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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 PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremony was held by the Tawa Community Board recently. The awards, first run in 2011, recognise "true leadership, citizenship, contribution to school life, etc" at each of Tawa's six primary schools, plus the Intermediate.

The Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown, presented each winning Year 6 (or Year 8) student with a small trophy, a laminated certificate, and a book voucher from *Take Note Tawa*.

A wooden shield with the winner's name engraved on it each year, was handed back to the school principal or a staff representative. This is displayed on the wall in the office block in the schools.

Photo at right (L to R): Maria Leleifua-Malungahu, Yr 8 Tawa School; Jessica Dang, Yr 6 Linden; Leilaniah Salauneune, Yr 6 Hampton Hill; Paris Hunt, Yr 6 Redwood; Mayor Celia Wade-Brown; Junyeop Lee, Yr 6 Greenacres; Jessica Jenkins, Yr 6 Tawa School; Ellie Kennard, Yr 6 St Francis Xavier; Sione Paongo, Yr 8 Tawa Intermediate; Rachael Lockhart, Yr 8 Tawa Intermediate.

The top photo includes Councillor Malcolm Sparrow and TCB Chair Robert Tredger.



## TAWA ROTARY CAROLS

This year's carols are being held at Tawa College on Tuesday 10 December (that's tonight!) with a new and improved format! Barbecued sausages and drinks will be available from 6pm. Starting time for the carols is 6.30pm. Donations for the Tawa Food Bank would be most welcome.

## TAWA ROTARY "TOOT FOR TUCKER"

"Toot for Tucker" has taken place in Tawa in the leadup to Christmas in the past two years. This year it will be taking place early evening on Wednesday 11 and Tuesday 17 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. Your generosity will make a difference to others in our community this Christmas!



## TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Tawa Lions Christmas Parade will be held this coming 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.



## TAWA COLLEGE PROVIDING SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY AGAIN

From the Ed.: I was aware that 250 or so Tawa College Year 10 students would be doing their week of community service in Tawa once again, as has happened the past five years as the school year draws to a close. It's all about assisting local seniors or those "less able", with essential work that might otherwise not get done.

They pull weeds, clean windows, clear scrub, wash cars, paint fences and so on. It's a great community initiative, with teenagers getting to use garden tools and other implements they've quite possibly never before handled in their lives! It's a win-win in that youngsters get to connect with older people they've never previously met, and the old folks see the teenagers having fun whilst providing a useful helping hand.



As it turned out I was working in my office at home earlier last week when I heard more than the usual chit-chat coming from my neighbours' backyard. I cottoned on pretty much immediately that it was one of the Year 10 teams out doing their thing. So I popped in to say hello and to take a shot of the action. As you can see above, there was a pause to pose, and the resultant photo includes Mr Geary (at left), the staff member who organised it this year.

Well done to all those involved. The Tawa community certainly appreciates it!

## TAWA COMMUNITY YOUTH MENTORING

Many of you will have heard of the Youth Mentoring Initiative in Otorohonga, started when Dale Williams was Mayor (google Dale Williams), or attended his talk at Tawa College in 2012. As a result of our contacts with Dale, Tawa College is assisting with the development of a mentoring programme where (ultimately) all school leavers will have a mentor who contacts them to ensure a successful transition from secondary education to tertiary, or the world of work.

We know there is a lot of skill and experience in the community and we are asking if you, as a community citizen, would like to be one of those mentors. This mentor contact may be brief once a student is settled or it may last longer to help a student find their pathway. If you are interested please contact [mentoring@tawacollege.school.nz](mailto:mentoring@tawacollege.school.nz) or Carole Brown on 232 8184 ext 86.

## COOKING & CRAFT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

The programmes for children aged from 4-11 are being offered by Hayley Balmer, a teacher, in Redwood, Tawa on 20 December; and 13, 14, 23, 24, 28 & 29 January. Each session is different and children can come for as many sessions as they like. All groups have limited places and a reservation is necessary. Email [hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz) for further details.

## 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.

# 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](mailto: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>

## TAWA RECREATION CENTRE PROGRAMME

Tawa Recreation Centre, Tawa College, Duncan Street | For ages 5–12 years | To book, phone 232 2260 or visit [Wellington.govt.nz](http://Wellington.govt.nz)

Monday 6 January	Tuesday 7 January	Wednesday 8 January	Thursday 9 January	Friday 10 January
Come dressed as something beginning with T for our 'T' Day Going along with our 'T' theme we will be playing Tag games, a Tug of War and finishing off with a Treasure Hunt	Test your origami skills before going outside for some chalk drawing Jump around on our inflatable and join in the relays	Bring your togs and towel because we are going to Tawa Pool Finish off the day by relaxing with a DVD	The World of Wearable Arts comes to Tawa as we design our own wearable arts costumes Finish the day by going outside to play a game of Rounders	Tawa Rec takes to the field with our athletics day. Compete in our gumboot throwing, egg + spoon races, long jump and running events
Monday 13 January	Tuesday 14 January	Wednesday 15 January	Thursday 16 January	Friday 17 January
Create your own mobile Dodge some balls in our Tawa Rec Dodgeball tournament, Kill the cone and end the day with Ball tag.	Bring your own wheels as we go outside for a wheels day The afternoon brings lots of inflatable fun	Spend the morning at the playground before we head to Tawa Pool for a swim Don't forget your togs and towel!	Celebrate Summer and join us for a summer themed quiz followed by a surprise summer game	<b>Trip Day</b> Get ready to bounce as we head to ASB Sports Centre for a day of inflatable fun Get your skates on as we are off to Kilbirnie Rec for the afternoon
Monday 20 January	Tuesday 21 January	Wednesday 22 January	Thursday 23 January	Friday 24 January
<b>Wellington Anniversary Day</b> <b>No programme</b>	Bake some delicious Banana Bread in preparation for the Tawa Rec Boot Camp	Join us for a Tawa Rec Party and party games And what party isn't complete without fairy bread?	Make some yummy raspberry yoghurt loaf before going for a swim at Tawa Pool. Remember your togs and a towel!	<b>Epic Sports Tournament</b> <b>Trip Day</b> Take on kids from the other Council holiday programmes in a fun tournament of football, touch, nukemball and floorball

### School holiday programmes also available at:

**ASB Sports Centre**  
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie  
For ages 5–12 years  
To book phone 830 0500

**Karori Recreation Centre**  
251 Karori Road, Karori  
For ages 5–10 years  
To book phone 476 8090

**Nairnville Recreation Centre**  
Cnr Cockayne Road and Lucknow Terrace, Khandallah  
For ages 5–10 years  
To book phone 479 2022

### Cost per day

Non-trip days 8.30am–3.30pm  
Trip days 8.30am–3.30pm  
Aftercare 3.30–5.30pm

### Recreation centres

\$32  
\$42  
\$13

### ASB Sports Centre

\$35  
\$45  
\$13

Bookings open 19 November 2013. All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

## LOCAL GIRL OFF TO MELBOURNE

Jemima Scott, 12, has been lucky enough to be accepted into the Australian Ballet's International Training Programme. Her family is fundraising to help her with travel and tuition fees. She will travel to Melbourne five times next year. If you'd like to know more about Jemima's love of dancing and perhaps make a donation, see [www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/jemimamelbourne](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/jemimamelbourne).

## SUMMER PUSH PLAY EVENTS IN TAWA

Come and Push Play in your local park and open spaces with friends and family this summer. The Push Play team has linked with local organisations and will be out there with fantastic equipment and exciting games to keep everyone active and entertained. There are activities for all ages including T-ball, soccer, badminton, volleyball and unihoc.

A special highlight will be Ki o Rahi, a skilful, traditional Maori game for all ages, steeped in myth and legend. It has skills which are transferable to rugby, netball and handball.

Duncan Park - Tuesday 14 January, 2-4pm  
Lyndhurst Park - Tuesday 21 January, 2-4pm  
Linden West Park - Tuesday 28 January, 2-4pm

## TAWA CRAFT MARKET

The last Craft Market for the year is being held from 9.30am - 1.30pm on Saturday 14 December at the Tawa Community Centre. Come along and finish your Christmas shopping by buying direct from the crafters, great gifts at good prices!

We will have something for everyone from yummy cupcakes to wonderful woodwork, ceramics, needlework, knitting, jewellery and Tupperware. Our charity this month is Life Flight Trust, and hopefully a BBQ for the local Wheels for Wheels charity.

## CHRISTMAS FUNDAY

When: Monday 23 December, 9am-3pm  
Venue: Tawa Anglican Church  
Ages: 5 - 11  
What: Christmas Crafts, games, DVDs and stories  
Cost: \$15  
Bookings are essential as numbers are limited  
Contact Hayley.Balmer@xtra.co.nz



Adios

### Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com  
(loosely under the umbrella  
of the Tawa Progressive &  
Ratepayers' Association)

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*“Democracy: Where any two idiots outvote a genius.”*

*“Successful marriage depends on two things – finding the right person and being the right person.”*

*“Take the first step in faith. You do not have to know the whole staircase, just take the first step.” – Martin Luther King Jr*

A large advertisement for swimming at Tawa Pool. The background is an underwater view of a swimmer in a pool. The text is bold and red and blue. The main headline is 'BEAT THE CROWDS!' in large red letters. Below it is 'SWIM OFF PEAK AT TAWA POOL!' in smaller red letters. Underneath is 'DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY' in blue letters. The time and price are listed as '8am-3pm daily' and 'Adults \$3'. At the bottom left, there is contact information: 'Davies Street, Tawa', 'Wellington.govt.nz', and '232 7041'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Absolutely POSITIVELY Wellington' with the tagline 'No Bull in Politics' and 'Wellness first. Open.'.

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