

Tawa Intermediate School

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Dear Parents

Cross Country

We were greatly relieved when the rain decided to stop long enough on Monday for us to hold the annual cross country. Whilst still really nippy the enthusiasm of the children did not seem to be affected and the race was contested strongly. Thank you to all the parents who turned up in support.

Learning Conferences – Home Based

Tomorrow your child will bring home their learning portfolios. Please find 15 minutes over the weekend to sit down with them and find out about the progress they have made since the learning conferences in term 1. There is a form for you to fill in as part of this process and we have also provided you with an example to guide you. Strong connections between home and school really help students achieve. School-based learning conferences will be held again in term 3.

Parent Evening/Disco

On Thursday 17 June we are holding our first disco for the year. Last year we invited parents to drop their children off at the disco and then join some staff and BoT members in the library to dialogue about school. Whilst the students had some reservations about having their parents on site while they were socialising in the hall, the general agreement of the adults in the library was that it was a great time to meet together. So we are going to do it again!

This year we would like to focus our evening together on how and why we are using IT (or as we call it e-learning) at Tawa intermediate. We would invite you to bring a laptop (if you own one) and we will have laptops and netbooks available at the evening if people want to explore different web sites and applications for themselves. We would also be welcome people just coming, listening and sharing their thoughts and ideas with us.

This year our developments in e-Learning include establishing Blogs in each classroom. [Keith Rickard's blog](#) provides links to the ones which are already up and running. Please feel free to visit all the blogs and remember that the kids love it when people leave them comments.

Another e-Learning development is in the area of e-portfolios. We have a group of teachers using [Mahara](#) for their own professional learning portfolio. We also have some students in Rooms 4 and 5 using [Mahara](#) to share their learning with their parents, teachers and peers. All going well we expect to expand the use of [Mahara](#) to more classes in 2011.

Information Literacy, which is the ability to manage all the information that is now available via the internet, is an important 21st century skill that we are working on as a school. We believe that teaching students effective means to search for information on the internet and to judge its quality is critical.

Our final area of development is to look at how we organise Ultranet the school's Learning Management System. Over the years [Ultranet](#) has developed organically and we are now at the stage of putting in place structures which should make it easier to locate and use the resources stored there.

We are continuing to work hard at getting the school a fibre optic connection and we remain committed to allowing students to bring their own laptops and netbooks from home once this has happened.

It is exciting working in a 21st century school.

Kind regards

Carolyn Stuart
Principal

THE HAPPENINGS OF ROOM 7

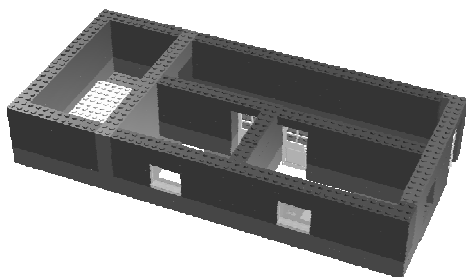


Room 7 hides upstairs above TIS studio. With 27 awesome students and one crazy teacher called Mr Van den Borst a lot of interesting things happen. Here are some of the things we have been doing in Room 7.

Writing: Creating comic strips online.

We looked at comic books and the techniques illustrators and authors use to create certain effects, such as putting certain words in **bold** to add emphasis. Our task was to create a comic strip where one character had a problem. The character had to come up with a solution to that problem and we also had to include a twist at the end.

Check out what Bianca Maravilla created:



Maths: We recently have been learning about area, perimeter and volume. We were asked to create a Lego house using the online Lego Digital Designer programme. We had to work out the area and perimeter of each room. People got a bit ambitious and ended up creating MANSIONS! *This house was made by Richard!*

Remember to take a look at our class blog to see what other cool things do!
<http://tisvandenborst.blogspot.com>

SCHOOL NOTICES

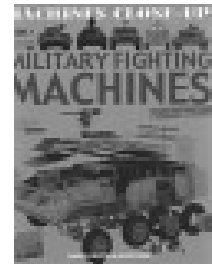


DISCO

We are holding a disco for students on Thursday, 17 June. The disco theme is "Syndicate Pride" where students are encouraged to wear their own syndicate's colour. The disco starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 9.00pm. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee to cover the cost of a DJ. Each student will receive a complimentary drink and there will be other food and drinks on sale on the night.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOK

This book "Military Fighting Machines" by Daniel Gilpin, was purchased for the school library in February. It has since gone missing. Please could you check with your child to see if they know where it is? Thank you.



TAWA SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2010

Tawa Intermediate Students

This year 'Tawa Goes To Town' will be performed in the Michael Fowler Centre on September 16th. All students are invited to be part of the Tawa Intermediate festival choir. If you wish to participate, come to the hall at 8am this Friday, 4th June for our first rehearsal. We will then be having weekly practices up at the college every Wednesday afternoon.

This is compulsory for Madrigal Choir students to take part in, unless you are already in the dance academy!



WANTED FOR LIBRARY

Do you have any DVDs suitable for Intermediate students (movies, TV series etc) that you would be willing to donate to the School Library? Please send to Mrs Marsden in the Library or call 2325201 extn 226 to arrange collection.



UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER VACANCY

We presently have a vacancy within the school for a Uniform Shop Manager. The hours are 2 hours per week during term time which involves ordering of stock and opening the uniform shop twice a week. Additional to these regular weekly hours are supervising and participating in uniform fitting week, fulfilling orders and being

available for parcel collection days. A full uniform stocktake is required at the end of each term and the shop needs to be open for sales during the last week of the Christmas /summer holidays. If you are interested in this position or require more information, please call Chris Nelson on 232 5201 or email chris.nelson@tawaint.school.nz

READING MILEAGE PROGRAMME

Reading mileage students need to return their folder to the learning needs room on a Tuesday or Wednesday and get their new reading on a Wednesday.

PASIFIKA EVENING

Invitations to the Pasifika Evening have been sent home to the parents of our Poly club students and Pasifika families. Please RSVP to the school by 18 June on 232 5201 to let us know if you can attend. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact the school and we can send one out to you.



Disco	17 June
Pasifika Evening	23 June
Last day of term	2 July

POSITIVE PUPILS

Respect	Protection	Caring	Fairness	Honesty
Angus Lewry				
Sanutep Chan	Aleisha Lange	Angus Lewry	Sanutep Chan	William Oliver
Samuel Barris		Chris Chilcott		Samuel Barris
Phill Smit		Samuel Barris		
Danni Tea		Emily Brieseman		
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PUBLIC NOTICES

WELLINGTON GIRLS 'SCHOOL IN ACTION' MORNING

Wellington Girls is holding an Open Morning at the college on Wednesday 16 June for those wishing to enrol in 2011. There will be three sessions 9.00am, 10.30am and 11.30am which will begin with a formal presentation in the college hall from the Principal, student leaders, current Year 9 students and conclude with a tour of the college.

ARTSIGHT JULY HOLIDAY AND TERM 3 ART PROGRAMME

Artsight offers inspiring and educational Art classes for kids and teens. All classes are taught by registered Visual Arts teachers with locations in Wellington (Toi Poneke) and Lower Hutt (Chilton St James School). July School Holiday and Term 3 programme open for bookings. For more information or to enrol check out our website: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona Sullivan (04) 3862908, 021786629, fiona@artsight.co.nz

TAWA SWIMMING CLUB

Tawa Swimming Club currently have places available in our community based swimming club, multisports squads and our very successful competitive swimming squads.

If your child wants to earn an important life skill, develop their swimming skills or improve their stroke technique under the guidance of professional coaching and systems then please contact Rachel Allan on tsc.secretary@xtra.co.nz for more information.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL OF ROCK

July School Holiday Music Programme

Rock Music + Workshops + Your Own Band = An Awesome Holiday Experience!

Join us at ZEAL for the **Wellington School of Rock JULY HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAMME** – all musically minded teens are welcome - places are limited and registration is open now!

This unique week long music program includes three rehearsal sessions at three hours each, which will give participants fantastic opportunities such as meeting young musicians of their own age, jamming, creating and learning new skills and techniques.

We will match up players into 6 – 15 piece bands. The young people get to know each other and jam in a structured environment. This gives players a chance to work on professional rock band skills including rehearsing, learning cover songs, and stage performance.

- **Place:** ZEAL Youth Venue (103 Ghuznee Street)
- **Dates:** Tuesday 5th – Friday 9th July
- **Presentation Performance:** Friday 9th July, 7.00pm.
- **Cost:** \$125.00 per child
- **Registrations:** sophisticatedladyproductions@gmail.com 021 824 130