



COMMUNITY NEWS

May 2016

This community newsletter is sent out monthly on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002. More regular community updates are available if you join more than 2460 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR OUR CIVIC AWARDS

It's not too late to nominate someone for a Tawa Community Civic Award. Someone who volunteers in the Tawa community, whether it be in a sports club, a school, a church or a community group.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and these awards (every two years) are Tawa's way of showing our appreciation for the roles they perform.

The awards ceremony takes place at the end of the month with the Mayor presenting a certificate to all of those nominated. A winner of each of the various categories will also be chosen.

Nominations close at the end of today (Monday 9 May). Go to wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa or contact the Ed. at malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz with any queries.



Tawa Community Civic Awards
winners over the years
– the vast majority of whom are still volunteering in the Tawa community.
You may recognise a few faces!

CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON NEIGHBOURLY

Coming Up in Tawa or nearby:

- Fri 13 May – Business & Marketing Plan Workshop for women
- Tue 17 May – Parenting Seminar on Adolescence
- Fri 27 May – Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony
- Sat 28 May – Safer Plates
- Sat 28 May – Scout Jamboree Fundraiser Quiz Nite
- Sun 29 May – Do you make cards or do scrapbooking?
- Sun 5 June – Tawa College Quiz Night Fundraiser
- Sat 11 June – Tawa Rotary 2016 Book Fair

Neighbourly enables local people to share information with each other and to become a more “connected” community – see www.neighbourly.co.nz



ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAWA?

DID OUR SUBURB WIN A NEIGHBOURLY GATHERING?

The short answer is No. Unfortunately we didn't get enough people clicking 'like' or 'thanks' to enable us to win the \$500 contribution on offer.

Many thanks to the 313 individuals (out of 2450+ Neighbourly members in Tawa) who did contribute to this!

The winner in the 1000+ category was Havelock North. Apparently Tawa came in second. 12.78% of our members took part in the competition, very close behind the winners we've been told.

The good thing out of all this is the variety of ideas suggested by different people as to what sort of Neighbourly gathering that people would like to see happen. We may look at organising something anyway, without the \$500 contribution. Any further feedback on the idea would be welcome on Neighbourly.

SAFER PLATES IS BACK!

Secure your number plates from theft!

That's right, Safer Plates is back! We will be at Countdown Porirua on Saturday 28 May 2016 from 10am to 2pm.

For a donation of just \$5 - which goes towards community patrolling in Tawa, Titahi Bay and Porirua CBD, we will change the standard screws on your number plates to tamper resistant, anti-theft screws.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

For more info see: <http://www.tawacp.org.nz/saferplates.html>

SAF3R PL8S

**Secure your number plates
from theft!**

WHEN: Saturday 28th May 2016

**WHERE: Countdown Porirua
Between 10-2pm**

All for a \$5 donation towards community patrolling in
Tawa, Titahi Bay & the Porirua CBD.

Proudly brought to you by your local Community Patrols:

Kapiti Mana Pasifika Community Patrol

Tawa Community Patrol

Titahi Bay Community Patrol



GOT YOURSELF A 200L WATER TANK?

You will (or may) have seen a brochure enclosed with your latest rates invoice encouraging everyone to buy a 200L rainwater tank to provide a personal backup water supply. In the event of a disaster or a prolonged dry spell it could prove very useful!

You have the option of filling it with water from your garden hose instead of connecting it to a downpipe.

The Tawa Community Centre obtains a supply of these water tanks from time to time. The cost is \$105. If you would like to buy one, please advise Mandy at the Tawa Community Centre. She will let you know when the next lot of tanks will be available. Email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz with your name, address and contact number.

If you require one reasonably quickly, please let me know at malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz



The Tawa College PTA, with assistance from the Tawa Lions Club, proudly presents: a student health and wellbeing seminar

“Adolescence”

Presented by Kathryn Berkett (MEdPysch)

Kathryn is an engaging speaker who will present a practical guide for parents

- What is it like to be a teenager?
- How does the brain change?
- Ways to keep your teenager safe.
- Teenagers and computer use.



Students are very welcome to attend with their families. A crèche provided by senior college students will be available. Please email with RSVP, your family's crèche requirements.

Date: Tuesday, 17th May 2016

Venue: Tawa College Hall, Duncan St, Tawa

Time: 7.00 – 8.30 pm followed by questions

Please RSVP by Friday 13th May to
secretary@tawacollege.school.nz

or contact Tracey at 232 8184

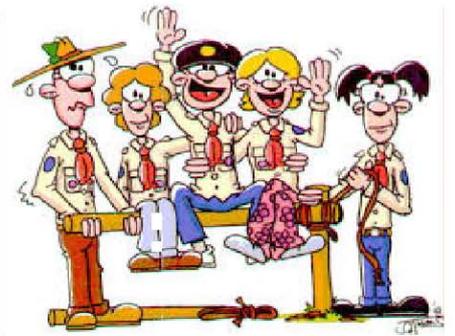
If you have any questions that you would like to have answered at this seminar, please email it in advance to
secretary@tawacollege.school.nz.

**At 6.45 pm, coffee, tea & slices will be provided.
A gold coin donation would be appreciated.**

CALLING ALL QUIZ BUFFS

Tawa & Khandallah Scouts are hosting a Quiz Night fundraiser for the Scouts to attend the NZ21 Jamboree in Blenheim.

Make up a team of 8-10 of your most knowledgeable mates, come up with a witty team name and book your table. Alternatively if you want to come but not arrange your own team we are happy to make up a table of others in your situation.



Scout Jamboree Fundraiser Tawa/ Khandallah Scout troops

- Fantastic Raffle Prizes
- Purchase Jokers to double your points
- Impromptu quiz rounds

Saturday 28th May 2016

Linden Social Centre

Linden Ave Tawa

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Tickets \$10 per person – before 20th May

email NZ21Quiz@gmail.com

BYO Light refreshments & nibbles

Dress your team with an International theme!!!!

Prize for the best dressed team

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Come for a date night with a purpose.

Make your good marriage great,
your great marriage even better.

Learn new communication skills.

Starts 7pm Wed 18 May for 7 weeks

Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's.

\$75 per couple incl Course book and
dinner or dessert each night.

For info, call Terry at 021 242 1822.



Tawa College



TAWA COLLEGE AND WORLD CHALLENGE 2016 VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA TRIP

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY 5 JUNE 7:00pm

1841 BAR AND RESTAURANT IN JOHNSONVILLE

TICKETS ARE \$10 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE NIBBLES ON THE NIGHT

PLEASE CONTACT JOKEATS1@GMAIL.COM FOR TICKETS



CYCLE FOR GIRLS 2016

On December 19 2011 the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to help alleviate gender inequality and to empower women and girls in line with Millennium Development Goals.



The UN International Day of the Girl Child will be celebrated on 11th October. I, Phil Castelov, will be cycling in “Cambodia for Girls 2016” – a challenging ride from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Inspired Adventures and Plan International (a well respected NGO and Aid agency) is staging this event.

Our group of 15 is trying to raise \$50,000. Each participant is committed to raising \$3500 in their own community – I am a resident of Tawa. Money collected goes directly to programmes that empower girls to change the world.

All expenses including travel costs will be my responsibility. All donations are sent through a secure website, all donations are tax deductible, receipts are issued and confirmation is sent back to donors.

If you would like to help, contact me, Phil Castelov on philcastelov@gmail.com or 021 121 8200. The donor link is <http://cycleforgirlscambodia.gofundraise.com.au/page/nzpage2016>



*2016 - A year of celebration for the
Tawa-Linden Anglican Church*

July 1866—the First Anglican service in Tawa

1956 the current St Peter’s Church was commissioned

1966 the current St Christopher’s Church was commissioned

To celebrate these important anniversaries

Sunday 3 July: A Service of Celebration at the Tawa Cemetery and St Peter’s Church.

Sunday 22 November: A Service of Celebration at St Christopher’s Church . The Bishop of Wellington will speak and officiate.

Please register your interest by contacting the church office
(details at bottom of page).

We would also love to borrow old photos to put on display.

Church Office

Phone: 04 232 8448

Postal address: PO Box 51023, Tawa, Wellington

Email: admin@tac.org.nz

Physical address: 1 Lyndhurst Rd, Tawa, Wellington

JOIN A GREAT TEAM: VOLUNTEER AT THE RED CROSS SHOP, TAWA



The Red Cross Shop at 178 Main Road, Tawa needs you.

Volunteers in our retail stores generally donate a minimum of four hours per week of their time. Volunteers work with like-minded, caring people and gain many new skills, as they receive on the job training and valuable work experience. After three months volunteers who continue in our service may be eligible for FREE education.

National Certificates in Retail (Level 2 to 4), from Service IQ and can take up to nine months to complete whilst volunteering.

Red Cross shops are a very visible face of New Zealand Red Cross in our communities. The Red Cross mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilising the power of humanity and enhancing community resilience. Only with the valuable participation of volunteers aiding the running of our stores, are we able to raise funds to continue to support our mission.

If you are interested in helping support the world's largest humanitarian organisation and gain retail experience, while being part of a fun team, contact our Tawa Red Cross store coordinator, Annie, on 232 8670.



TAWA DISTRICT MID-WEEK TABLE TENNIS CLUB



We celebrate our 50th anniversary this year, having commenced life as the Rewa Ladies Table Tennis Club. The inaugural public and first committee meeting was held on the 22 June 1966 with the election of Margaret Mason as Club Captain and Ngaire Good as Secretary/Treasurer, meeting at the Catholic Hall in Rewa Street, Tawa, initially playing at the Mason family home garage in Tawa.

We have had two venue changes, 1969 to the Linden Community Centre, and in 1987 to the Tawa, now "Red Hackle" Pipe Band club rooms situated in the car park at the Redwood Railway Station.

We adopted the name Linden Ladies Table Tennis Club in 1976, and our current name Tawa District Mid-Week Table Tennis Club in 1990. It was ladies only from 1966 through to 1989 when men were invited and accepted the invitation to join.

We are a thriving mid-week table tennis club as reference to our website www.tawatabletennis.org.nz will attest, and where additional anniversary details will be posted from time to time.

We plan to celebrate this memorable anniversary with a special morning tea for current members on 21 June 2016, and a jubilee lunch on Saturday 30 July.

We welcome expressions of interest from past members wishing to attend our jubilee lunch where our guest of honour will be Margaret Mason whose foresight and enthusiasm supported by the inaugural membership and carried on by wonderful people since then is evident in our club today.

For further details please contact:

Cheryl Ransom, Club Captain, 233 9513

cherylransom@gmail.com

Terry Roche, Treasurer, 232 5263 pemdalen@gmail.com



2 MINUTES WITH Barbara Harris

Barbara is this year's head girl at Tawa College.

Where were you born? Porirua

Where did you grow up? Tawa

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

Greenacres School, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College

What subjects are you doing this year at college?

English, Japanese, maths, chemistry and physics.

What are you hoping to do when you leave school?

Next year I'm going to take some time out from studying and take a gap year. Hopefully I can go to Japan and work at Tawa College's sister school and improve my Japanese, then move on to university the year after.

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

A big thing is being an approachable role model for others at school, particularly for younger students. We must involve ourselves in school activities, present readings in assembly, and at times, organise organise organise!

What are your interests/hobbies?

I love to run! Whether it's with my friends, my dad or even my younger brother, I love getting out and running. I also enjoy playing with my pets (a beautiful golden labrador and a little grey kitten), listening to music and reading. At school I take part in two choirs, help out with our school Survivor challenge and am a co-leader of our school Feminist club.

What do you like about Tawa College?

The fact that the teachers put a huge effort into the students to make sure they're getting their NCEA credits and performing to the best of their abilities. Mr Lucas is a terrific principal who does an awesome job of running our school and getting to know the students who go here. There's a great community at Tawa College.

Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?

The football team Celtic (they're in the Scottish Premier League).

Favourite musical group and/or style of music?

The Weeknd. *[The Ed. obtained the following from 'Wikipedia': Abel Makkonen Tesfaye (born 16 February 1990), known professionally by his stage name The Weeknd, pronounced "the weekend", is a Canadian singer, songwriter, and record producer.]*

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand? Napier.

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

Being a head student is probably what I am most proud of, it is a huge honour and I am thankful every day for being given this role. Also achieving level one and level two NCEA with excellence is awesome and captaining Tawa College's girls football first eleven as a year 12 student.



Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm 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> or email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

TEMPOFIT PROGRAMME

Do you want to take your running to the next level? Sick of running alone and after a team training environment with great coaching support? TempoFit provides team running training, and it's now on your back doorstep in Tawa. Tempo Fit's first-ever Wellington season was a massive success!

We've had over 60 runners join us from around Wellington and amazingly the weather has played ball (most of the time!). Missed it? Don't stress because we've got another season starting 16 May leading up to the Wellington Marathon (or half or 10k whatever tickles your fancy!).

Who is TempoFit for?

TempoFit is designed for your everyday jogger, plodder and weekend warrior. So long as you can run 5k non-stop (at any speed), you will fit in perfectly at TempoFit and have plenty of company.

16 May - 26 Jun 2016 (6 weeks)

The Wellington Marathon (and half and 10k) is just around the corner and this season helps you get there in the best shape possible. Don't let the winter weather deter. Feel the warmth of running in TempoFit's fun team environment!



Price: \$119. For more info go to www.tempofit.co.nz or contact Jo Murray on jo@athleticswellington.org.nz or 021 976 116.

Adios

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Autumn colours in the vicinity of Arrowtown, where the Ed. enjoyed a few days recently.

"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

– Martin Luther King Jr

"Politicians are a lot like diapers. They should be changed frequently and for the same reasons."



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

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

Back issues of the newsletter are available at www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

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