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COMMUNITY NEWS

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This community newsletter is sent out usually twice each month on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002. The newsletter is supported by the Tawa Residents' Association.

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD INAUGURATION

The swearing-in of the new Tawa Community Board will take place at 7pm on Thursday 14 November at the Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave. This is the ninth Tawa Community Board since the board was first established in 1989. Elected members of the new board are Graeme Hansen, Richard Herbert, Margaret Lucas, Jack Marshall, Alistair Sutton and Robert Tredger (the order in which they appear in the photo above). The new chair has not yet been determined. Northern Ward city councillors Justin Lester (Deputy Mayor) and Malcolm Sparrow are likely to be appointed to the board as well.



NEARING YEAR'S END AT TAWA COLLEGE

Yesterday (Wednesday 6 November) was the last day of school for Tawa College seniors, years 11-13. It's now officially study time with NCEA exams beginning on Monday.

The college's academic prizegiving took place this past Monday evening with city councillors Malcolm Sparrow and Deputy Mayor Justin Lester, as well as Kris Faafoi, MP for Mana, 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!

The names of head prefects for 2014 were announced on the night. They are Louren Marley and Jessica Ah Chong (head girl and deputy), Nathanael Roach and Jonty Boyd (head boy and deputy).

Jonty Nathanael Louren Jessica



Former Tawa College principal, Bruce Murray, and the former chair of the Tawa Community Board, Malcolm Sparrow, 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, Sean McPetrie, pictured with Malcolm Sparrow (left) and Bruce Murray.

TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY (ARA TAWA)

The last newsletter included an update on progress with the pathway. We meant to say at the time that the pathway is scheduled for completion within the next few months. It will include a pedestrian bridge across the stream near the railway bridge at Willowbank Park. If all goes according to plan, the official Mayoral opening will take place February-March time.

ANOTHER TAWA FINALIST IN WELLY AWARDS 2013

There are three finalists in the Education Sector of the 2013 Wellingtonian of the Year Award, affectionately known as the Welly Awards. On this occasion two of those three are Tawa people, both with strong Tawa College connections from days gone by.

We mentioned Liz Langham in the last newsletter. It's since come to our attention that she was deputy head girl at Tawa College in 1996.

The other finalist is one of Tawa's most well-known and admired celebrities, Shona Murray. The brief summary on the Welly Finalists website states: "Shona has retired as the organiser of the Tawa Schools and Community music festivals, which began in 1979. They now involve over 700 people and have helped make the suburb a strong musical centre."

Shona won the *Arts & Culture* category at an earlier Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony. The script read: "*These festivals have brought the community together and established Tawa as a strong centre of music in Wellington. The participation of the primary schools and the Intermediate has encouraged children's interest in music throughout their schooling, and goes a long way to explain why the choirs are so big and popular at Tawa College. Shona puts in many hours of voluntary time in the selection of a festival theme, choice of music, rehearsal practices for 600 to 700 schoolchildren during the week and the adult choir on Sunday afternoons, and the performances themselves. She is a taonga of Tawa College and the Tawa community.*" As previously stated, she has now retired from that role.

In the New Year's Honours List 2013 Shona was honoured with a QSM (Queen's Service Medal) for services to music and education. The photo shows Shona with the Governor General at the presentation ceremony.



RE-OPENING OF MERVYN KEMP LIBRARY

As you're probably aware the library is currently closed whilst earthquake strengthening work is being carried out, and library operations are based in the meantime in Tawa Community Centre's boardroom at 5 Cambridge Street, almost next door.

The re-opening of the library is now scheduled for late November, so it's still a few weeks away.



TAC WORKSHOP

Can we know God today? Thursday 7 November 2013, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Bookings to Tawa-Linden Anglican Church office on 232 8448 or email admin@tac.org.nz. No charge.

God is present in his creation, and is wanting to communicate with us. In our busyness, do we make time to tune in?

Sid Durbin, Spiritual Growth Facilitator, and his wife Jane will share how they have experienced God in their lives, and how you can too.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL MARKET DAY

St Francis Xavier School is holding a Market evening from 6.00 to 8.30pm on Thursday 14 November. There will be numerous stalls to get Christmas shopping under way, plus coffee & cake available. Gold coin entry, with a complimentary glass of wine. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more details, contact Trish Comeskey on trish.comeskey@gmail.com or call the school office on 232 8927.



Tawa Junior Squash

Free



Junior Club Night
Fridays 4-7pm
Nov 1st - Dec 6th



Skillbuilder + King of the Court +
Ladder Games + Fun Games



Kitchen Open - Hot Dogs, Hot Chips,
Toasted Sandwiches, Drinks

All you need are non marking shoes. All equipment provided.

Play Squash any time, in any weather, to keep fit and have fun



67 Main Road, Tawa (next to St Francis Xavier School)
Ph 232 8200 or email info@tawasquash.co.nz

Other programmes for youngsters include:

MUMS 'N BUBS Thursdays 9:30 - 11am \$5 includes Playing, coaching, chatting, coffee	SMALL NEX For 5-8 year olds Sundays 3-3.40pm Free
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TAWA SCHOOL Fair

23 November 2013
11am - 2pm

TAWA SCHOOL,
OXFORD STREET, TAWA
Jumble sale, cake stall, food stalls,
jelly eating contest, pony rides,
motorbikes and Inflatable activities
for all ages...

the SPOOKY HOUSE
AND LOTS, LOTS MORE!



REDWOOD SCHOOL DUATHLON COMING UP

Redwood School is holding its annual student Duathlon at the school on Sunday 24 November from noon until 3.00pm. Participants will be running along the footpath on Redwood Avenue between the school and McKeefry Grove as well as through Redwood Park. The parking lanes along Redwood Avenue from the Oriel Avenue roundabout down to McKeefry Grove will be closed for the bike leg of two of our races. McKeefry Grove will also be used for a bike leg for two of our races. Traffic Management New Zealand as well as 40 race marshals will be on hand to ensure our participants' safety and to keep traffic moving in the area. We ask for extra caution and care during these times.

While the races are only open to Redwood School students, the event is open to all. We will have food stalls, raffles, a 36-metre long inflatable climbing course and more. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Redwood School on 232 7704.

CLAY CREATIONS

13 & 27 November 2013.

Come along and be inspired to create some amazing clay creations. This workshop is for anyone who has the enthusiasm to be creative. You don't need any art experience or ability. You will make your clay creations at the first session and then paint and glaze them at the second so that they can be fired in the kiln.

Presenter: Valrae Gardiner, former art teacher, and extremely creative person.
Venue: 75 Woodburn Rd, Tawa Time: 7 - 9pm. Cost: \$30 for both sessions.



REGISTRATION FOR TITAHI BAY ATHLETICS

Registration for the 2013-14 Athletic season takes place at 8.15am on Saturday 2 November (too late for that now) and at 8.15am on Saturday 9 November at Kura Park, Kura St, Titahi Bay. Please email titahi.bay.aac@gmail.com to receive a registration form via email.

TAWA ROTARY CAROLS

This year's carols will be held at Tawa College on Tuesday 10 December. Barbecued sausages and drinks will be available from 6pm. There'll be a revamped format on this occasion with a starting time of 6.30pm.

TAWA ROTARY "TOOT FOR TUCKER"

"Toot for Tucker" has taken place in Tawa in the leadup to Christmas in the past two years. It has been a great success on both occasions. Last December 3588 items of food were collected for the Tawa Food Bank, and \$1260 in cash.

This year it will be taking place early evening on Wednesday 11, Thursday 12, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 December.

Members of Tawa Rotary, Tawa Lions, Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Salvation Army will be out in the streets of Tawa collecting donated non-perishable food items to build up Christmas stocks for the Tawa Food Bank.

When you hear the fire engine's siren and other associated noise in your neighbourhood, you'll know what it's all about. And you'll already have all your goodies ready to bring out!



TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Tawa Lions Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday 14 December, leaving Tawa School at 2pm.

The parade route will be from Oxford Street on to the Main Road (by Mexted Motors), through the shopping centre, to Surrey Street. Road traffic will be diverted through Tawa, Duncan and McLellan Streets for the duration of the parade, until approximately 2.30pm.

Organisations who are interested in participating in the parade can contact Ken on 232 2475 or Alastair on 232 7936.

NEIGHBOURS' WEEKEND IN 2014

We're hoping to make a big weekend of "Neighbours' Day Aotearoa" in Tawa again in March 2014, the same way we've done for the past two years. The aim is to have more than 50 streets getting together with their neighbours in some way or another any weekend that month – rolling out the barbecues to cook and eat together, or maybe sharing brunch or a pot luck meal.

In case you weren't already aware, Tawa was recognised in May 2013 for its Neighbours' Day successes with a nationwide award for "Enhancing Communities" at the NZ Community Boards' Conference. Neighbours' Day is a brilliant opportunity to get to know our immediate neighbours.

TAWA KINDERGARTENS - ENROLLING NOW!

Wellington Kindergartens – Brian Webb, Tawa Central and Tui Park Kindergartens are currently taking enrolments. Offering 6-hour sessions, varying day options and ages, we have:

- 20 hours free for all children (0-5 years)
- 100% qualified and registered teaching teams
- A transition to school programme

Whanau are welcome to enrol their child across several of our kindergartens if more hours of education and care are needed. Register online via our website www.wn-kindergarten.org.nz or call the kindergarten for a Whanau pack – Brian Webb Kindergarten 232 5305, Tawa Central Kindergarten 232 6416, Tui Park Kindergarten 232 7254.

TAWA-LINDEN PLUNKET EVENTS

Tawa-Linden Plunket Pre-loved Children's Toy and Clothing Sale

Saturday 9 November, 11am - 1pm at Tawa Community Centre. Quality pre-loved children's clothing and toys! A great opportunity to get bargain items for Christmas and summer.

We will have a sausage sizzle running, yummy baking for sale, and (weather depending) the bouncy castle operating. Join us for this popular sale! Tables still available - contact tawaplunketeve@gmail.com for more information.

Free Children's Christmas Party

On Wednesday 4 December, Tawa-Linden Plunket will once again be hosting a free Christmas Party for under-fives. This great event will feature Harriette the Clown, morning tea and a visit from Santa Claus! Free to attend - but if you want your child to get a present from Santa Claus, please bring a small wrapped gift with your child's name on it. For more information please contact tawaplunketeve@gmail.com.

OUTWARD BOUND – BY TAWA WOMAN LAURIE WINTER

Outward Bound is a 21-day course that challenges people to do things out of their comfort zones, set goals and reach their full potential - both at Outward Bound and in everyday life. I completed Outward Bound in early 2013 and it was one of the best things I have ever done! I was lucky enough to receive some funding (from Tawa Lions and Tawa Rotary) to attend my course, and now I would like to give back so that others can also experience the magic. OB is quite expensive, but it is life-changing, so hopefully I can help make it easier for a couple of others to attend.



In January 2014 I am going back down to Outward Bound to run their end-of-course half marathon again. I am hoping to raise at least \$1500 for their scholarship fund. I am going to have to work pretty hard, as I will be the oldest runner by a good 7 years and I don't want to come last!

Experiencing Outward Bound has changed the way I think about, and approach, challenges in my life. Since coming home I have had more belief in what I can achieve and this led to, among other things, a change of my day job (for the better!). I believe all young people should have the chance to go to OB should they want to. You can make a sponsorship donation here: <https://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/runningforoutwardbound>.

Donations are tax deductible and 100% of your donation goes to Outward Bound. Please note: I am fundraising for the OB Scholarship fund - NOT to attend the course again myself. All donations via "Give a Little" will go directly to Outward Bound.

TRY TOASTMASTERS

Try Toastmasters for free until the end of the year!

Have you been asked to give a toast at a wedding? Boss wants you to give a presentation to the board? Your team is losing motivation and it's up to you to rouse them into action? If any of these scenarios make you quiver and shake, then come visit Kapi-Mana@Tawa Toastmasters Club to see how we can help you develop your speaking, listening and leadership skills.

Kapi-Mana@Tawa Toastmasters Club is offering free attendance to its meetings for the remainder of the year to all its visitors. Get a taste of what Toastmasters can do for you, hear some entertaining speakers and enjoy a complimentary cuppa and biscuit at Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge St, Tawa, 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Meeting dates until the end of the year are Mondays 11 & 25 November and 9 December. Please note that, as the library is temporarily located at the Tawa Community Centre, our meetings on 11 & 25 November will be held at Linden Social Centre, 10 Linden Ave. We expect to be back in the Board Room at Tawa Community Centre in time for our meeting on 9 December. For more information, please call Alan on 232 8487.

EYMIN\$ ACCOUNT\$ PRESS RELEASE

With all the time and effort that goes into building a successful business, it is a shame to undo that hard work with poor bookkeeping and payroll. Yet, for many people, once the work has been found, completed, and paid for, it is hard to muscle up the energy required to complete meticulous bookwork and payroll work.



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Claim some time back for yourself and call Sylvie Eymins (021) 027 85 195 or SEymins@kol.co.nz.

TAWA CRAFT MARKET

The next Tawa Craft Market is being held on Saturday 16 November at the Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge Street, Tawa from 9.30am - 1.30pm.

We have a group of wonderful crafters – many are new and others have been longtime supporters so come along and support them and start your Christmas shopping. It's not too early to start!!! Stallholders include knitters, sewers, papercrafters, jewellers and woodworkers so there is something for everyone.

We will have a donation bucket for our charity, Life Fight Trust.

If you are interested in having a stall or running the fundraising sausage sizzle, please contact Toni on 232 4370 or email inot_ynotstoker@xtra.co.nz.

COMING UP WITH REVOLVE FITNESS

Tuesday 26 November, 7pm at Tawa Community Centre:

How to keep energy levels at an all time high over the summer period!
Exercise and Nutritional advice to enabling you to do the things you want to!

Tuesday 3 December, 7pm at Tawa Community Centre:

Secrets to stay healthy and active over the Celebration season!

All FREE.



AFS PASIFIKA LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

For the last couple of years AFS Pasifika have played a large role in the Tawa community. Since 2011 22 students have come from countries around the world to stay with families in Tawa and attend Tawa College. AFS Pasifika is a community group that works not only for the students, but also their host families running fun events that everyone from 4 to 80+ can enjoy.

We are again looking for loving host families to host students from around the world for 5 or 10 months beginning in late January 2014. If you or someone you know would like more information about hosting an AFS student and joining the AFS Pasifika family, please contact Howard on afspasifikaporirua@hotmail.com.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF WELLINGTON

"I'm delighted to be re-elected as your Mayor for Wellington City. With our newly-elected, positive and enthusiastic Council I'm looking forward to working for you."

If you'd like to contact Mayor Celia Wade-Brown, email mayor@wcc.govt.nz.



ZELATI GELATO & SORBET OFFER

To help celebrate the warmer weather ahead, Zelati is giving the Tawa community a special treat of BUY 2 SINGLE SCOOPS & GET 1 FREE – every Saturday exclusively at the Zelati Freezeria Factory Store (up the alleyway at 207a Main Rd, just north of '15' Sports Bar & Cafe).

All you have to do is pop in store and show the printed promo version (as proof) to redeem this, and the team at Zelati will happily accommodate you every Saturday until 15 December 2013.

Likewise, we're inviting the Tawa community to Like & Share our Facebook page to families & friends to spread the good news. Watch out for upcoming events and exciting news within Zelati.

P.S. Watch out for Zelati's cool & refreshing summer flavours. One giveaway upcoming flavour is 'Luscious Limone' or simply gourmet 'Lemon Sorbet'.

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Zelati FREEZERIA
207A Main Road, Tawa (along the alley)

Map showing location of Zelati Freezeria at 207A Main Rd, Tawa, Wellington, near Lincoln Ave, Essex St, and Main Rd. Landmarks include Harcourt's, Bus Stop, Sports Bar, Mary Potter Subway, Tawa Medical Centre, TAB, Rappaw Vet Care, Supreme Fast Food, and Tawa Financial Services.

ZELATI FREEZERIA: 207A Main Rd., Tawa, Wellington
Open MON - FRI (11 - 5pm) & SATURDAYS (12 - 4pm)

Tawa Community Centre

Cambridge Street, Tawa
Located between the library and New World

We are open 9am-1pm weekdays. We have tea/coffee, books and magazines to read or swap, toys, puzzles and games for the children, free wifi for your own devices like ipads, ipods and laptops. Even come along and start a jigsaw puzzle.

There is a weekly "What's On" newsletter that the centre sends out, so please contact Mandy on mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz or 232 1682 if you would like to be on the mailing list.

Another way to stay connected is through facebook. Please take a look and like us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>

Save the date
for
**Harriet's
High Tea**
in Wellington

Come and hear about the work of the Leprosy Mission

2013 Youth Advocate, Harriet Judd, is hosting a high tea in November

to a raise money to go towards the new generator for Anandaban leprosy Mission Hospital Kathmandu

Time: 3.30pm

Date: Sunday 24 November

Venue: Tawa Baptist Church Hall, 225 Main Road, Tawa, Wellington

Tickets: \$20

Bookings are essential.

Contact Harriet Judd on 021 0453 670 or

Margaret Lucas on: email mm.lucas@xtra.co.nz to RSVP

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com

(loosely under the umbrella of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association)

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Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320



“The biggest failure you can have in life is making the mistake of never trying at all.”

“The problem with stealing quotes off the internet is you never know if they are genuine.”

– Abraham Lincoln

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”

– Joshua J Marine

This newsletter is emailed to around 1200 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa), usually in the first and the third weeks of each month.

If you do not 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.

PLEASE BE AWARE that many of the items/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.

Musings from the Ed.

Many of those standing for Council in the recent elections had their own website, a Facebook page and a Twitter account as well. I had (and still have) my own campaign website at www.malcolmsparrow.com, and that was it!



Moving with the times, I've just got a "Malcolm Sparrow Politician" Facebook page up and running in the last few days! However this Sparrow hasn't learned to tweet as yet. One day it might come naturally (or it may not)!

But back to the Facebook page. I know that some of my colleagues (i.e. newbie councillors) had Facebook pages right through the campaign, and ones which they continue to update every two to three days. My intention is to post (hopefully) interesting stuff every few days.

I'm about to ask you a favour. Please go to www.facebook.com/malcolmsparrownorthern, have a look at some of the content, and find it in your heart to click "Like" on that page. If you do, I would be very appreciative!

As at the time of writing I have 87 "Likes". I'm very pleased with that number (thank you if you're one of them), considering the page has only been online five days or so. However my newbie colleagues have something like 550 through to 900 "Likes" on their pages. I'm not sure that I'll ever reach those giddy heights and I'm not aspiring to do so, but it would be nice to get to around 250 or even 300. I'd be content with that!

In a nutshell, I'm inviting you to go to www.facebook.com/malcolmsparrownorthern and to click "Like"! Thank you in anticipation!

Now turning to more canine matters Abby the dog is only 10 days short of turning two. That's the age by which she's supposed to be a reasonably mature dog, not just physically but in terms of temperament, or so I believe!

Perhaps there'll be an overnight transformation come mid-November because she's certainly some way off being sensible and restrained just yet. Why else would she run off with scissors in her mouth when I happen to be using them in the back yard (not for cutting the grass I hasten to add), or why can't I leave a USB stick unguarded in the lounge without having to retrieve it out of her mouth moments later! That could've proved to be a costly exercise.



Our (mostly) daily walks are good for keeping both of us fit. As I say on my Facebook page: "I walk the dog there [the local bush tracks] almost every day, often just a 15-minute loop. Earlyish every Sunday we do a 30-minute loop – there via the street and back through Redwood Bush. Both Abby the dog and I enjoy it immensely. She's easily pleased (her wagging tail gives it away), and I consider it a superb setting."

One day she'll grow out of her puppyish antics. In the meantime I must admit they are, with a few exceptions, part of the overall pleasure to be had in having a dog as one of the family!

– *Malcolm Sparrow*