

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Four

- 30 Nov Ngahere Parent Assembly
- 07 Dec Tawa Kapa Haka Festival
- 10 Dec Thank You afternoon tea
- 12 Dec EoY Celebration
- 13 Dec Year 6 Evening
- 14 Dec Reports home
- 17 Dec Festival and Water Fun
- 18 Dec 12:30 finish

Merry Xmas!



2019 Dates

- 04 Feb Term 1 starts
- 06 Feb Waitangi Holiday
- 12 Apr Term 1 ends
- 29 Apr Term 2 starts
- 5 July Term 2 ends
- 22 Jul Term 3 starts
- 27 Sep Term 3 ends
- 14 Oct Term 4 starts
- 19 Dec Term 4 ends

Wednesday 28 November 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 7 of Term 4 2018.

The year is quickly flying by and staff and students are busy preparing for all of our end of year events. Please note important events coming up for your diary:

Te Rito and Tōtara Students - on Monday 3 December all Te Rito and Tōtara students are having an end of year trip to Aotea Lagoon. Please be sure to return the permission slip and payment of \$5 by this Friday.

Note: There is no postponement date for this activity.

Ngahere Students - the students in Ngahere will be celebrating their year with a visit to Tawa Pool and Grasslees Reserve on Wednesday 5 December. Please return the permission slip and payment of \$3 by Monday 3 December.

Kākano Students are having a teddy bears' picnic on the school's bottom field from 11am on Friday 14 December. More information about this will be coming home shortly.

Kapa Haka Festival - Next Friday 7 December at Tawa Intermediate from 9.15am for our Senior Kapa Haka, Ngā Manu ti Oriori. Whānau are encouraged to come and support our group, we are performing at approximately 12.45pm.

Thank you Afternoon Tea - This get-together will be held in the staffroom on 10 December from 2:30pm. We warmly welcome everyone who has helped us in so many ways this year to come and join us for a cuppa!

End of Year Celebration - This event is held at Tawa College from 1.00pm on Wednesday 12 December for our whole community to get together and celebrate a great year. We hope you can join us. Please note: parking is not permitted in the school grounds.

Year 6 Evening - Our Year 6 students will join together for a celebration of their time at Greenacres on 13 December in our school hall - more info coming home shortly.

Festival and Fun Day 17 Dec - On this annual fun day students will need to bring suitable gear to get wet in - togs or spare shorts, t-shirt, rash tops and a towel! They may also bring a water toy. They need clothes with suitable coverage from the sun including hats and we'll make sure there is lots of sunscreen on hand.

Note: The **kapa haka wananga** for our Year 4-6 group which was to take place this afternoon has been cancelled. We needed all students but too many had other commitments. A busy time of the year!

Wellington Interzone Athletics

This event has now been postponed until tomorrow. There are 14 students attending and we're keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine!

Library Books

There will be no more library books issued this year. Can parents please check at home to ensure all books are returned to school before the end of this week. Thank you.

GTT - Plants for Sale

Our gardeners have been planting seeds and cuttings with so much success that we now have numerous lemon herb and yellow cherry tomato seedlings. We are offering these for sale at \$1 each (cash only). The plants will be available from 8.30am tomorrow and Friday morning outside the office door.

Techy Brekky - Staff PD

Each term the staff have a "techy brekky" which is an early morning professional development session. These keep us all up to date with the latest in teaching in ICT and the new digital technology curriculum. Last Friday we were very fortunate to have Merridy Marshall leading this session for us. In this photo the staff are learning about binary, which is the language computers use to communicate.

Thanks Merridy - we really appreciate all the ways in which you help us to support this learning for our students.



Calendars, etc

It was lovely to see all the students' fabulous art work on the calendars, diaries, etc. These all went to classrooms yesterday so if you placed an order it will have come home to you in your child's bag.

Stationery

Teachers have now finalised stationery lists for next year and these will shortly be uploaded to the OfficeMax myschool.co.nz website. A flyer is coming home today explaining the process for ordering your child/ren's 2019 stationery. We will advise you via the newsletter and email when the stationery lists are published so that you can access them to place your order.

Kind Regards

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



“Back to School Sports!” (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday’s 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Circus Skills, Cricket, Football, Dodgeball**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. It’s a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

The Tawa Music Centre is having its final concert for 2018 on 2 December in the Tawa College Hall at 3.30pm. If your child might want to learn an instrument next year, come and see what they offer. The concert will be followed by a Barbeque. \$2 admission, includes food and drink. Tawa Music Centre receives Ministry of Education funding to teach a variety of musical instruments to students in years 1 - 8. Classes are held during term time on Saturday mornings.

School Health Term 4 Newsletter

Please use the link below to access the newsletter
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1jM3ej62SWGazdhNnRXZ3dvbVICZDIzMXo2NnNSQIYzcGdn/view?usp=sharing>

The Pop Up Market - contemporary crafts market held in The Atrium at New World, Tawa, from 10am-2pm. Free entry, plenty of parking. The last market date for the year is 15 December. Find them on facebook [@thepopupmarketnz](https://www.facebook.com/thepopupmarketnz)

Tawa Community Christmas Carols, Saturday 1 December, 4.30 - 8.00pm, on the field at Tawa Primary School. Bring a picnic and Tawa school will be selling some food and drinks - cash only.

Pippins, Brownies & Guides have places available in Tawa! Linden Pippins is for girls aged 5 - 6 years Brownies is for girls aged 7 - 9 ½ years and guides for those who are 9 to 12 ½ years old. GirlGuiding NZ is New Zealand’s largest girl-only organisation. Fees at all levels are currently \$85 per term. Pippins & Brownies meet on Monday 4pm - 5.30pm in central Tawa. Guides meet on Monday 7pm - 8.30pm. To arrange a visit contact Katrina at ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com or 0220 963 973

Bigair Gym Term 1 2019 Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampoline Or Parkour class bookings open from Monday 26 November online www.bigairgym.co.nz. If you are interested in **Bigair Birthday Parties** or **Cheerleading**, contact Bigair Tawa on 2323508, email office@bigairgym.co.nz

Wellington North Badminton 2019 - For further information on the programmes visit the website and find this information under Junior Programmes / Clubs at: <https://wnba.org.nz/programmes-events/junior-badminton/>

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Kelly Sports January 2019 Holiday Programme – Ngatitooa Domain (Yrs 5-13) 7 Jan – 1 Feb

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the January 2019 Holidays for children 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching, and arts and crafts fun! We have created an Action Packed Programme including: World Cup Touch Rugby, Dodgeball Extravaganza, Outdoor Survival Day, Team Building Challenges, we have trips to: Silverstream Railway, Staglands plus Bumper Ball is coming to Kelly Sports!

To enrol got to www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3073-Ngatitooa-Domain-Hall



Bigair Gym December Drop & Shop Is Back! Monday 17 – Thursday 20 Dec 2018. Perfect time to get your Xmas shopping done while the kids have active fun!

Bigair Gym January Holiday Programme - Monday 14 Jan – Friday 1 Feb 2019. Children enjoy a fun filled time taking part in gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games and talent quests! Children that love gym, trampolining, tumbling and parkour will benefit from practicing and extending their skills during these sessions too.



Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme runs from 17 December 2018 to 25 January 2019. For more information and bookings go to <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays>