Dear Families,

Our Celebrate Tawonga Primary School day last Friday was a huge success. Thanks to Jill for helpings with our fence art, Mary-Anne and Yvette with our mosaics and Leanne and Anne with our chocolate making. Days like these are lots of hard work but are worth every minute when you see the students enjoying themselves and our community working together in a supportive and united way.

The aim of our Fridays in Term 1 has been to build strong relationships between all our students through our whole school Buddy program. Staff and parents have commented on how well our students are able to play with each other regardless of age and gender. This is something that we value highly.

We also value the daily conversations that occur between staff and parents. Can we ask parents that if they have any concerns or need more than just a quick chat with staff that they make an appointment.

Next week I will be attending an annual Principals Conference in Melbourne. As I mentioned last week there has been a lot of changes in the way the Department and Regions are now structured. I hope to find out more about how these changes will affect us here in Tawonga and also network with other Principals to get ideas on how we can improve what we do here.

To encourage families and visitors to use our new entrance way we will be locking the second front entrance gate. We have also moved the bike rack to the other side of the school. Those who ride their bikes to school can use the entrance gate at the front of the school. We are also asking families not park in front of the double driveway gates if possible. I am aware that some days there are no other options due to the car park being full.

Please note the following: There will be a Pupil Free Day on Friday 26th April, the second week of Term 2. This will mean a long weekend for families due to ANZAC Day being on the Thursday. Staff will be participating in some professional learning.

Kim Franzke  
Principal
Our new School Council will consist of the following parents.
Current - Mark Roffey, Clive Hawkins and Yvette Hind
New – Katrina Vazzoler, Graeme Boote and David Angelini
Thank you to our retiring councillors
Anne Stanmore, Clare Cambridge-Dillon and Kelly Roffey.
Office Bearers will be voted in at our AGM on 18th March.

Please welcome our Kinder teachers Baillea and Katie who are here each Monday and Wednesday running our 3&4Yr Kinder program.

CALENDAR 2013

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CRAZY HAIR DAY

The Junior School Council presents…..

Tawonga Primary Schools
Crazy Hair Day

This will be held on Thursday 28th March (Last Day of Term 1). Come to school will coloured, messy, Mohawk, whatever takes your fancy hair!! Get your thinking caps on and create your best Do.

A gold coin donation is required and will be donated to the Tawonga CFA.

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TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARENT GROUP

The Tawonga Primary School Parent Group would like to welcome our new families to the school and advise that they will be holding an informal welcome meeting on Thursday 7th March at 1.30pm at the Old Tawonga Store.

This group organises the schools main fundraising events and would love to have any new parents who have an interest to attend. If anyone would like to know any further details please speak to one of the current parent club members - Anne Stanmore, Yvette Hind or Jen Boote.

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ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS – TUESDAY

Well done to Braidy, Sam, Isabella C, Madeline and Bella O for representing our school at the Zone Swimming on Tuesday. From all reports everyone swam well and enjoyed a great experience.
CELEBRATE TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL
**MEAL DEAL TOMORROW!!**

Tomorrow will see the start of our Friday Meal Deals. The Year 5/6 parents will be organising a few of these before the end of term to raise money for the Year 5/6 camp. You would have seen a notice arrive home on Tuesday requesting your order by today.

Tomorrow’s menu will be: Lasagne or Vegetable Cannelloni
1 piece of slice
1 cup of fruit cordial

The cost is $5.00 per meal deal.
Keep an eye out in your children’s home cover for more Meal Deal offers over the coming weeks.

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP**

Year 5/6 camp is fast approaching and the students are doing a great job of fundraising to keep the cost to families as low as possible. We still have a few students who have not paid their deposit. If these families could do this as soon as possible it would be appreciated. We need to know definite numbers before a final cost can be calculated.

If anyone would like to organise a payment plan please see Lisa in the Office. Lisa will be in the Office Tuesday and Thursday next week.

**2/3 News**

What a lovely group of students I have had the pleasure of teaching in our 2/3 classroom. We are settling into our morning routines in literacy and numeracy quickly. Thank you to parents who are listening to reading each night and monitoring spelling homework. Please use the dairy if you would like to write me a note as I aim to check them all daily.

In Literacy – we have been working on locating the key words in our text and then using them to write a retell. We have also started talking about what for and against means in preparation for doing some persuasive writing later this term.

In Numeracy – we have been using our rulers to measure in cm; some students were also able to understand the relationship between cm and mm. This week we have started talking about fractions.

Kim Franzke
Positive Parenting Telephone Service:

Are you the parent or carer of a child or children aged 2 – 10 years?

Are you looking for ways to have more positive communication with your child/ren?

Do you have other commitments that prevent you from attending regular group parenting courses?

Well, how about this?

We are running a fantastic parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 – 10 years that you can do from the comfort of your own home.

It is called the Positive Parenting Telephone Service and you get a weekly telephone appointment at a time that suits you (day or evening) with a trained parent educator for 6 – 10 weeks.

Our program educators aim to assist you in developing a stronger and more positive relationship with your children, as well as offering some practical suggestions on how to manage everyday behaviour problems such as disobedience, temper tantrums and disruptive behaviours.

Interested?

For more information or to enroll phone

**FREECALL 1800 880 660**

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

*Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime*

This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria
COMMUNITY NEWS

The Upper Kiewa Valley Community Association Inc invites you to attend a Public Forum TONIGHT Thursday 28 February, 7.30pm at the Visitor Information Centre Auditorium. For more information, please call 03 5754 1668. The Upper Kiewa Valley Community Association Inc. was formed last year in response to community concerns in regard to communication between the Community and the Alpine Shire and other Government Agencies.

MOUNT BEAUTY ROTARY MONSTER GARAGE SALE
The Rotary Club of Mount Beauty is sending two talented Mount Beauty Secondary College students to a two week National Science Challenge to expose them to the brightest and best minds in Australia. To help fund the project we are holding a Monster Garage Sale.

Come along and pick up a bargain AND support a worthwhile cause! The students will be running the BBQ.

When: Saturday 30th March 2013 from 8.00am to 1.00pm
Where: Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga South, opposite Falls Creek Coaches

Donation of goods: We urgently require goods to sell. If you can donate any goods (except mattresses and televisions) please
Call: 575404453 or 0418 148 034 to arrange a time for delivery or pick up
To: Pyle’s Shed (opposite Falls Creek Coaches)
On: any Wednesday until the end of March

Don’t miss it: There’ll be heaps of fabulous bargains.

Rotary serving the community.

MOUNT BEAUTY MUSIC FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEERS WANTED
We need your help. Mount Beauty Music Festival needs your help from: Friday 19th April to Sunday 21st April 2013. You can earn a discounted ticket to the Festival, so please call Gill by 26th February.
Phone: 0427052572 or email: ticketing@musicfestival.org.au

MOUNT BEAUTY GOLF CLINICS
3 Fridays in March, 8, 15 and 22. Starting times 9.30am and 11.00am at Mt Beauty Golf Course. Aimed specifically at beginners, women and students.

Afternoons will be for senior primary school students and secondary school students and Golf Club Members.

Lessons with qualified golf professional, Penny Graeber. Equipment can be provided. Wear flat shoes.

Enquiries – Liz Harvey 57544077.
Application forms at Mt Beauty Newsagents or Tawonga South Store.
Sponsored by Golf Victoria and Mt Beauty Golf Club.

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET
Saturday 2nd March 2013
In the grounds of the Community Centre, Mount Beauty.
9am to 1pm.
Interested stallholders please contact Bev on 57544097.
DEDERANG MOUNT BEAUTY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

‘WE’RE ON YOUR SIDE’

Sides of Kiewa Valley Prime Hereford Steers

Hand selected from Running Creek Herefords and Beltana Enterprises

Cut, packed and labelled to your specifications by Tawonga South Butchery. Free home delivery in the Albury/Wodonga area.

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Now Taking Orders

Phone Gavin at Tawonga South Butchery

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WOOD DRIVE 2013

The Football/Netball Club are taking wood drive orders

Mixed Species @ $90.00 per metre delivered

Please call

Caroline Ozolins (02) 60 275 203 or Cindy Ryder (02) 60 289 280

if you would like to place an order

Mt Beauty Basketball Club Fundraiser

3 Peaks Challenge, Falls Creek
Volunteers Wanted!
Saturday 9th March
Registration of participants.
This is an easy job that earns money for the Mt Beauty basketball club
For information contact Sharon Plummer on 0411 695 546.