



# Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 Jul Mid year reports  
Last day of term
- 24 Jul Term 3 begins
- 7 Aug Learning  
Conversations
- 8 Aug Tawa Int. Open  
Morning
- 8 Aug Learning  
Conversations
- 11 Aug Ngahere Assembly  
& sausage sizzle
- 23 Aug Tawa Zone  
Swimming Sports
- 25 Aug Kākano Assembly  
& sausage sizzle
- 4 Sep Production Y3-6

Wednesday 5 July 2017

**Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 10 of Term 2 2017.**

Term 2 has flown by and we managed to fit in some inspiring science learning as well as our school cross country, swimming sports, kia kaha, a marae visit and so much more. Students and families will be looking forward to taking a break from early morning starts and school lunches, to recharge the batteries and get ready for an exciting Term 3.



Jack McNair Robertson came 3rd in the Wellington Regional Cross Country event yesterday. Fantastic!



## What is coming up?

**Learning Conversations** for Term 3 will be on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 August. Based on your feedback we have made some changes to how these will run. Most notably we have responded to feedback about parents/caregivers wanting more time, so you will now be able to book for twenty minute sessions.

To achieve this we will be starting the first interviews at 2pm. If parents and caregivers wish to pick their children up before 2pm please sign them out at the office. Mrs Porteous and other staff not involved in learning conversations will plan activities in the hall from 2-3pm, so that teachers and students in learning conversations can get started at 2pm. All students will then be released from the hall at 3pm.

Bookings can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Event code: 8wspa

Plans for our 2017 **Production for Year 3-6** are now well underway. The script is written, lead parts are cast and teachers are starting to plan their class items. Look out next term for requests for help with making props, sewing and all manner of items that we might need! The show will be in the evening of Monday 4 September at Tawa College Hall, put the date in your diaries!

Our **Year 1-2** students will also be showcasing their learning in the arts, later in Term 3.

This week we welcomed Maria Alauni and Olive Perris to Kākano. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

## Reminder:

**Have a happy holiday!**



More great Garden to Table moments this term. These photos were taken by our IF photography group!



### Winter Wonderland Glow Disco

Thank you to our wonderful events committee for organising two fun discos for our students while also raising money for our school.

Have a restful and safe break everyone.

**Ka kite ano!**

Kind Regards

**Shirley Porteous**  
Principal

### Saturday Sport - 1 July

#### Netball

Players of the Day    Greenferns 1  
                                   Greenferns 2  
                                   Greenferns 3

#### Hockey

Players of the Day    Tahi (Year 3/4)  
                                   Rua (Year 5/6)

Natalie Wilkinson (last week was Eleanor Hawkins)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Tawa Intermediate School Open Evening**, Thursday 3 August 6-8pm, presentations at 6.00pm and 6.45pm. Open morning Tuesday 8 August 9-10.30am. All welcome. Enrolments for 2018 close on 24 August 2017. For more info telephone 232 5201 or visit the website [www.tawaint.school.nz](http://www.tawaint.school.nz)



Learn new sports skills in Term 3. Sports are covered in a fun, non-competitive way and children will learn life-long skills, including team work, fair play and communication skills. Book online now at [kellysports.co.nz](http://kellysports.co.nz)

**Beyond the Page Children and Youth literary festival from 8-23 July** - Ages 5-18 are invited to go beyond the page, immerse themselves in the world of story, and express their creativity during the July school holidays. Wellington City Libraries, Hutt City Libraries and Upper Hutt City Library are hosting a packed programme of free performances, workshops and events to surprise, entertain and inspire. For more information check out the website: [www.beyondthepage.nz](http://www.beyondthepage.nz)

**Spotlight Performing Arts** - Singing, dance and drama for students aged 4-16 yrs old. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Every Saturday during term time in Johnsonville and Lower Hutt. Visit [www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz) to book.

**Announcing SAY IT AGAIN: Ni Hao Children's Community TV! View it online at: [tinyurl.com/nihaocctv](http://tinyurl.com/nihaocctv)** - Learn Mandarin Chinese as a Foreign Conversational Language, online, anytime! This is a **FREE** learning resource, including stories, cartoons, songs for kids of all ages. If you're keen to learn more Mandarin in a fun & interactive class, enrol or register for trial classes at the website [www.nihaocc.org.nz](http://www.nihaocc.org.nz) Ni Hao Children's Community charitable trust provides Foreign Language "Learning by Doing" immersion classes for Years 1 to 8, Toddler/Preschool Parent and Child immersion classes, and free Stories & Rhymes mat times at various Wellington locations.

**Music Classes at Encore! School of Music** - for music learning and heaps of fun in Johnsonville & Churton Park. Encore offer a wide variety of individual and group music classes including piano, keyboard, singing, violin, drums, guitar, ukulele, flute, recorder, band, music theory and others. All ages welcome! Also classes for toddlers & preschoolers and are always delighted to welcome adult students too! Check out: [www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz](http://www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz) Contact: [info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz](mailto:info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz) Tel: 04-976 8742

**Porirua U13 Boys Basketball** started on Monday night 3 July at Te Rauparaha Arena from 6-7pm. The first few nights will just be skills and drills based training. The coach will advise when he will hold the trial. The following is the ruling from Basketball New Zealand on the age eligibility for U13 reps: Age Eligibility BBNZ Under 13 Regional Championships - players must be aged either 10, 11 or 12 years by 31 December of the year in which the competition is held.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES



July School Holiday Programme, Ngati toa Domain Hall . Contact Tim Jorgensen [porirua@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:porirua@kellysports.co.nz), or book online at [kellysports.co.nz](http://kellysports.co.nz)

**Tawa Recreation Centre July School Holiday Programme** - have an exciting programme planned with 2 trip days. Get in quick. Go to <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> and register, or contact them on 232 2260 if you are new to the programme.

**Bigair Gym Classes, Birthday Parties and Holiday Programme** - popular classes include Gymnastics (Preschool and School age), Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour, and Cheerleading. Plus we offer Birthday Parties which are fun, and easy for parents! Bigair Gym Classes for Term 3, and our active School Holiday Programme are open for bookings NOW! For all inquiries and bookings; Contact Bigair Tawa on 04 232 3508 or [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) or contact Bigair Owhiro Bay on 04 383 8779 or email [wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz).



Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. Kelly Club programmes are packed with variety to entertain and inspire children. Each Holiday Programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee your children have a great time! Kelly Club Redwood operates from the Redwood School Hall. **Programme**

**running from 10 July till 21 July.** For more information and to book online, please visit [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) or phone Victoria on 021 572 919.

**The Evolving Universe** -10 June - 27 August 2017, Golden Homes Gallery, Expressions, Upper Hutt  
Journey from Earth to beyond our galaxy, traveling back through time and out into space in The Evolving Universe via breath-taking photographs taken by the largest telescopes in the world. The Evolving Universe is organised by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in collaboration with the Smithsonian's Astrophysical Observatory and is circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). Entry by Donation.

**Kids Have FUN at Craft House – School Holiday Craft Classes and Birthday Parties** - Visit Craft House for some July school holiday FUN! Explore the magical world with fairy (or elf/hobbit) doors, dream catchers, bottled creatures, unicorn slime and shadow puppet theatres. Master paper craft skills in origami, spinning cards, mini albums and tissue box covers - will yours be a Rubik's cube, a Minecraft block or something else? Check out all the options at <https://enrolmy.com/craft-house> and BOOK NOW! Prices start at \$25 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered for a small surcharge. Open to all children 7 years and above. Sign up for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you!

**Mad for Marshmallows** - Make sure you visit **Staglands** these July School Holidays, and enjoy free marshmallows to toast on the fire down at the barn. Don't forget they'll also be running their very popular, free tractor trailer rides (circumstances permitting). Bring the kids and the adults too and immerse yourself in this classic kiwi childhood experience.

**NZ Police Museum, Porirua** - holiday workshops have limited spaces and must be booked in advance. Contact (04) 238 3141 or [museum@police.govt.nz](mailto:museum@police.govt.nz) Events are on their website [www.police.govt.nz/museumevents](http://www.police.govt.nz/museumevents)

**School holiday craft workshop for 5-12 year olds at the Tawa Community Centre**, Thursday 13 July, 10am-12pm. Give a terracotta pot a makeover with colourful sand paint, and make a birdfeeder. \$22 per child, all materials supplied. More info at <http://www.facebook.com/makeitactivities>. Bookings to [jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz](mailto:jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz)