

This newsletter is sent out every 2-3 weeks on behalf of the Tawa Community Centre and TawaLink.com (Tawa's community website).

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Hello again

Not a bad frost this morning! I took two or three photos (well, actually more like half-a-dozen), some of which may appear on the TawaLink website shortly.

On Wednesday night I left Tawa about 6.25pm to head into town for Tawa College's June Tunes concert which, by the way, was very enjoyable (well, most of it was, even to a musical 'pleb' like me). But I digress. The car thermometer showed the outside temperature was 3 degrees as we left home. By the time we got into town it had risen to 7 degrees. The reverse applied on our return. We started out shortly before 9pm with the temperature around the 7 to 9 mark. Coming back on the motorway near Johnsonville it was down to 4 degrees, 3 as we neared Tawa, and 2 by the time we got home. All very interesting - well, it was to me!

I suppose the point I'm making is that in the winter-time it can be several degrees colder in these parts than in central Wellington. We're a hardier breed out this way. Hardy enough I hope to wrap up against the winter chill and get ourselves along to some of the community events listed below which are coming up in the next while.

There's lots happening, so read on ...

TAWA COMMUNITY POT LUCK MEAL

Our community get-together this time around will be hosted by Mana Tiaki, Tawa's urban Maori group - 6pm tomorrow, 20th June at the Tawa Community Centre. We'll be finished around 7.20pm - everyone is welcome. Bring your own food to pool with others. Enquiries to Malcolm Sparrow on 803 8591 (between now and then).

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you're interested in having a say in how the Tawa Community Centre serves this community, come along to this meeting on Tuesday 30th June. We're wanting input from all sectors of the community, so whether you're young or old, full of bright ideas or not, or simply think you might be able to contribute in some way, you're welcome to turn up to this public get-together at the Centre at 7pm, through to around 8.30pm. Enquiries to 803 8591 or 232 1682.

TAWA PEOPLE

Lots of interesting people live in this community. We'll be speaking to a number of them in the weeks and months ahead and bringing you a segment called "2 minutes with ..." The question and answer session with various Tawa people will be available both in the Tawa Community Centre window and online at www.tawalink.com/tawa_people.html.

We've started this week with "2 Minutes with ... Allan Todd".

TAWALINK WEBSITE

The following is from an email we received a couple of days ago from a local man complimenting the Tawa community website:

"... absolutely ideal for people to send the URL (www.tawalink.com) to some of their friends and relations (overseas?) to give them some perception about Tawa. For example, I'm sending this to our son, who lives in California and also to several of my old friends, also in the US of A!

The pics you've got there really make Tawa come to life and should be used more by us, mere mortals!"

THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Kapi-Mana Toastmasters meet every 2nd & 4th Monday in the month at the Tawa Community Centre 7.30-9.30pm. This is an Educational Programme in Public Speaking which can guarantee confidence as you progress, assist in job interviews and success in your future. Why not come along, see what we do and hear the success stories of our members. No pressure to join. I (Alan) guarantee you will enjoy the evening. For further information ring Alan Martin on 232 8487.

20 YEARS FOR CHRIS STONE

Please join us to celebrate Chris's 20 years as head teacher at Brian Webb Kindergarten on Wednesday 24th June 2009, from 12.30pm at the kindergarten.

Adults - bring a plate to share. Preschoolers - bring a packed lunch. We'd love to see as many 'old' kindergarten friends as possible, so please tell family and friends and bring them along.

FREE ALPHA DINNER

Come to a free Alpha Dinner at 6.30pm on Sunday 28th June at the Emmaus Centre, behind St Christophers Church, Main Road, Tawa. Phone 232 8844 or 232 5611 (9am to noon), or Michael 232 6115 or Ruth 232 9043.

SCOUTING TAWA

40 Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders took part in the Tawa Anzac Parade this year which is a real return to the numbers that have attended in years gone by. They all really want to go again next year. Four out of five groups went camping or tramping last term and it's good to see the kids getting out there getting dirty rather than hunched over Playstation controls.

We've had a real boost in numbers lately and it's fantastic. All five groups (Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers) have grown and because we have a good number of enthusiastic leaders we have no waiting lists. We can still take more, any age from 6 to 16, but are particularly looking for young people in the Intermediate age group of 11-12 years for Tuesday Scouts, and girls for Thursday Scouts (who already have two girls in their troop), and Venturers on Mondays.

In the next two terms many of the groups are tackling First Aid and looking at emergency services. Camp fires, cooking, a visit to the fire service at the airport and go-karting are also on the menu.

TAWA MONTESSORI PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE

If you want to know more about sending your child to Montessori Primary and Intermediate, you are warmly welcome to attend our information evening, which will be held at the Johnsonville Montessori Preschool, 23a Elliot St, Johnsonville, in week three of term 3 (the exact date will be available next week). While children who have attended a Montessori Preschool are given preference, there are a limited number of spaces for non-Montessori Preschooled children.

Come along and have all your questions answered, including how Montessori kids do at state high schools and how the Montessori kids are integrated with state school kids for assemblies, playtime, sports and other events. If you are interested, but can't attend the info evening, please email ritchandrach@xtra.co.nz for a free information pack.

TAWA ROTARY'S MASSIVE BOOK FAIR

There are two sales days this year - Saturday 11th July and Saturday 18th July. The venue is the old Hazelwood's Store at Tawa Junction. The doors will be open from 9.00am till 4.00pm on each sale day. There will be many thousands of hardcover and paperback books available, covering just about every topic and every reader's interests.

The sale is being run by the Rotary Club of Tawa and half the profits go to the Life Education Trust, which is touring Tawa Schools during June. Last year we were able to donate some \$7,000 to the Trust. The other \$7,000 was made available to local charities or given as financial assistance to other local people and groups. If possible we would like to be able to give even more to the Trust after this year's sale. Overall, everyone wins – those who want to get rid of surplus books get a chance to use them for a good cause and those who want books to read without worrying about them going overdue at the library can get plenty of books at bargain prices. On top of this the Trust gets badly needed funds to educate our children and the Rotary Club gets funds for its other charities.

We already have a lot of books available for sale, but any further donations of good clean books will be appreciated. If local residents have surplus books they would like to donate, they can be dropped off at any one of our collection points, which are at Mexted Motors, Harcourt's Real Estate or Drummond's Pharmacy.

Any enquiries can be addressed to Doug Burrus 232 7894, Brian Henry 232 5893 or Gaylene Lines 232 6034.

TAWA COMMUNITY GRANTS 2009

The Tawa Community Board has up to \$15,000 each year available for distribution to approved not-for-profit Tawa community groups and organisations. Grants were allocated this time around (April 2009) to the following groups. If you want full details of the purpose for which each grant is intended, it is available at: http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/meetings/comgroup/Tawa_Community_Board_Grants_Subcommittee/2009/16Mar1800/agenda.html Go down that page and click on Report 1 - appendix 2.

Beginning Experience NZ Charitable Trust	\$320
Hutt Valley Fencing Club (Tawa division)	\$1068
St Francis Xavier School - Parents Inc Seminar	\$1970

Tawa Bowling Club Inc	\$554
Tawa Central Kindergarten (WFKA)	\$3000
Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers Assn	\$1500
Tawa Rugby Football Club Inc	\$1942
Tawa Senior Citizens Club	\$275
Tawa Squash Club	\$2000
Tawa Swimming Club	\$1181
Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade	\$1190

COMING UP IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS:

Saturday 20th June:	Peter Dunne clinic
Saturday 20th June:	Tawa community pot luck meal
Tuesday 23rd - Thursday 25th June:	"Who are We?" at Tawa Intermediate
Wednesday 24th June:	20 Years for Chris Stone
Thursday 25th June:	Meeting with Robbie Hullena
Friday 26th June:	Redwood School CRE Assembly
Sunday 28th June:	Tawa Combined Churches Service
Sunday 28th June:	Alpha Dinner
Tuesday 30th June:	Tawa Community Centre public meeting

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

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"Don't miss the doughnut by looking through the hole."

"I dream my painting, and then I paint my dream." - Vincent Van Gogh

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
- Martin Luther King Jr

This community newsletter is emailed to more than 700 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa) every 2-3 weeks. If you do not already receive it and would like to, please send an email to info@tawalink.com requesting that your name is added to our list.