WELLINGTON

Our City
Tomorrow
**Planning
for Growth**

In the next 30 years we will have 50,000 to 80,000 more people living in Wellington. It will have a big impact on all of us. Not just about where we live but how we live.

Council has three scenarios to help us visualise some different ways we could grow, and talk to us about what aspects we like, or don't like. See <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/planning-for-growth>

Some suburban centre development will be part of this, including increased density of the Tawa Town Centre. Upper Stebbings Valley and Grenada North extensions are part of the plan too. There are also new greenfield residential areas suggested for Ohariu Valley and Takapu Valley areas.

Council staff are planning to hold a pop-up stall at the Tawa Plaza entrance of New World on Saturday 27 April 10am-2pm, the same day as the monthly pop-up market in the New World Atrium. This is your opportunity to learn more about the proposals and to discuss the issues.

Get your submission in by 5pm on Friday 10 May. Email planningforgrowth@wcc.govt.nz with any questions you may have in the meantime.



All hands on board tending to the flowers on the Main Road / Cambridge St / Lyndhurst Road roundabout on Wednesday 10 April

HOP IN

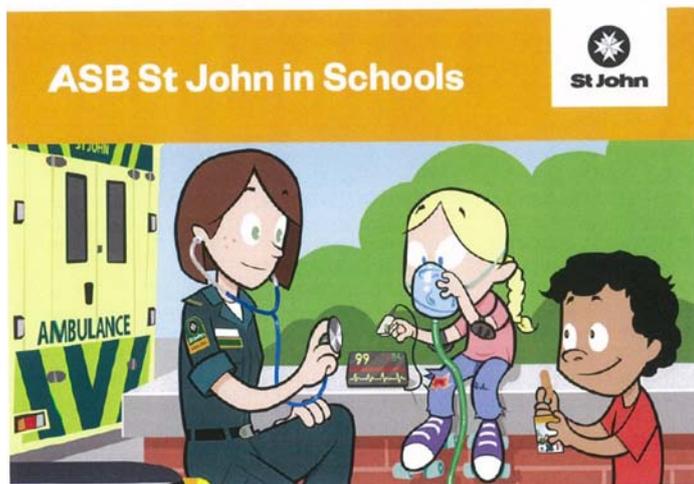
HOP IN at Tawa Union Church is an activity for pre-schoolers and their caregivers in the school holidays.

Families and all people who wish to have a chat and a cuppa are welcome. We offer play and activities in the hall and an extended morning tea in the lounge. Everybody is welcome! See the ad at right.



Free holiday activity at Tawa Community Centre

First Aid for kids: Tuesday 23 April.



Session 1: Junior Children (Aged 5-8) 9.30am-10.30am

Emergency Ready: responding to an emergency and injury prevention.

Session 2: Senior Children (Aged 9+) 10.45am-12.00pm

Emergency First Aider: responding to an emergency, injury prevention and clued up camper

Bookings essential – contact the Centre on 04 2321682 or email tawacc@wcc.govt.nz

Children need to be with an adult.

HOP In

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Holiday Fun for Care-givers and Pre-schoolers

An opportunity for adult company while your pre-schooler plays in a safe environment

Plenty of toys and activities!

Morning tea available

Everybody is welcome!

Join us on

**Thursday 18 & Tuesday 23 April 2019
10am - 12 noon**

At Tawa Union Church, Elena Place.

Enquiries to Heidrun 232 2197 or Karen 232 3436

A poster for 'Cheer Up Tink'. It features a close-up of a young girl with blonde hair and blue eyes, looking slightly to the side. She has faint, glowing wings behind her. The text 'Cheer Up Tink' is written in a large, stylized font. To the left, it says 'Bring your dancing shoes!' and to the right, 'Get ready to sing your heart out!'. Below the title, it says 'Join princess Anna on her enchanted journey through pixie hallow to cheer up Tink. Featuring Ariel, Spiderman, Fairy God Mother, Captain Hook and Olaf.' There is a table of dates and locations, and a footer with the 'Enchanted Entertainment' logo and contact information.

April 25th	April 26th	April 27th
11:00am & 1:00pm	11:00am & 1:00pm	11:00am & 1:00pm
★ Epuni Community Hall Lower Hutt	★ Linden Social Centre Tawa	★ Newtown Community & Cultural Centre

Book Tickets at Patronbase:
www.patronbase.com/_EnchantedEntertainment

Enchanted Entertainment
Bringing Characters to Life!

For more info check out enchantedentertainment.co.nz or email info@enchantedentertainment.co.nz

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The term 2 brochure has been delivered to letterboxes, or you can pick one up outside Take Note Tawa, New World, the Library or the Community Centre. Enrolments and the full list with details can be found on the website www.tawacommed.co.nz

New classes in term 2 include new one night seminars on Consciousness & Health, Understanding your Brain to boost performance, Understanding Children's emotions, and Parents as Driving Coaches, as well as longer classes on Landlording without Fear, Mixed Media Art, Persian Cuisine, Metal Jewellery Stone Setting, and Textile Recycling.



Term 1 saw the introduction of Gil Roper's very popular class "Tawa and its Bush Reserves". This will be repeated this term with an extra walk through the bush. The bush walks will be held in the weekend instead of the evenings this term. The dates are on the website. Comments from students in the term 1 course were: "delivered a wonderful course, great tutor, very interesting, tutor very knowledgeable on bush and birds, got much more information than expected". The major criticism was that it was not long enough, and they really enjoyed the walks so an additional walk has been added to the course.

Term 1 also saw the introduction of the Easy Tai Chi class on a Tuesday morning at the Tawa Community Centre. The class was enjoyed by all and is open to new people to come in term 2 starting 7 May at 10am.

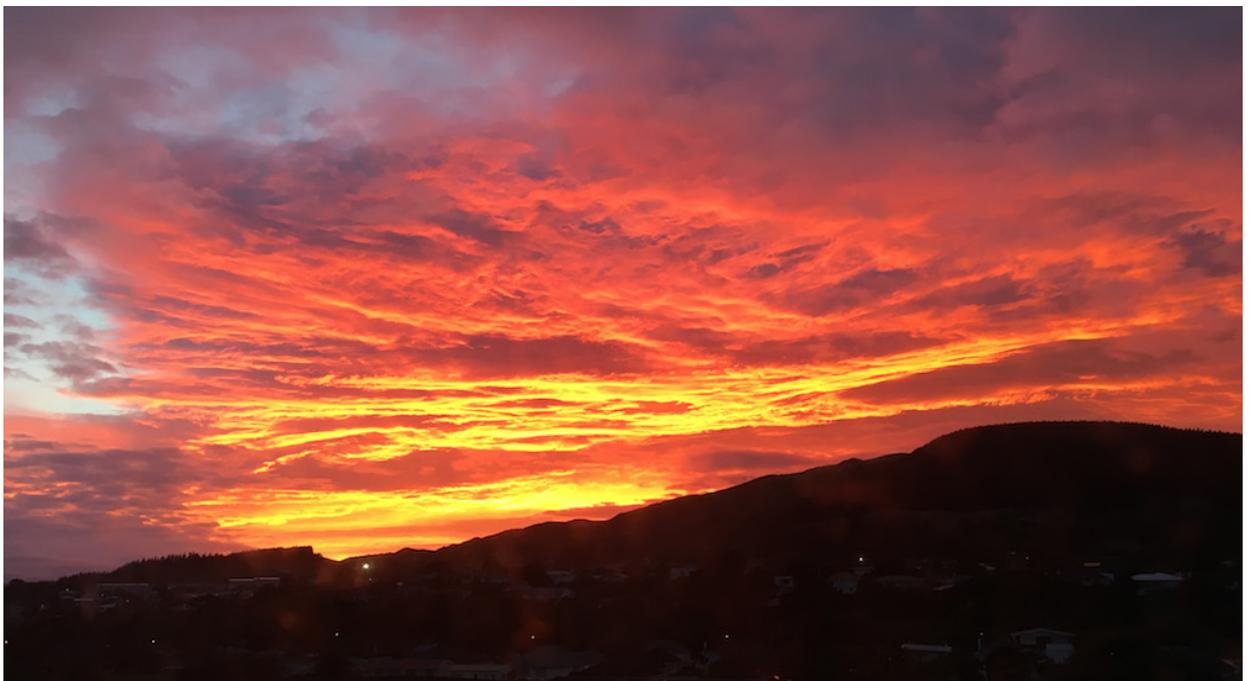
On 23 May the annual seminar on "Parents as Driving Coaches" will be held at the college. It is a must for anyone teaching a teenager to drive or supervising a restricted driver.

Defensive Driving and Advanced Defensive Driving courses are run every term and a "Staying Safe for the Senior Driver" has just been completed.

For further information on all the other courses please go to the website www.tawacommed.co.nz



Sunrise over
Tawa this
morning,
Thursday
11 April
– thanks to
Neil Strugnell
(for the
photo, not the
sunrise!).

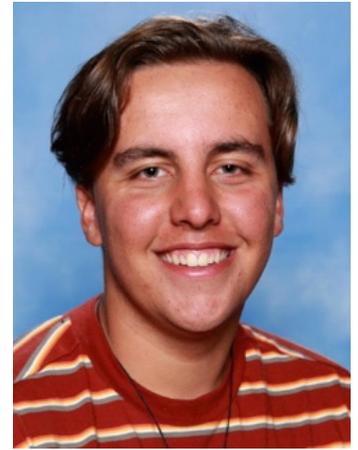


2 MINUTES WITH Tayne McMahon

The head boy at Tawa College in 2019 is Tayne McMahon.

Back in 2014 Tayne was the Tawa Intermediate boy winner of the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards, based on "citizenship qualities" and his positive contribution to school life.

In more recent times he has been Tawa College's APW (Absolutely Positively Wellington) Student award winner. The college's citation reads: "Tayne has been our student representative on the Board of Trustees for the past two years, and has done a very good job of this, particularly providing student voice over the changes implemented by Metlink for our out-of-zone students who faced the challenge of changes to the way they got to and from college each day."



Where were you born? Wellington.

Where did you grow up?

I have lived in the same Titahi Bay house since I was 4 years old.

What schools have you been at since you first started school?

Titahi Bay Kura Street School, Tawa Intermediate, Tawa College.

What subjects are you doing this year at college?

English, Statistics, Legal Studies, Psychology and Music.

What are you hoping to do when you leave school?

Next year my goal is to attend university and study something in the social studies sector. I haven't decided exactly what that is yet, but I do know that I want to continue with my study through a tertiary pathway. My subjects at school have injected an interest in social change and action, and through something along the lines of Law, Political Science, Commerce, Business Studies or a social work sector, I hope I can find a career that draws on my high school interests.

What does being a head student actually involve, any particular responsibilities?

As a head prefect, I don't have a particular portfolio that I work through. Instead we as a team strive to get deeply involved in school and its happenings. We are part of an awesome prefect team made up of 30 students that manage events and groups within our school. My particular connections take place in the music block, coaching students in academic groups and a new initiative starting next term that works closely with the Tawa Rotary Club – "Interact".

What do you like about Tawa College?

TC is full of opportunity with an abundance of extracurricular opportunities mixed with a healthy dose of learning. We are blessed with an awesome location, awesome students and awesome staff. The people for me really make the school and staple its identity as a warm, loving and diverse college.

What are your interests/hobbies?

I love the beach and being involved with my surf club. I am a lifeguard in the summer as well as a coach for our junior beach program. Working these channels keeps me interested in all sorts aspects of life as I am able to use multiple different skills whilst playing in the ocean, under the hot summer sun. At school I am heavily involved in the music department, taking part in all of their sing groups as well as a rock band and a barbershop quartet. My hobby list is constantly growing as I enjoy being involved in lots of different things.



Tayne fronting the band at the opening of the revamped Tawa Plaza

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Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

For someone who prides themselves on musical involvement, I am shocked to say that I don't have a particular favourite music group or singer!

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

It's a toss-up between the Marlborough Sounds and Queenstown. I have only been to each place once but the beauty was enough to leave an awesome impression.

Any accomplishments/achievements in your life (to date) that give you much satisfaction/pride?

I am proud of all of my achievements to date, but the one that stands out in terms of school achievement is my results in last years academic year. I managed to scrape through with an excellence endorsement, which brings great satisfaction to the end of last year's stressful and chaotic year.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

34 Main Road:

In July 2018 the following resource consent was approved for 34 Main Road, next to ITM: "Subdivision and land use consent for a six lot fee simple subdivision and eight new town houses."

The development is now well under way, as can be seen in the pic at right.



34 Takapu Road:

In September 2018 a resource consent was granted to "construct a shed, office building and a yard and associated earthworks" for Halvorsen Civil at 34 Takapu Road.

That work is now under way. The diagram at right shows the area to be developed.



Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm and 2-4.30pm on weekdays, or hire a room or hall for your community group / birthday party / meeting at reasonable rates.

Like us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>
and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

LINDEN STATION PEDESTRIAN OVERBRIDGE

In the February edition of this newsletter we included an update from Greater Wellington Regional Council on what was happening with the overbridge. The following was included in their wording:

“Permits to enter the corridor take up to 30 days to process and are only approved when all safety requirements can be met. The results of the final foundation investigations may point to even greater issues or may indicate that the main issues are with the abutments.”



No access!

We have now obtained a further update:

“Linden foundation inspections were scheduled to occur yesterday (Wednesday 10 April). Depending on the outcome, these findings will significantly determine the extent of the work required and the timeframe. We can hopefully provide more info next week.”

The reason this has taken quite a few weeks is explained earlier, with “permits to enter the corridor” taking time to process before the actual inspection took place. Unfortunately this overbridge is not likely to be back in action again any time soon. With that in mind, we have once again reminded Greater Wellington Regional Council that “This is an access way that local residents obviously want to see re-opened as soon as possible.”

REDWOOD STATION UPGRADE

Scheduled to take place from March 18 to June 30. Full details are available at <https://www.metlink.org.nz/getting-around/metlink-railway-stations/redwood-station/>

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“There is always hope when people are forced to listen to both sides.” – John Stuart Mill

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift, that’s why they call it the present.”

“There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.” – Mother Teresa

“You know there is a problem with the education system when you realise that out of the 3 Rs, only one begins with an R.” – Dennis Miller

This newsletter is emailed monthly to around 1250 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa).

Some articles in this newsletter have been sent through by members of the Tawa community and have been published ‘unedited’. They may not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting your name be deleted from our list.

Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | April 2019

Duncan Street, Tawa | For ages 5-12 years | To book phone 04 232 2260 or visit wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

Monday 15 April	Tuesday 16 April	Wednesday 17 April	Thursday 18 April	Friday 19 April
Challenging Challenges Are you up for a challenge? Today we will be facing one another to see who can stack the tallest cup tower, who can slow time down and make the longest marble run, who can fly the furthest, and lots more!	Sports Fest Head along to our Sports Fest day! Its a multi-sport day with Benchball, Badminton and Dodgeball. Just to name a few. Still not enough? Bring along your own favourite game ideas to share with your friends!	You do You! Today it's all about YOU! The spotlight will be on you as you walk down our runway in an outfit you design. Create a master piece out of lots of materials we provide and impress us all with your creation and moves! As its still YOUR day, our kids get decide what to do in the afternoon!	Easter Day We are going Easter crazy over here. Hop on over and see what its all about. Check out our Easter egg hunt, create your own basket and decorate your some Easter eggs! We will be bouncing away our energy on the inflatable and Easter themed games.	Good Friday No Programme

Monday 22 April	Tuesday 23 April	Wednesday 24 April	Thursday 25 April	Friday 26 April
Easter Monday No Programme	The Amazing Race The race is on! We have an amazing day today - can you make it through the challenges, crack the codes, solve the puzzles and win the ultimate grand prize?	Anzac Biscuits and Free Play Put on your aprons, we are getting ready for ANZAC day. We're baking ANZAC biscuits, and in the afternoon its free play time - You get to choose what you want to do!	Anzac Day No Programme	It's Show Time! Lights! Camera! ACTION! It's time to get our act together and act. Put together a movie/play and perform it. Will you win an Oscar? Directing and acting is tiring, so sit back and relax with a movie in the afternoon.

Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and sunhat every day.

 Follow us on Facebook

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
For ages 5-14 years
To book phone
04 830 0500

Karori Recreation Centre
251 Karori Road, Karori
For ages 5-12 years
To book phone 04 476 8090

Nairnville Recreation Centre
Cnr Cockayne Road and Lucknow Terrace,
Khandallah
For ages 5-12 years
To book phone 04 479 2022

Bookings open Monday 18th February.
All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8.50	-
On-site day	8.30am-3.30pm	\$35	\$38
Trip days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$45	\$48
Aftercare	3.30pm-5.30pm	\$14	\$14