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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

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

THIS IS THE SECOND NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY/MID APRIL.

OPENING OF THE TAWA PLAZA UPGRADE

A “party to celebrate the newly upgraded Tawa Plaza” took place early last Friday evening. Hundreds of locals enjoyed free sausages and gelato, as well as donuts and popcorn. Face painting was also on offer. The crowd was entertained by a couple of dancing groups and a Tawa College band.

The formal part of the event involved speeches from Mayor Justin Lester and Tawa Community Board chair Richard Herbert. Thanks to all those who contributed towards making the evening the success that it was, including sponsor WCC and event organiser Stacey Richardson.



Tawa Neighbourhood Block Party

Come celebrate the festive fun at the newly refurbished public space at Tawa 206 Main Road. We'll have local performers, music and food as well as a formal opening by Mayor Justin Lester to celebrate the completion of the recent upgrade works.

Friday 15th March
Start: 4:30pm
Formal opening & Speeches: 5:30pm
Finish: 6:30pm

All are welcome.
View: Wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/tawa-town-centre-landscape-project



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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

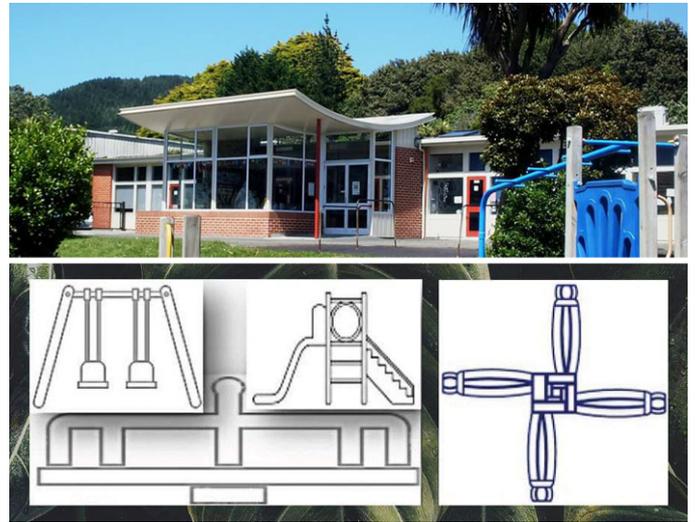
St Francis Xavier School in Tawa needs a new playground.

A Givealittle page has been set up for donations towards this worthwhile project.

The details are: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/sfx-needs-a-new-playground>

Donations are eligible for tax credits.

A big thanks to anyone who is able to support us.



TAWA TABLE TENNIS SEASON UNDER WAY

Cricket season is nearly over, so it is time to crank up the Tawa Table Tennis club for another winter of play at the Porirua East School hall starting on Tuesday, 9 April. We will play from 7pm every Tuesday through until 24 September when the next cricket season will be just around the corner.



You're welcome to join in. For more details email evanwatkin@hotmail.com

Tawa Community Garden

Coronation Park, Oxford Street

Neighbours' Day Garden BBQ

Saturday 23rd March at 5pm

(If too wet, rain day is Sunday 24th March)

Free sausage sizzle

Free seedlings, strawberry plants

Free garden advice / compost & Bokashi demo

BYO picnic rug or chair

with thanks for the generous support of our local



tawa.community.garden@gmail.com



TUI PARK NEIGHBOURS' GATHERING

Sunday 24 March, 2 to 4pm

Please join us to celebrate
Neighbours' Day Aotearoa
at Tui Park, Linden

BYO Food & Drinks

BYO Kite and other Sports Gear

All welcome!



GREENACRES SCHOOL MAD HATTER'S GALA

Greenacres School's much-loved annual Mad Hatter's Gala offers loads of entertainment, games, stalls, food and baking, garage sale, and much more!

This year it is this Saturday, 23 March from 11am to 2pm at the school, 60 Raroa Tce, Tawa.



REMOVAL OF PINE TREES

On Monday 25th March Wellington City Council's contractor Treescape will be removing a group of pine trees that border Duval Grove at the entrance to Te Ngahere-o-Tawa (formerly the Forest of Tane) as part of its hazardous tree removal programme. The trees are being proactively removed because some have been previously topped and pose a risk to neighbouring properties.

In order to access the trees, various exotic and native trees will be removed to create an access way in from 58 Kiwi Crescent. Heavy machinery and chainsaws will be used to remove the trees, and for safety reasons public access will be restricted during hours of operation. Hours of operation will be between 7.30am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday. The project is expected to take three weeks, weather permitting.



TAWA ROTARY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Dame Kerry Prendergast will be guest speaker at the Business Breakfast being organised by Tawa Rotary and the Tawa Business Group at The Borough on Wednesday 3 April, 7.00am to 8.30am.



Dame Kerry, former Mayor of Wellington, will be speaking about her role as Chair of Tourism New Zealand, which promotes New Zealand as a tourism destination.

All members of the wider business community are invited to share a cooked buffet breakfast and hear Dame Kerry's address.

Register to attend by emailing tawarotaryclub@gmail.com with the \$25 payment made in advance by internet banking to: A/c 02-0552-0037039-00 (Code: BB4; Ref: Your name). For more information contact Judith Gray at tawarotaryclub@gmail.com

ROTARY: Together, We Connect.

TAWA COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING

The six-weekly Tawa Community Liaison meeting is at 12pm on Monday 25 March at the Tawa Community Centre. This an open invitation to all groups, organisations and community groups in Tawa to gather and share what they're working on. Contact Mandy Russell on 232 1682 at the Community Centre if you'd like to know more.

TAKAPU ROAD / BING LUCAS DRIVE INTERSECTION

The Takapu Road / Bing Lucas Drive intersection improvements have been re-scheduled to early April 2019. Weather and other unforeseen circumstances will dictate the actual start date.

Council advises that "the current traffic corridor access request allows for the work to be carried out between 7/1/19 and 05/07/2019."

BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATION

With Boards of Trustees elections happening across New Zealand later in the year, the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) is holding an information evening at Tawa Intermediate School on 10 April for potential BoT members across all schools in Tawa. The evening starts at 7pm and will be held in the Tawa Intermediate School library.

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.

2 MINUTES WITH Carol Brieseman

You will have seen in the newsletter sent out last week that local woman Carol Brieseman was recently acclaimed “the Prime Minister’s Science Teacher of the Year (2018)”. Carol is a teacher at Hampton Hill School and has agreed to be the subject of this month’s “2 Minutes with” profile.

Hampton Hill School is at the silver stage on the EnviroSchools journey (see <http://www.enviroschools.org.nz>) and achieved this status in 2017. This was initiated by Carol but is now being picked up and run by others.

Included in Carol’s profile on the school website is this: “As well as teaching my class, I am in charge of Science and was fortunate to spend six months at NIWA on a Primary Science Fellowship in 2012. This was an awesome experience and I came away from that with a new passion for Science and for kids to develop a curiosity about the world around them.”



Where were you born and raised? Lower Hutt.

Where were you educated? Naenae College, Wellington Teachers College.

How long have you lived in Tawa? Coming up to 27 years.

What about family?

Married to Philip – a Tawa lad! Three awesome kids (Sarah, Emily, and Mark) who have all gone to Hampton Hill School, Tawa Intermediate, and Tawa College.

Work experience over the years

I trained to be a teacher in Wellington before moving down to Christchurch. I taught at Christchurch South Intermediate for three fabulous years (pre-earthquakes), then fell in love and came back to Wellington. We bought in Tawa and have stayed here ever since. I’ve been teaching for 30 years – Christchurch was followed by Wadestown School, Tawa Intermediate, and now at Hampton Hill School. I started part-time teaching and relieving there when Sarah (24) turned 5. Loved it and stayed there, things turning into a permanent teaching position. Still there 19 years later! I love the way we keep current, have opportunities to explore new things, and have such a supportive, caring community.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I love gardening, getting outdoors and walking – finding new tracks as well as revisiting old ones. When stressed – there’s nothing better than climbing a hill! I’m a viola player and also play bass guitar. I play bass and lead singing at my church, Tawa Salvation Army.

Favourite sports team?

Tawa College 1XI Boys Hockey team (Mark’s team)

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Way down south – Catlins, Fiordland, Stewart Island! I love the rugged coast lines and the sheer beauty of these areas; the dense, unspoilt native forests and the wildlife. I don’t get down there very often at all though! We have so many beautiful places in NZ to enjoy.

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With the winner of the Tawa Primary Schools’ Citizenship Awards at Hampton Hill 2018



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What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

That's probably shifting kids I teach – getting that 'ahaa' moment, or a light 'flicking on' when they have finally understood something that has been tricky for them.

I'm humbled and honoured to receive the Prime Minister's Science Teacher Prize – there are many cool teachers out there!

I also won a civic award (2006) for starting up Mainly Music. [Carol was the winner of the Arts & Culture section at the first-ever Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony in Tawa back in 2006. More details of her award at http://www.tawalink.com/civic_awards_2006.html – Ed.]

Ngā mihi

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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 that your name be deleted from our list.

“I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.”

FROM THE EDITOR:

Most of what can be said about last Friday's events in Christchurch has already been said. It was an absolute tragedy and the work of one evil individual.

In a number of ways New Zealanders are now demonstrating their immense sorrow and their respect for the innocent lives taken: floral tributes being laid in numerous locations up and down the country, partaking in vigils to remember the lives lost and the many families affected, and genuinely making more effort to connect with Muslim members of our community.



My roots (whakapapa) are in Christchurch, where I was born and spent almost two-thirds of my life to date. It's where my parents live/d, as well as my paternal grandparents. Tawa has been home for the past 22 years and will continue to be so. However I went to Christchurch for the memorial service one month after the February 2011 earthquake, and I feel it is important for me to go there for the local vigil tomorrow evening (having also attended the Wellington vigil last Sunday evening). We all have our own ways of dealing with an event such as this.

As we have already been reminded, one lesson we can learn from this horrific event is to show greater kindness to all those privileged to live in New Zealand, those born here and those who have chosen to live here. The quote in the box above is well worth heeding. I'll finish with another from one of the greatest examples of compassion and forgiveness (other than Jesus):

“We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.”

– Nelson Mandela

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.

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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