Dear Families,

School Council News
Monday night was our School Council AGM. I would like to announce the following parents who will be taking on roles on council for the next 12 months.
Mark Roffey – President
Katrina Vazzoler – Vice President
Our school council has a number of sub committees which helps us to divide up the role of council. Please note that Mark and myself are on all sub committees.
Finance – Katrina Vazzoler
Buildings and Grounds – David Angelini, Graeme Boote and Yvette Hind
Curriculum and Polies – Ellen Gorham
Communication and Promotion – Katrina Vazzoler and Clive Hawkins
Fundraising and Social – This is run by Parents Club.
I strongly encourage any parents not on School Council to be involved in a subcommittee. This is not a huge job and your input would be valued. This means you can have input but not have to attend school council meetings.

A huge thank you to our outgoing councillors Kelly Roffey, Anne Stanmore and Clare Cambridge-Dillon.

Well Done Lisa our Business Manager
Last week the school was audited which occurs every 3 years. Lisa received a glowing report from the auditor and received 97/100. I would like to personal thank Lisa for all her hard work. She is very efficient at what she does and supports the work that the teachers and I have to do. Thanks Lisa.

Academic Excellence – Annual Report
On Monday night I presented to School Council our Annual Report. We discussed our student performance data compared with other schools. Our students have performed close to or in the top 20% of schools in the country on average over the last 4 years in Reading and Numeracy. This is wonderful news. Well done to our students, teachers and families for supporting what our school aims to achieve for all students. I would once again like to say that we value excellence in learning. We continue to aim for high results and in 2013 we have a 1:10 teacher to staff ratio in Literacy and Numeracy. If you would like a copy of our Annual Report please let Lisa know.

Leadership Opportunities
On 14th March 4 senior students travelled to Melbourne to attend a student leadership conference. It was at the Melbourne Convention Centre with over 1200 students attending. Students listened to and were involved in activities to learn about what characteristics make a good leader, how they can lead in different areas of their life and teamwork skill and strategies. Thank you to parents for supporting this program with transport.

Kim Franzke
Principal
RAFFLE TICKETS
Just a reminder to families about our fantastic raffle we are holding at present. Extra tickets are available at the office if required. Tickets and money are due back at school on Monday 25th March. Proceeds will go towards the Year 5/6 camp to Canberra.

CRAZY HAIR DAY
The Junior School Council presents.....

Tawonga Primary Schools
Crazy Hair Day

This will be held next Thursday (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.
Friday National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Last Friday the students took part in National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The students worked in multi age groups building castles using their co-operation and communication skills to get the job done. All students received a prompt card which has information about recognising if you are being bullied and strategies to stop it happening as well as websites and phone numbers which may also be helpful.
Tomorrow marks the seventh National Ride2School Day, which is expected to see students from more than 1,500 Australian schools walk, ride, scoot or skate to school, many trying it for the first time.

Ride2School Day is about encouraging the school community to make active travel a normal part of their everyday lives. There are many benefits for children and the school community resulting from encouraging active travel as part of the school culture. Three great points that highlight the benefits active travel to parents and teachers are:

- Riding to school will reduce traffic around the school, making the school trip quicker
- Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
- Riding helps develop important life skills, in addition to increasing confidence.

We encourage all students to take part in this activity.

A FEW REMINDERS

Raffle Tickets – Due back at school by Monday 25th March.
School Banking – Every Thursday at school. Anyone who wishes to have an account opening kit sent home please see Lisa.
Points At Supermarket – This is a fantastic initiative by Mt Beauty Foodworks. When buying groceries please give your points to 1020 – Tawonga Primary School.

MEAL DEAL NEXT THURSDAY

Next Thursday will see the last day of Meal Deals for Term 1. Please have your orders in by Wednesday 27th March if you wish to have an order.

Menu for Meal Deal is:

Slice of Pizza (Ham and Cheese or Salami and Cheese - please indicate preference)
Cup Cake
Cordial
Cost: $5.00

Please order on paper bag with money enclosed and place in Red Box.

Thank you to all the 5/6 parents for your organisation and preparation of Meal Deals.
MOUNT BEAUTY MUSIC FESTIVAL 20TH AND 21ST APRIL

Our school will once again be running a BBQ at the Mt Beauty Music Festival this year on Saturday 20th April. This is one of the schools main fundraisers and we would appreciate having your help. If anyone has a spare couple of hours and would like to help out please place your name in the time you are available and return to the school. We will require 4 people for each time slot. If anyone has any questions in regards to this please speak with Anne Stanmore. **HELPERS ARE STILL REQUIRED.** If you can give a couple of hours it would be appreciated.

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SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

As previously mentioned we welcome our new School Council on board for 2013. If any parents wish to speak with anyone about any school issues at all please don’t hesitate to contact any of them. Each school councillor has put forward their email addresses for your information if you wish to contact them.

Mark Roffey (President) – mark.roffey@bendigoadelaide.com.au
Katrina Vazzoler (Vice President) – kvazzoler@bigpond.com
Davide Angelini – alpineteaco@bigpond.com
Yvette Hind – yvetie@hotmail.com
Clive Hawkins – redbeard1@dodo.com
Graham Boote – graham@essentialplumbing.com.au

PARENT GROUP

A Parent Group meeting will be held at Old Tawonga Store on Tuesday 26th March at 1.00pm. This is an informal get together to discuss the upcoming Music Festival. Anyone who may be interested is welcome to attend.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Dederang Mt Beauty Football Netball Club presents
LAUNCH ON THE LAWN
April 6th 2013 at the Dederang Oval
Event starts at 6:30pm, straight after awards at the multipurpose building
Live Entertainment
Food and Drinks available to purchase
BYO Picnic Blanket and Chairs
Adults: $15 each Children: $5 Family Pass: $35
For further information, please contact:
Monika Hood: 0416 237 434 Amelia Connors: 0422 263 376

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY EASTER MARKET
Saturday 30th March – 9am to 1.30pm
Interested stallholders please call Bev on 03 57544097.

REGULAR MARKET will be held on Saturday 6th April from 9am to 1.30pm.
Markets are held in the gardens of the Mt Beauty Community Centre.

Tawonga’s Easter Family Fun Day at Poineer Park
Conducted by the Tawonga & District Community Association Inc.

When: Sunday 31st March 2013 – 4.00pm
Where: Tawonga Pioneer Park, Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga.
Cost: Gold coin donation to help defray costs would be welcome. Thank you.
What to Bring: Chair, picnic basket, and games equipment (eg basketball).
Please Note: All children MUST be supervised by a responsible adult. Assistance to clean up afterwards would be appreciated.
More Info: Contact Trish Ryder at Old Tawonga Store; 57541 667

Thursday Basketball Roster for the remainder of the term.

Thursday 14th March
5:00 – 5:45 pm Under 10’s & Under 12’s Training (return uniforms, bring a spare t-shirt)
6:10 - 6:50 pm Bulls vs Thunder (return uniforms, bring a spare t-shirt)
6:50 – 7:30 pm Lakers vs Heat (return uniforms, bring a spare t-shirt)
7:30 – 8:30 pm Women’s Basketball

Thursday 21st March
5:00 – 5:45 pm Under 10’s & Under 12’s Training
6:00 – 7:30 pm Under 14’s & Under 16’s Training
7:30 – 8:30 pm Women’s Basketball
*Needed volunteers to collect and wash uniforms*

Thursday 28th March
5:00 – 5:45 pm Under 10’s & Under 12’s Training
6:00 – 7:30 pm Under 14’s & Under 16’s Training
7:30 – 8:30 pm Women’s Basketball

Please contact Mark 0437 131 778 for further information.