

Our Vision:
To educate the students with the life skills necessary to achieve academic, social and emotional success.

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.

Responsibility
Being accountable and trustworthy.

Community
We are a group of people with a common interest.

Excellence
Striving to be the best we can be.

Message from the Principal:

Dear Families,

Farwell Year 6s

This is our last newsletter for the year. It is a time of reflection particularly for our Year 6s. They all survived their Transition Day at Secondary School from what I heard. Included in this newsletter is a farewell piece of writing from each student.

Farewell to Sam Cariss, Emelia Roffey, Isabella O’Brien, Phillip Hobbs and Lox McFadyen. Best of luck on your next school adventure.

State Garden Awards Winner

Last Thursday was the announcements of the Victorian School Garden Awards in Melbourne. We have been awarded the State Winner in category 1 - schools under 100 students. Our prize is garden nursery vouchers for $1500 plus the $350 we won for being a regional finalist. This money will be put towards further playground improvements inline with our Masterplan. This award is another great example of how wonderful our school community is. We are very privileged to have such great involvement from parents who see the benefit in providing interactive learning experience in our school grounds.

Christmas Choir

Thanks to Kate Blanks for organising our Christmas Choir to be apart of the annual community carols next Tuesday evening. Students singing are encouraged to wear a school top.

2014 Information Night
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
Presentation on curriculum delivery for 2014.
7.30pm start.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets are due to be returned to school by Monday 16th December. More tickets are available from the office if required. Ticket price is $1.00 each. There will be six exciting prizes in total, including our Christmas Hamper and Fresh Fruit Box, Accommodation Voucher for the Seaton Arms in Albury kindly donated by Helen Obrien, a Sassy Road Voucher, kindly donated by Monica Hood and a Nutri Metics hamper and a Voucher for Swiss and Chips.
TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS......

Pirates Of The Curry Bean

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT TAWONGA HALL.

7PM START.

TICKETS $5.00 PER ADULT
SECONDARY STUDENTS $2.00
SCHOOL CHILDREN - FREE.

A performance will also be held on Tuesday morning at 11.00am for anyone who wishes to attend. This performance is Free of Charge.

WE ASK FAMILIES TO BRING ALONG A PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE FOR AFTER THE SHOW.

Please return raffle ticket stubs and money to office by Monday 16th December. Tickets will be available to purchase at the concert.

OUR FINAL WEEK REMINDERS.

Year Prep to 2—Kris Kringle. Could students please bring along a present for either a boy or girl up to the value of $5.00. Students will then have the opportunity to select a ‘lucky dip’ for their present.

Year 3-6 Kris Kringle—Students have been given their Kris Kringle name to purchase for. A gift not more than $5.00 would be appreciated.

Pool Party—Students will be travelling to the Swimming Pool next Thursday between 10am and 12 noon for a pool party. Following this students will return to school for a School Party Lunch. We ask students to bring along a plate of party food to share for this occasion.

Year 6 Breakfast—Before the Pool Party next Thursday the Year 6 Students will be attending a breakfast with Mrs Gorham at Treats in Tawonga South. We ask each student to bring along $10 to the office before Thursday to contribute towards the breakfast. Students will then walk to the pool for the party.

Dress Rehearsal—Dress rehearsal will be Monday. We ask students to bring ALL of their costumes for the production. Tuesday will be a Matinee performance starting at 11.00am.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS: DECEMBER/JANUARY

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<td>18 SCHOOL PRODUCTION</td>
<td>Yr 6 Graduation 7.00PM START</td>
<td>19 Year 6 Breakfast Pool Party 10am to 12pm School Party Lunch</td>
<td>20 Last Day of Term Clean up day Finish 2.30pm</td>
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### REMINDERS

**Last Day of School** - early finish at 2.30pm

**Dress Rehearsal**—Monday. PLEASE remember to bring ALL your costumes.

**Production** - All students need to be at the hall by **6.30pm** on Wednesday evening.

**Pool Party**— Thursday 19th 10am to 12noon, then

**School Party**—12.30pm after Pool Party. Please bring a plate of food to share.

### SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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<td>Other Councillors</td>
<td>Clive Hawkins, Yvette Hind, Graham Boote, Ellen Gorham Jane Zagorski</td>
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**Ivory Rooms**

Wine. Food. Lounge.

*The Ivory Rooms will be open for High Tea in 2014, on:*

- Sunday 19 January
- Sunday 23 February
- Sunday 23 March

*We are also open by appointment for functions, dinner parties & all your catering needs.*

*We look forward to your company again this year.*

_Tan & Stan_

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**HOWMANS GAP SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

In January 2014 Howmans Gap YMCA is running fully facilitated Summer Holiday camps for 8-12 year olds and 12 – 16 year olds. Summer camp is often the first time away for many children and is a perfect opportunity for them to grow, learn and think for themselves. At the YMCA we provide opportunities for campers to grow in body, mind & spirit, in a fun, safe and professional environment.

Activities for the week include

- Canoe/Raft building
- Arts & Crafts
- Mountain Biking
- Giant swing

6th - 10th January 2014 (8-11 year olds)
13th - 17th January 2014 (12-16 year olds)

$550.00 includes all accommodation, meals and activities.

_For more information contact:
YMCA Howmans Gap Alpine Centre
03 5758 3228
http://www.camps.ymca.org.au_

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**ALPINE NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME**

No Interest Ever.

Don’t get trapped with those rental companies tempting you to replace your old items. Doing it that way you will never get to own something new. Unlike other interest free loans if it gets hard to make your repayments just come and re-negotiate with your loans worker.

Come and talk to us. We present you with a cheque made out to the business of your choice and you simply pay us back with no interest.

_Don you need a new fridge, dryer, washing machine? Does your house need urgent repairs? Up to $1500 is available interest free._

*Contact: Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre.
Phone 03 57541166. Phone or TXT 0466 217 892
Email: nils@mountbeauty.org.au*

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**Alpine Blue Light Disco**

Friday December 20th
6.00pm to 9.00pm
TAWONGA HALL

$5.00 ENTRY

_Ask your parents to like the page if you are under 13_

"_children need to be picked up by a responsible adult_"

*Contact: Jo Macklan—0401 047 322*