

## RONALD HUGH MORRIESON LITERARY AWARDS – WRITING WORKSHOPS

Do you aspire to being an author one day? Are you considering entering this year's Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards? If so, here is your opportunity to learn from this year's competition's judge and popular New Zealand author William Taylor. There are three writing workshops for secondary school students and one public writing workshop to be held in July in conjunction with the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards, run by the South Taranaki District Council. The workshops are free to attend and are open to



all residents and ratepayers of Taranaki who are eligible to enter the Awards. However numbers are limited to 25 per session so it is important to contact your local LibraryPlus to reserve a place. A public session will be held on Wednesday, 28 July 2010 at the Hawera LibraryPlus at 1.30pm. The workshops are 90 minutes long. Participants need to come armed with pen and paper - and also a short piece of their own writing; preferably, a snippet from their own experience. Find out more at [www.stdc.co.nz](http://www.stdc.co.nz)

## THERE'S HEAPS TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS!!!

### HAPPENING HOLIDAYS

The South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Information Centre will be running it's Happening Holiday programme these school holidays. Because two major sporting events are happening in the district over the course of the holidays, we couldn't go without including some of those in our programme. See the Davis Cup helicopter tennis ball drop or watch the TenderLink Taranaki Rugby team train, or go and see the game! Also, get ready for Lasersport, the Innovation Challenge, scrapbooking, mosaics, a Manu Tukutuku Maori Kite Art Workshop, Roller Skating and Movie Magic with 'Toy Story 3', 'Shrek Forever After' and 'Marmaduke'. For full details call into the i-SITE or go to [www.stdc.co.nz](http://www.stdc.co.nz)

### LIBRARYPLUS SUPER SLEUTHS

Sign up for the Super Sleuths Spy Camp – for up-and-coming spies! Go undercover at the South Taranaki District Libraries during the July school holidays to master the skills of a real secret agent. As an agent you will learn the art of espionage, make and break codes, go on scavenger hunts, learn finger printing with the police, create and use spy gadgets, watch police dog demonstrations and much more. Pop into your local LibraryPlus to find out more!

### SPORT TARANAKI

Sport Taranaki is running an active school holiday programme in Waverley and Patea which includes golf, table tennis and squash. Ring Danko Mihaere on 027 3715565 for more information.

### DON'T FORGET...

The Aquatic Centre is open throughout the holidays with the Hydroslide and inflatables available from 1-5pm daily!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Eltham Community Board

Monday 12 July, 10.30am  
Eltham Community Centre  
Stanners St, Eltham

### Hawera Community Board

Monday 12 July, 4pm  
Council Chambers, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera

### Egmont Plains Community Board

Wednesday 14 July, 9.30am  
Kapuni Memorial Hall, Kapuni

### Patea Community Board

Wednesday 14 July, 3.30pm  
Dalison Park, Waverley

## TARANAKI CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



### Get in quick before it's too late!!!

Entries for the Taranaki Children's Book Festival writing competition for Years 5-8 need to in by Friday 2nd July! The story has to be 500 words or less and the inspiration has to be derived from the TCBF banner (pictured left). Be in to win some fabulous prizes! Check out [www.stdc.co.nz](http://www.stdc.co.nz) to find out more!

## OPUNAKE SAND DUNE STABILISATION PROJECT



Tamariki from Opunake's Te Kura Kaupapa Maorio tamarongo and students from the High School finish off planting the sand dune. The plants in white boxes were Pingao (golden sand sedge) grown by the kura.

A total of 6,500 rushes, sedges and coastal herbs were planted by 180 Opunake kids over three days. Not only did they make short work of the planting, they also ate their way through almost 350 sausages and 15 loaves of bread. This was part of the Opunake Sand Dune Stabilisation Project.

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPENING

Mayor Ross Dunlop officially opened the new \$12million Kapuni Water Treatment facility last week.

The stunning new state-of-the-art facility will be the operational base for all of our water treatment officers. The plant itself supplies water to Hawera, Normanby, Okaiawa and Ohawe.

