Dear Parents,

Last week I travelled to Melbourne to begin a course called, 'Principals as Literacy Leaders' run by the Victorian Principal Federation. It is supported financially by the Federal Government. Day 1 was around all the latest research around reading and Day 2 with particular focus on The Big Six—Oral Language, Phonological Awareness, Letter-sound knowledge (phonics), Vocabulary, Comprehension and Fluency.

As parents the value of developing oral language was stressed as a key determiner of literacy success.

Parent Reading Session - Unfortunately this had to be cancelled at short notice. We will reschedule a new time and advertise in next weeks newsletter.

School Council - We have 1 more vacancy one School Council. Please consider standing as a parent volunteer. I would like to welcome Kelly Roffey on board.

Prep School Nurse Forms - Please return these soon so that we can pass them on to the school nurse and then be able to make a time for her to come and do her assessments.

Bookclub - Thank you to Aretha for collating these. These were sent home this week and are due back in a fortnight.

Lisa’s absence - Lisa will be on leave starting next week for the remainder of Term 1. Hayley Ranton will be here on Thursdays during Lisa’s absence to do lunch orders and get the newsletter printed. Please direct any questions to Kim during Lisa’s absence.

Personal Property sent to school - Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff, parents and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments and sporting equipment.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Prep/1 Art—During Art with Jo Kellies class have been looking at different textures and colours, then making self portraits with different fibres and paints.
SUPPORT
Recognising that we all have different learning needs and that we need to assist and help each other.

OPPORTUNITY
Providing every child a broad range of possibilities to achieve success.

UNITY
Working as a team with common beliefs and understandings.

CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Information provided by DEECD.
The Mystery Bike

By Maddy—Year 5

I was cleaning the chimney because it was my go to clean it. Why was I cleaning it? Well because my Mum thought there was something in the chimney so when that happens me and my brother take turns cleaning it. But today I found a bicycle in the chimney. After I cleaned everything out of it I went to my room to see if I could solve this mystery.

The first possibility I thought of was that my brother had had a tantrum, (which he has a lot), and threw his bike down the chimney, but his bike was a different colour so I scratched that off my list of possibilities.

My second prediction was that Mary Poppins was sick of her magical flying umbrella so she got a magical flying umbrella and while she as flying, the magic from the bike ran out so it was a normal bike again and she fell through the air and landed on a bouncy castle and the bike fell into the chimney.

My third and final prediction was that Santa was sick of his sleigh and sick of the reindeer, (even Rudolph!), and got a flying bike which I think he didn’t like and threw it in our chimney.

1 year later

I still haven’t found out how the bike got there! The fourth prediction which is very, very unlikely is that my mum put my bike in the chimney. That was she thought that I could keep trying to work it out.

Wait a second! My bike is missing........(Silence)...........MUM!!!!!!!
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# REMINDERS

**Facebook** - You can keep in touch with us on the official Tawonga Primary School page and the Tawonga Primary School Family and Friends page.

**Pupil Free Day** - Monday 31st March

# SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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<td>Davide Angelini</td>
<td>03 57541 192</td>
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Apply First Aid (Senior First Aid)
Delivered by Red Cross College

On successful completion of this course you will be issued with a Statement of Attainment for the nationally recognised units of competency from the Health Training Package: Apply First Aid - HLTFA311A Apply First Aid Refresher HLTFA311A - Perform CPR Refresher - HLTCPR211A.

You will learn the fundamental principles, knowledge and skills to provide emergency care for injuries and illnesses in the home or the workplace.

Recertification: Current industry standard is for this course to be updated every 3 years with the CPR component being updated every 12 months.

Refresher students must provide evidence of previous certification to the Red Cross assessor on the day. Credentials expire within 3 years of the issue date; credentials that have expired by more than 3 months will not be accepted.

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<th>Full Course (1 Sessions):</th>
<th>9:00am - 5.00pm Tuesday 25th March 2014 Online component to be done before the day (approximately 4 hours) and certificate to be printed.</th>
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Cost:

- Full Course Fee: $175
- Refresher Fee: $145
- Perform CPR: $80

Registration & Full payment is due by 18th March 2014

Venue: Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
Address: 1 Tennis court Avenue. Mount Beauty
Phone: 03 5754 1166
Email: info@mountbeauty.org.au

MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB

Mt Beauty Soccer Club are excited to offer 2 great weekends away to play soccer, have fun and build team skills.

All “Girls FC” tournament in Melbourne at the State Soccer Centre.

U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.
March 22nd & 23rd 2014.
This tournament is same format as Total Girl - 7 aside teams.

All “Boys FC” tournament in Bendigo.

U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.
March 28th & 29th 2014.
7 a side and plenty of games over 2 days.

Mt Beauty Soccer Club is looking for girls and boys to register for these 2 great opportunities.

The club will arrange transport, accommodation and most food for the trip away.

Training will start Mid Feb. day and time to be determined.

Please register asap with Ron 57544886, or Andrea

How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by end of day Wednesday for inclusion in Community News.
Introduction to Computers

The next step! This course is suitable for beginners.
You will learn about:
- Accessing programs.
- Saving and retrieving your files.
- Connecting digital cameras and other USB devices.
- What type of internet connection best suits your needs.
- Staying safe online.
- Sending and receiving email.
- Setting up an email account if required.
- Sending and receiving attachments.

Participants are welcome to bring their own laptop.
5 Sessions:
Date: Friday 14th March
Time: 2.30pm - 5.30pm
Course Fee $25.00
Amenities $10.00
Manual $35.00
Total Cost: $70.00 ACFE subsidised Fee
Full Fee 228.90
Contact: Phone 03 5754 1166 or email: info@mountbeauty.org.au to register

Mt Beauty Brumbies Basketball Club

Parents & teenage players:
We need you to help coach juniors!
Just an hour or two of your time
No experience needed!
Support will be provided to get you started

Phone Helen Mathew Secretary 0419 399737
or Mark Roffey President 0437 131778

The Upper Kiewa Valley Community Association
Community Forum
will be held TONIGHT, Thursday 6th March, 2014
at 7.30pm
in the Visitor Information Centre Auditorium.
Representatives from the Alpine Shire Council will be in attendance.
There will be a short presentation on the current projects being addressed by the UKVCA and future plans.
There will also be an Open Question time.
Come along and have your say.
Encourage your neighbours and Kiewa Valley friends to attend.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Undertaking an approved Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) program gives participants the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to a safe, enjoyable environment in licensed premises. Face-to-face RSA training is mandatory for licensees and staff selling, offering or serving liquor for general, on-premises, late night and packaged liquor licences.

The RSA program covers a range of topics including: problems associated with excessive consumption, alcohol and the law, the question of who is responsible for RSA, facts about alcohol, improving the atmosphere of your premises, handling difficult customers.

1 Session:
Date: Thursday 13th March
Time: 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Fee: $85:00
Payment Due before commencement of course
Places are limited, call 03 5754 1166 to secure your place.

MBNCl reserves the right to cancel or defer this course if sufficient paid enrolments are not received prior to the commencement of the course. No refund will be issued for non-attendance.