

6 May 2010

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who took the time last week to let us know of the display problems occurring in our newsletter. We have some idea of what is causing this and if we are right then this newsletter should be a whole lot better! If it isn't we would be very grateful if you could take a screen shot of what it looks like on your computer, email it to us, and tell us whether your computer is a Mac or a PC, what browser you are using, and the version of word (e.g. 2003 or 2007). The newsletter displays just fine within our school's network which is incredibly frustrating when you are trying to problem-solve.

### Board of Trustees Update



We had five people stand as parent reps in the recent Board of Trustees elections. As this was the exact number of vacancies, there was no need for an election. Our five parent representatives are Judith Havill, Tim Anderson, Jo Williams, Elizabeth Douch and Ruth Turner. The staff representative is Jimmy O'Carroll and, as Principal, I am also a member of the Board. I am delighted to have such a high calibre Board with which to work and congratulate the members on their election.

At Tuesday night's Board meeting we farewelled Brett Gillies, who chose not to seek re-election, so that he might focus more closely on other local organisations within Tawa. We are incredibly grateful for the time and expertise Brett gave to the Board during his three year term, particularly in the area of property. For a short time Brett also took a leadership role on the finance committee. We wish Brett well in his endeavours.

### Staff Professional Development

This Wednesday's staff professional development focussed on the teaching of PE. Much to the delight of the students who had arrived early on Wednesday, the staff were observed in their "PE" gear playing clothes peg tag, a very competitive game through which some true colours were shown. Poor Sarah Taylor is still sporting the evidence of an encounter with her boss!!!



PE is an important part of the curriculum offered at Tawa Intermediate. Children of this age need lots of opportunities to 'burn off' their energy and this is why every class has PE every day. PE also teaches important life skills such as team work, co-operation, perseverance and tolerance. Fitness activities are a part of each PE lesson as is a focus on different sports. This term's sports are cross country and football.



It is really important that students have their P.E. gear at school every day. It is also important that they have appropriate footwear. We really struggle when students arrive with shoes such as Vans which offer no support to the foot, increasing the likelihood of injury. The frustration for us is that we know Vans are about the same price as suitable sports shoes and we are left wondering why parents have allowed themselves to be talked into something that could result in long term injuries to their child.

Thank you to everyone who is so supportive of our school. It takes the whole team (families, school and the wider community) to educate a child and we thank you for your partnership.

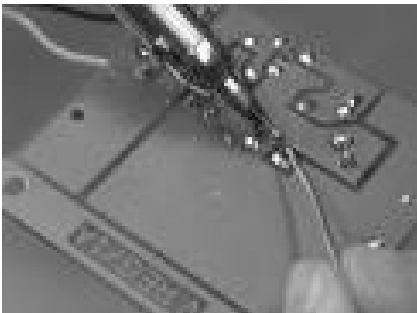
Carolyn Stuart  
Principal

# WORKSHOP



This year in the Workshop room we are covering Electronics. During the 10 weeks I instruct the students on how basic circuits work from a simple hand held game where the idea is to take a wand around a piece of wire bent to a design that they have sketched on a piece of paper. Next they make an “identification board” that has up to ten wires forming five different circuits, the idea being that the user has to identify which pin matches another similar one. When they get this right, the buzzer sounds and they have completed the circuit.

Our major project is the flashing light where the students assemble the circuit between copper nails that are nailed onto a printed circuit. This project can be at times challenging as several of the components must be assembled in the correct way or the finished project will not work. As some of the students finish the task that I have set, they are asked to work on an extra project of their own choice or own design.



The skills that I am teaching them this year are the fine motor skills of soldering, using pliers for connecting wires, as well as the basic tool skills that can be used around the home for basic maintenance.

As usual I am keen to hear from any parent who works in a factory that may have off-cuts of wood, metal, plastics and wire. If you could leave details at the office I will get in touch with you or, better still, if you would be able to drop them off, it would be appreciated.

# *SCHOOL NOTICES*

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos will take place on Tuesday 18 May. Information envelopes have been sent home with your child this week. Money and forms need to be returned to school by Friday 14 May.

## **5KM FUN RUN/WALK**

**10.40pm Wednesday 12 May 2010 (pp 14 May)**

To help raise funds for the school and camp we are holding a 5km Fun Run. By now students will already be gathering sponsors who will donate money in exchange for the students completing the course. This year half the sponsorship raised by individual students will go towards their personal camp fee. In order to further motivate students the class that raises the most money will receive a \$100 prize to spend on a class reward. There will also be some prizes for the top individual fundraisers in the school.

To add to the event each class will be selecting their own 'dress up' theme. They will wear their costumes as they do laps of the college's top field to complete the 5km run. Parents are welcome to come along on the day and support runners and be part of what is a very fun event.

If any of you have a business or are associated with a business that would be willing to donate spot prizes for the occasion please contact the school on 232-5201 or alternatively email the school on jimmy.ocarroll@tawaint.school.nz

## **PASIFIKA EVENING**

A Pasifika evening is planned for Wednesday 23 June. More information regarding this will be coming home soon.

## **SAMOAN LANGUAGE SPEECH COMPETITION**

Students are being encouraged to enter the Samoan language speech competition. The regional finals will be held at Akapuanga Cook Island hall, Cannons Creek Shopping Centre on 4 June. Any interested students should see Miss Brockie.

## **GIRLS CRICKET – MILO SHIELD COMPETITION**

Tawa Intermediate School Girls' cricket team is once again competing in the Milo Shield Competition. Defending their 2009 National title, the Tawa Intermediate team has defeated Samuel Marsden School and Plimmerton School in pool play and they met Sts Peter and Paul in the Wellington Regional Final.

The Tawa team is fortunate to have retained the coaching services of Robbie Kerr. Robbie has again identified the strengths of the girls and given them the opportunities on the field to display these and this was evident in the Sts Peter and Paul game.



The Tawa team batted first making 157 runs off 25 overs. Jess Kerr top batted making 71 runs with the lower order batters running aggressively between the wickets to score 42 valuable runs off the final 5 overs. Tight bowling from Phoenix Williams, Jess Kerr and Kadi-Eve Leggett restricted Sts Peter and Paul to 140 runs.

With this win, the Tawa Intermediate team retains their Wellington Regional Winners trophy. Their next game is due to be played in Term 4 against the winner of the Central Districts competition, with the winning team of that game going to the National Milo Cricket Series finals.

## POSITIVE PUPILS

Respect	Protection	Caring	Fairness	Honesty
Alex Gardner	Alex Gardner	Alex Gardner		Antonia Collett
Pravik Maisuria	Damon Creasy	Hannah Martin		
Hemisha Jeram		Damon Creasy		
Hannah Martin		Katie Anderson		
Damon Creasy				
Katie Anderson				

## COMING EVENTS

Fun Run	12 May
School Photos	18 May
Cross Country	26 May
Gardasil vaccination-Year 8 girls	2 June
Pasifika Evening	23 June
Last day of term	2 July

# The Little Red Book

New to our area

An alternative to the Entertainment Book

**The Little Red Book** contains **\$1000 worth of Discounts** ranging from **25-50% off** and **2-for-1** Vouchers on meals, coffees/drinks and entertainment from lots of great places like Dockside, Tulsi, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Muffin Break, Sky City; a free WOF inspection worth \$47.

**Fits into pocket/handbag - so discreetly there when needed.**

**Can recoup investment by just using "coffee/drinks" vouchers or using one meal voucher.**

**Vouchers valid to 28 February 2011.**

**Great gift idea - personal or corporate.**

**Chance to win a Luxurious Weekend Away at the Intercontinental Hotel in Wellington**

Limited stock for sale and at \$29.95 they will sell fast, so please support your child's school and buy your copy now. **\$8 from the purchase of each book is donated to Tawa Intermediate.**

## *PUBLIC NOTICES*

### **Kapi Mana Netball Draw 8 May 2010**

CT06	1:00pm	B. Viard Int Emerald	v	Tawa Int Emerald
CT05	1:00pm	Tairangi Emerald	v	Tawa Int Jade
CT04	2:00pm	Tawa Int Pearl	v	Tawa Int Quartz

### **Tawa-Linden Playcentre – calling all past members!**

Tawa-Linden Playcentre is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May this year. All past and present members are invited to a coffee and dessert evening on Saturday 22 May at 7.30pm to celebrate this significant milestone in the centre's history. For more information, or to RSVP please contact the centre on 04 232 4598 or email [tawa.linden.playcentre@gmail.com](mailto:tawa.linden.playcentre@gmail.com)

### **St Mary's College Open Morning**

The open morning for St Mary's College will be held on Tuesday 11 May 8.00 – 10.00am

### **Tawa Community Awards**

Do you know someone who invests time and effort on a voluntary basis in the Tawa community? If you do, nominate them for the Tawa Community Awards.

The awards recognise and show appreciation for groups or individuals who enhance our community and make it a better place to live. Nomination forms are available from the Public Library, or call 027 232 2320. Nominations close on Friday 21 May.

**Pacific Wellwoman Workshop** - 14 May 2010 6.00 – 8.00pm at Tawa Community Centre

Topics Covered:

HPV

Contraception/Sexually Transmitted Infection

Breast Screening

Please RSVP to Susana Kiloni

Telephone: 5709625

Text: 0277 255 755

After hours: 232 2520

Email: [Susana.kiloni@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:Susana.kiloni@huttvalleydhb.org.nz)

**NEW! After-School Computer Programme at Samuel Marsden Collegiate**

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Samuel Marsden Collegiate this term on Wednesday afternoons for 8 weeks starting May 12th. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6- 11 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited. For questions Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or Visit: [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz).



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