Dear Families

This week staff participated in a briefing on Kids Matter an Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative. Tawonga PS will be undertaking the training and implementing and reviewing what we currently do to ensure that we are doing the best for each and every student at our school. The Kids Matter journey will take 2-3 years to be fully implemented and embedded into our school culture. Ellen will be attending a 2 day initial training program later this term.

There is strong evidence from research that demonstrates improvements in the mental health and wellbeing of students, and their learning outcomes, when schools systematically implement Kids Matter.

Estimates suggest mental health difficulties affect 1 in 6 Australian primary school children, however only 1 in 4 children receive help. Mental health is not mental illness. Skills to build mental health and wellbeing can be learned.

Kids Matter schools create environments to promote positive mental health and wellbeing, facilitate social and emotional learning for students and supports student engagement and connectedness at school.

A strong component of the initiative is building positive and supportive school communities.

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**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

**NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

**SCHOOL CROSSING**

Please take the time to read the attached information regarding the road laws in relation to school crossings from VicRoads.

Talk about it with family and friend.

Education with assist us to keep our kids safe.

Kim Franzke
PRINCIPAL
HIGH COUNTRY FUN RUN

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013

Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek, Dederang and Tawonga Primary Schools will come together to take part in the High Country Fun Run event. The course, which the children can walk or run, is graded according to age. Your child can choose to be competitive or enjoy a stroll and the sights as befits their level of fitness and interest. The main aim is participation. Parents too are invited to join in if they like.

10.15am  
Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek and Dederang arrive at Tawonga. Social playtime with all schools.

10.45am approx.  
- Marshalling and instructions for the Fun Event. Staggered starting of the events in the following order: 12 year olds, 11 year olds, 10 year olds, 8/9 year olds, then Year 2's, Year 1's and Preps.

12.45 onwards  
- Lunch (Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal or bring your own). Presentations. Completion at 2.00pm.

CHILDREN SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Drink bottle
- Wear a Gold Tawonga PS polo shirt
- Hat
- A warm jumper
- Morning Snack
- Running gear and shoes and change of socks (grass will be wet).
- Bring own lunch if not ordering a meal deal
- Asthma puffer (if appropriate).
- A Big Smile!!

Please note: Any child with a medical condition preventing them from taking part should bring a note from their parents.

PARENT GROUP NEWS

Parent Group will be meeting on Monday 13th May at the Tawonga Store at 9.30am. If you are available you are most welcome to attend. We would love to hear your ideas. This is very informal and there is no pressure to be involved. It would be great however to have our parents input.
MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

A Big thankyou to Mary Anne, Anne and Katrina for their organisation and cooking for the mother’s day lunch. The food was delicious and it was lovely to see the mums, grandmas and aunts enjoy their day. Happy Mothers Day.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mount Beauty 3km, 10km and Half Marathon
Sunday 18th May, 2013
Starts 10am at Les Peart Oval

All kids receive a bag of lollies on finishing!
Kids activities at the finish line!
Prizes for placegetters and spot prizes too!
All participants go into the draw for a new mountain bike.

Register before 13th May and get your name on your bib!
Register online at: www.mtbeauty.com/mt-beauty-half-marathon/
Or enter on the day between 8-9am
(Note late entry fee applies for all events except 3 km event)
3km event $6 for U16, $10 for age 16 plus

A great day for the whole family!
Further details phone 0438 556 583

Beginner Band Rehearsals

Beginner Band rehearsals will begin on Wednesday May 15 and will be held at the JHS (Secondary College music room) from 3:30 - 4:30. For the first rehearsal, students will need to be comfortable playing their first 5 notes and have practised up to page 7 in their books. See you all there! - Mr Policha

Hospitality Skills Course

Barista Basics
Responsible Service of Alcohol
Cash Handling & Customer Service
Enrol in Hospitality Skills and you will be able to attend the above mentioned courses at the ACFE subsidised rate. Attend any or all of these courses above for the special bundled price of $90 Save over $240

Session Times:
Responsible Service of Alcohol: Date to be advised
Barista Basics: 1:00pm - 4:00pm Tuesday 14th May
Cash Handling & Customer Service: Date to be advised

ACFE subsidised Fee* $90
Full Fee $330

SOCCER NEWS

Soccer training this Saturday as usual at the main football oval 10.30-12noon.
We are still taking registration for girls & boys aged 7-16 years.
FREE hot dogs for members this Saturday after training!!!!
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