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,

Welcome back to another school year. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holidays with your children. I have heard a lot of exciting stories already about many of the students adventures.

This year we have 6 Preps who have all had a great first day of school today with Mrs Gorham.

Leah, Bindi, Aella, Leila, Kaia and Ryla

I would like to welcome the following new families to our school. The Altman, Beveridge, Farrington and Mc Bride families in Prep. As well as the Hanley family who have been at our school for many years. On Monday we have a new Year 1 boy starting Jade Poolman who has moved to the area from interstate.

We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

I would like to welcome Miss Liz Watson to our school who will be teaching in the MARC Library role. Liz is very familiar with the area having worked up at Falls Creek over winter and summer, she also has family and friends in the area.

We also have a teachers aide who will be working full time in the Prep room supporting a number of students. I would like to welcome Sarah Hinde who is also very familiar with the area and knows a few families.

Miss Liz Watson and Miss Sarah Hinde

In the first two weeks of school the teachers will be focusing on a ‘Learning How to Learn Program’. The main goal is for students to develop lifelong love of learning. We will be developing strong routines, understandings ourselves and others better, learning cooperatively and working through our school values.

Kim Franzke
Principal

The kids discovered the plum tree quickly yesterday at lunch time and many were seen with big red plum smiles.
LUNCH ORDERS—2015

There will be no lunch orders on Thursdays until swimming has finished. An updated price list will be sent out in the coming weeks. Sorry for the inconvenience.

ICY POLES

Icy Poles will be on sale next week except on Thursdays due to swimming. These are Berri 99% Fruit Juice. We ask that students bring correct change. Money raised will go towards subsidizing the Year 5/6 camp to Canberra in May.

LUNCH BOXES

Just a reminder to parents regarding the contents of Lunchboxes. We ask that no chocolate or lollies are included. We recommend items such as fruit, yogurt, muesli bars and chopped vegetables and dips. We are aiming to focus on Healthy Eating at our school. We also encourage a rubbish free lunch where possible.

SWIMMING

Swimming will begin next Thursday 5th February between 12pm and 2pm at the Mount Beauty Swimming Pool. Please ensure that the permission form and money for this are returned to the school office by Tuesday 3rd February. Any parents who are able to come along and help with changing of students at the pool particularly the younger years it would be appreciated. Please note that our swimming lessons are an hour earlier than last year. If you plan to pick your child up from the pool please let your classroom teacher know. All students will travel by bus and need to bring sunscreen, a rash top, bathers and a towel. Swimming bags are available to purchase for $10 at the office.

UNIFORMS

Just a reminder to families that during Term 1 and 4 students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat when outside.

Hats are available from the office for $12. We also have a few second hand ones if required. We also have a variety of second hand polo tops, jumpers, dresses and pants if anyone would like to take a look. They are located in the sick bay under the bed. There is no cost for these.

CODE RED DAYS

BARR school—Bushfire attack registry

On Designated Code Red Days the school will be closed including no bus travel. Our school emergency management plan was updated last year. We will be having a practise evacuation drill in the first few weeks. Please talk to your children about this further at home and ensure that your family has a bushfire plan.
How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. Children who arrive at school feeling calm, relaxed, fed and ready can make the most of the first few hours of the day. Children don’t understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school mornings a stressful time of day for families. Times pressures and competing demands can turn morning into a combat zone. Getting along in the morning at home will also help you. Research shows that fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work. Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings- even if things don’t always go as smoothly!

The night before:

Try to find out the night before or even earlier if there is something special going on at school.

Prepare lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush.

Get your child to have a bath the night before, this means you won’t have to worry about doing this in the morning.

You might know something is going to come up that could cause conflict (such as buying lunch or choosing which clothes to wear). Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and is less likely to be stressed.

Try to read the school newsletter and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes and get schoolbags ready the night before.

In the morning:

Getting up and extra 15-30minutes earlier might help things run more smoothly. Also try to allow plenty of time to get from home to school. Rushing can really increase stress levels.

Good moods can be infectious- tackle the morning as positively and as optimistically as you can.

Mornings are easier if your children can do things for themselves. Once your children are old enough, getting dressed on their own, making their own breakfast and tidying up after themselves can all make things easier.

If your children are young, remind them what they are meant to be doing and when. Simple ‘to do’ checklists, even with picture’s can help as a reminder.

Try to cut down on distractions- consider leaving the television off until everyone is ready.

Focus on the positives – 6 positives to 1 negative (look for positive behaviour)

Use surprises to celebrate cooperation- such as a treat in their lunch box or an extra story at bedtime.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_morning_routines.html/context/591

BOOK COVERING

We are looking for someone to do some book covering for us. We have some lovely new books for the library waiting to be covered. If you have a little spare time to give please see Lisa or Kim.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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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.

*Swim Forms* are due back by Tuesday 3rd February with $40 per student.

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**SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

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JUNIOR & SENIOR FOOTBALL/NETBALL
REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY 1st FEB (This Sunday)

Dederang Mount Beauty Football/Netball Club junior and senior (all grades) player registration day is this Sunday. It will start with a training/skill session taken by club A Grade players in both football and netball and then follow on with a BBQ lunch (provided) and player registration.

Day: Sunday 1st Feb
Time: 10.30am – Training/skill session, then 11.30pm – Lunch and Registration
Lunch: BBQ provided by club. (soft drinks available @ $2 per can)
Where: Dederang oval and clubrooms.
Also: 2015 Club Memberships will be available on the day.

All current and new players/members are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there. Any queries contact Will on...