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THIS EDITION IS A SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER. THE DECEMBER ISSUE IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY/MID-DECEMBER

“STUFF THE TRAILER” FOOD COLLECTION

Tawa Rotary is holding another Stuff the Trailer event in conjunction with Inner Wheel on Saturday 30 November. Collectors will be in place at both New World Tawa and at Countdown 9.00-4.30pm.

This replaces the usual “Toot for Tucker” held close to Christmas.



The goal is to collect as many items as possible of food and other supermarket goods for those less fortunate in our community. Those items will be handed over to the Tawa (Salvation Army) Food Bank.

Your support for this initiative will be much appreciated.



2019 TAWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday afternoon, 7 December, departing Tawa School at 2pm and heading north on the Main Road. Bring along the family to see a range of floats including bands, clowns, MG cars and of course Santa!



2018 Tawa Christmas Parade
Photos courtesy of Kevin Walker,
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TAWA BOROUGH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Tawa College's academic prizegiving ceremony took place earlier this month with certain 'dignitaries' presenting certificates and various trophies to around 100 students in acknowledgement of academic achievements throughout the course of this year. Congratulations to all of them!

Former Tawa College principal, Bruce Murray, and the past chair of the Tawa Community Board, Richard Herbert, presented the Murray Trophy and the Tawa Borough Scholarship (administered by the Tawa Community Board) to "... a student who has demonstrated all-round ability, with excellence firstly in academic endeavour, and secondly in sporting or cultural fields, and who in addition has given worthwhile service to the College and/or Tawa community".

Congratulations to this year's winner, Kitty Sneyd-Utting, pictured shaking the hand of Bruce Murray, with Richard Herbert at right.



LONG GRASS IS SCHEDULED TO BE CUT SHORTLY

Concerns have been expressed locally about the length of the grass in the vicinity of SH1 on and off ramps to Tawa (both the eastern and western side of the motorway). The grass is so long that claims have been made it is blocking visibility. It is the NZ Transport Agency's responsibility to maintain these areas.

After approaching NZTA recently, we have been advised by their contractors, Fulton Hogan: "These areas of the network have been programmed to be cut from 1 December through to 8 December." So there we have it! The grass should be cut next week.

Exhibition & sale

For
three
weeks
only

Gerda Smit
Jill Sutton
Lindsay Blakeley
Fran Zukowski

11 - 30 November 2019
Monday-Friday 10am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

OLD RED CROSS SHOP 178 MAIN STREET, TAWA

TRUST PORIRUA CITY BRASS
PRESENTS:

**SPRING INTO
SUMMER**

Featuring mezzo soprano Helen Lomas as well
as an eclectic mix of traditional and
contemporary brass band music

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 4:00 PM
TAWA BAPTIST CHURCH
229 MAIN ROAD, TAWA

\$15 ADULT, \$10 SENIOR/STUDENT, FREE UNDER 12 YEARS

HANGING BASKETS TO BE 'REPLACED' SOON

As you probably already know, the flowers in the hanging baskets in the central Tawa shopping district are replaced every six months or so. The intention is to hang the next lot of baskets before Christmas.

The Tawa Potted Colour Committee is responsible for maintenance of the hanging baskets. It costs \$3000+ each year to keep them in place. Thanks to the Tawa Business Group, the Tawa Community Board and various private and commercial sponsors for their financial assistance.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHED ON

The lights on the Norfolk pine outside the Mervyn Kemp Library were first switched on in December 2006. For a number of years they were regular 'white' lights.

In November 2016 this newsletter reported: "We've been advised that the Christmas lights on the Norfolk pine outside the library have reached the end of their life so they have been replaced. The new bulbs will have a great Christmas feel as they will change from red to green and vice versa every 15 seconds."

As at late November 2019, the lights on the tree and on the lampposts in the central shopping area are on again for this Christmas season. The photo at right was taken on Wednesday 26 November.



**USA Singers
(Tawa)**
present a short choral recital

**"White Christmas
and All That Jazz"**

Classics to Contemporary Songs

Musical Director: Jancis Potter
Accompanist: Lydia Middlemiss

**Weds 4th December
@ 7.30pm**

**Tawa Union Church
Elena Place, Tawa**

 **Celebrating Christmas 2019
with
Tawa Churches**

Community Christmas Service
Hosted by
Tawa Baptist and Salvation Army Churches
Tawa College Hall (Duncan St)
9:30 am Christmas Day

Anglican Church
St Christopher's: cnr Main & Lyndhurst Rds, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 6pm Christingle Family Service
Christmas Eve, 11pm Carols and Communion
Christmas Day, 9:30am Family Worship & Communion

Baptist Church
227 Main Rd, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 8pm "Carols, Candles and Cake"
(coffee and cake served from 7:30pm)

Catholic Parish (Our Lady of Fatima Church)
169 Main Rd, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 7:00pm Family Mass
Christmas Eve, 11:30pm Carols and Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, 10:30am Christmas Day Mass

Catholic Parish (St Pius X Church)
Te Pene Ave, Titahi Bay
Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Day Mass

Union Church
6 Elena Pl, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 11:30pm Candlelight Carol Service
Christmas Day, 9am Christmas Day Service

Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | January 2020

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

Monday 6th January	Tuesday 7th January	Wednesday 8th January	Thursday 9th January	Friday 10th January
Dodgeball Mania You love it! We love it! So let's play it! It's going to be a dodgeball crazy day. Games like Leaders Dodgeball, Bench Dodgeball, Mayhem and our newest game - King Dodgeball!	Wizard's school and talent show Raise your wands and open the book of spells, because you're going to wizard's school! We'll learn some tricks and you can bring whatever you need to showcase your tricks and talent at the Tawa Rec Centre talent show! May the best talent win...	Bubble bath & YOUR choice It's International Bubble Bath Day! You are going to have suds of fun making your own bubble bath. In the afternoon YOU get to choose what we all play next.	Sporty fun day It's a sporty day where we will be playing lots of different sports indoors and outdoors. There will be team sports and individual sports such as badminton, basketball, outdoor cricket and relays..	Trip Day - Tawa Pool & Park We are heading over to Tawa Pool for a swim before we play at Grasslees Reserve and have a sausage sizzle. You will take part in the obstacle course and play half-court basketball. Don't forget your togs - and a towel!
Monday 13th January	Tuesday 14th January	Wednesday 15th January	Thursday 16th January	Friday 17th January
Minecraft day You will be playing real-life Minecraft at the Tawa Rec Centre! Take part in our building battles, PVP and survival games. Go head to head with other players and always watch out for creepers!	Chocolate Day & Inflatables Play chocolate party games, go on a chocolate treasure hunt and test your chocolate knowledge to celebrate National Chocolate Day. Then bounce away on our inflatables and play floorball.	Outdoor wheels & street art Bring your own set of wheels and helmet and take part in our outdoor wheels challenge. Let your artistic skills out in the afternoon and create a mural using chalk. Are you the next Banksy?	Woodwork challenge & dodgeball Get your creative caps on as you build fortresses out of sticks, string and clay. Then help us build barriers for our crazy dodgeball battleship. Which team are you on?	Cool off in summer Slip, slop and slide! Bring your togs and a towel as we play some fun water-based games and slide down our water slide! Let's make some lemonade in the afternoon and drink it in the shade.
Monday 20th January	Tuesday 21st January	Wednesday 22nd January	Thursday 23rd January	Friday 24th January
Wellington Anniversary Closed due to Wellington Anniversary Day.	Rainbow science & games Ever seen walking water? Watch as water moves from one point to another without being touched and be mesmerized by the colours! We will also make some rock candy. A cool science experiment that is edible. Yummo! We'll burn off our energy playing rainbow-themed games.	Tawa Rec Jamboree It's Tawa Rec's Jamboree! A jam-packed day where you will be taking part in a range of activities from craft, wheels, music to inflatables and outdoor games. Bring a change of clothes.	Flying kites & basketball skills The best thing about living in windy Wellington is that there is always a breeze. Why do we need a breeze? To fly our amazing kites of course! We are making our very own kites and a GIANT pinwheel before heading outside to try them out. In the afternoon we will have a game of basketball.	Trip Day - Splash, dash and relax Back to Tawa Pool for fun activities such as tag, diving, relays and free play. Bring your togs and a towel. We will spend the last part of the holidays by relaxing with board games and a movie.

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 20 November 2019
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

SUNDAY ROAST AT THE RSA

The next (monthly) Sunday Roast will be at 6pm on Sunday 1 December at the RSA at the northern end of Oxford St.

\$25 per person. You do need to book your place by Friday 29 November. Phone Alistair at the club on 232 5788 or email John on jfgplunkett@gmail.com



Don't forget to like our Facebook Page to keep up-to-date with events at the RSA: <https://www.facebook.com/Tawa-Returned-Services-Association-195974464553155>

TAWA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Tawa Community Orchestra presents "A Summer Evening with Tchaikovsky & Dvořák"

Programme : Tchaikovsky Concerto No. 1 and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8

Conductor: Samuel Berkahn

Soloist: Thomas Nikora

7.30pm on Sunday 1st December 2019 in the Tawa College Hall, 38 Duncan Street, Tawa

Koha entry

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

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