

Dear Parents

My name is Louise Bray-Burns and I am the Deputy Principal at the Intermediate. A large part of my job is to deal with behavioural issues and problems that students are having in the school.

At Tawa Intermediate we encourage all our students to tell someone if things are not going right. It is not about getting others into trouble but about ensuring that all our students are safe and happy. In my position I deal with a lot of students who have problems. These may be about being picked on by someone else, issues of jealousy when friendships break up, fights that happen, things going missing or getting damaged. The important thing is that they tell an adult. I also have parents coming in and talking to me about issues that are going on in the family, worries they have about their children and a multitude of other things. These are all examples of a telling school in action.

The purpose of my knowing is so that we can support your children in the best way we can. Often this involves the information being acted upon and shared, enabling us to sort out problems or put structures in place for the child or children involved. All interactions are dealt with respectfully and based on relationship building or restoring. We all know that without relationships we will not be effective in our jobs.

The issues our students have need to be dealt with quickly so that they are resolved and they can get on with their learning. We are all unable to learn if we are upset. In order for this to happen, we need your children to tell us as soon as something happens so we are able to deal with it quickly. We are in the best position to deal with it as we are right on the scene.

My message to you is please encourage your children to share their thoughts and feelings with someone at school that they trust, rather than sit on it and take it home, making it bigger and taking longer to resolve than need be. Rest assured if the issue is significant, we will be in contact with you. We also encourage your child to go home and talk to you about what has happened, thus allowing you a chance to interact with them and their life at school. Our statement "We are a telling school" is really important for all staff here and we urge you to encourage your children to share their problems with us.

Kind regards

LOUISE BRAY-BURNS
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

PAID UNION MEETING

Our teachers will be attending a paid union meeting on **Thursday 25 March 2010**. This means that children will be going home at 12.15pm, the beginning of lunchtime, on that day.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS IN 2010

The elections for the Intermediate's Board of Trustees for a new three year term are to be held in early May 2010. The Intermediate is permitted to have five parent representatives and may co-opt other members. Nominations will be called for on 15 March 2010. A letter will be posted to all parents/caregivers in the next few weeks. Nominations will close on Friday 23 April 2010 at noon. Voting papers which will have been posted out are to be returned by noon on Friday 7 May 2010.

LIFTING NATIONAL STANDARDS

Join Katrina Shanks and the Minister of Education, Hon Anne Tolley for a Q & A session on the new National Standards.

When: 10am Tuesday 9 March 2010
Where: Office of Katrina Shanks
2 Broderick Road
Johnsonville

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jenna Logan who is competing at the Junior Surf Lifesaving Nationals this week.

HEALTHY EATING

We all know it is good to eat at least 5 serves of fruit and vegetables every day. This term we are looking at the range of vegetables available and why it is important to include them in our weekly diet. Vegetables offer us a range of vitamins and other nutrients and are really beneficial to growing healthy kids!

RED:

From scarlet to crimson, the **red** vegetable group look and taste delicious! They are appealing to kids and, like the orange group, contain antioxidants. The collection of vegetables in the **red** group is diverse and contributes to our levels of potassium and fibre.

We can get all sorts of **red** group vegetables such as: **tomatoes, red capsicum, red onion, red skinned potatoes, red cabbage, radishes and red kumara**. Enjoy these as part of your daily intake!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Missing Cat

Bella has been missing from her home in Takapu Road since 11 February. She is a one year old female grey tabby Tonkinese cross with apricot cream underbelly and paws. She is friendly but shy. If you have any information, please call 232 9656.

Tawa Rugby Club registration

Thursday 25 February 5pm – 8pm Hurricane Players to attend
Saturday 27 February 9am – 2pm
Tuesday 2 March 5pm – 8pm

Any queries please ring Des on 232 7870

Children's Pottery Classes

All materials and tuition included in fee
Suitable for beginners or experienced
Ages 8 – 12yrs
Sundays 1.30 – 3.30pm
March 7, 14, 21 and 28
\$70 for 4 weeks

Gear Homestead Woolshed Potters, Okawai Road, Porirua
Contact Vicky (04) 2399696 vgriffin@clear.net.nz

Gifted Child? Here's your chance to come and try out **One Day School**, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. On Friday 19th March 2009 **Mind Adventure Day (MAD) sessions** will be held 9.00 - 11.45am for children aged 6-8 years, and from 12.45 - 3.30pm for children aged 9-12 years. Sessions will be held in our One Day School classroom at Rangikura School, 95 Conclusion St, Ascot Park, Porirua. The cost is \$30 per child. Parents and teachers welcome too. For more information, or to book a place for your child, please phone Shirley on **232 3523** or email shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz

Encore! School of Music (Johnsonville/Churton Park area)

Our excellent teachers would love to teach you piano/keyboard, singing, guitar, drums, clarinet, saxophone or flute. More instruments coming soon! Call 0497 MUSIC today or check out: www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz

Art classes for children(all ages)

Painting and drawing in any medium
Time: 3:30-4:45pm
Day: every Friday
Place: 27 Mexted Terrace, Linden
Fee : \$10
booking essential with Gerda Smit
P: 04 232 3007 or e:gerda@arthome.co.nz