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 Parents,

BOUNCE BACK
Students have had their first Bounce Back lesson this week and will continue to do so every week. Bounce Back is a whole school social and emotional learning program. It has been developed to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in students and, in particular, to enable students to learn to act resiliently when faced with challenges and adversity.

Life is an exciting and often unpredictable journey with joys, satisfactions and highlights, but also some difficulties and disappointments along the way. In meetings life’s challenges, we grow stronger and gain personal coping skills and a sense of who we are. We become more resilient.

We will keep you up to date on our focus in our Bounce Back lessons so that you can have follow up discussions with your children at home.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 18th February 1-5.30pm. Time has been set aside for you to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their individual needs. Please fill in the form attached with your preferred availability. If you are unable to make it during this time please discuss alternative arrangements with your child’s teacher.

COMMUNITY TWILIGHT SPORTS & PICNIC

Please mark Monday 23rd February in your diary as we have a Community Twilight Sports and Picnic planned from 5pm – 7pm. This will be a great way for us to welcome our new families and to enjoy our wonderful small school community. Sports to include egg and spoon, 3 legged race, giant parachute, novelty races etc. More info next week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

You will find in this newsletter nomination forms for school council. Nominations, including self-nominations open today. Being a school council member is a great way for parents to become involved in school affairs, and I would recommend you give it some thought. Tawonga Primary School Council for 2015 will consist of 6 parents, 2 Department Reps and 1 community member.

Nomination forms are included in this newsletter and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 27/02/2015. Please lodge in Red Box in School Office. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancy then a ballot will take place. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 12/03/2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY, TERM OF OFFICE, NUMBER OF POSITIONS

The following positions are vacant
3 x 2 year vacancies
2 x 1 year vacancies (these have been created due to parents leaving the school)
1 x Department Rep (This will be filled by Nicholas Wright)

The positions that remained filled include
Yvette Hind - parent rep, who has 1 year left to serve
Jane Zagorski - Community Rep

Kim Franzke - Principal

Picking yummy cherry tomatoes
ICY POLES - $1

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.

P/2 Week 1. “It’s OK to be different”. This week P-2 students explored how we are all different and that having different qualities or appearances are interesting and valuable. We watched a cartoon of the ugly duckling and talked about how the ugly duckling might feel.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thanks to the Commonwealth Bank we are able to run school banking for students each week. Banking day is Thursday and the students just need to drop their bank books into the red box and they will be returned by the end of the day. If you would like your child to have a CBA Dollarmite account you can either see Lisa in the school office or visit the Commonwealth Bank. There are some great rewards available for students who bank regularly through the school system. Students in the Prep 1 class received envelopes this week with details about opening an account if desired. New rewards are being released all the time. If you would like to see what students are able to receive Lisa has a sample at school.

BAND - instrumental music

The older students were lucky to have a session this week with Jarrod Policha from the Secondary College. Jarrod is the music teacher and introduced the students to a variety of instrument. Students in Years 4-6 are given the opportunity each year to learn any instrument and participate in the combined schools band. Information was sent home with students on Tuesday.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Tammy Hanley who has spent many hours covering all our new books. We now have lots of new take home readers especially for the younger students.

Thank you to Dave McBride who has been doing some gardening for us. He has donated and planted some new herbs around our citrus orchard.

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.
SWIMMING SPORTS Yr 3-6 Thursday 16th Feb

Time: The first event will be underway at 9:30, so we are asking everyone to arrive by 9am. School bus travellers will stay on the buses and be met by Mr Wright at the Mount Beauty end. These students will also travel home on the buses if parents are not present to pick them up. Non bus travellers will need to be dropped off and picked up from the pool. We encourage all parents to stay and participate in the day is possible.

Dress: Be sure to dress up in your house colours. Start with a tee-shirt of the right colour, and add ribbons, bands, pants, anything really! We will be making special hats at school.

Please ensure that the following items are brought to the swimming sports to ensure you are protected if the weather is cool (check the forecast.)

- School Polar Fleece, Tracksuit bottom or pants, socks and track shoes
- Along with the usual:
  - Towel, bathers
  - Goggles
  - Sun Top
  - Sunscreen
  - Sun Hat
  - Drink
  - Healthy Snacks and Lunch

We ask that students do not bring any money on the day.

Please Note: Students being picked up from the pool, should be picked up by 3.15pm at the latest, otherwise students will be put on bus to go back to school and then placed in OSHC.

PLEASE NOTE: The divisional (zone) swimming sports will held on Friday 27th February in Albury. Entries for this day will be entered by the Cluster the week before. If you are interested in your child taking part please discuss this with Kim asap. Some students have already indicated their interest. Parents will be required to transport and supervise students on this day. Students need to be able to competently swim 50metres.

HELPERS NEEDED: Parent helpers are required on the day. If anyone is able to lend a hand on the day it would be much appreciated.

INDIGO—BLUE
Isabella Casey
Ebony Boote
Lachlan Stripeikis
Emma Lucey

KIEWA GREEN
Thomas Stanmore
Katelan Stanmore
Joshua Angelini

MITTA—RED
Sienna Brewer
Tarn Dwyer
Heath Niedzwiedzki
Eric Niedzwiedzki

MURRAY—YELLOW
Henri-Jack Mariethoz
Riva Sabra
Clint Irving
Emma Lucey

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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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.

*Tiqbiz*—School App. Find out information quickly with this easy to use app. Please see Lisa for instructions on how to upload onto phone, IPad, computer etc.

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Mount Beauty Soccer Club News

Mt Beauty Soccer Club are looking for Girls & Boys age U10 to U16, “NO experience necessary, we will teach you” who are interested in playing in 2 separate tournaments early in the year.

Girls FC March 14-15 in Melbourne
Boys FC March 21-22 in Bendigo

Our club has sent teams to these events in the past with great success and lots of fun to be had during the tournament weekend.

If you are interested or just want more information please contact: Andrea Moorman 57545 399 or Ron Crawford 57544 886 Mob 0413 339 570

Mount Beauty Tennis Club News

Junior Tennis
Saturday Mornings at 9.30am.
Commences Sat. 7th Feb. for duration of term 1.
New Members Welcome
Junior yearly membership cost $10
For information: Andrea Ph. 57545 399

Celebrate International Women’s Day at the Ivory Rooms on Friday March 6

Women from the Upper Kiewa Valley are invited to get together on Friday March 6 to celebrate the 24th International Women’s Day at a luncheon at the Ivory Rooms in Tawonga. This will be the inaugural International Women’s Day event in the Kiewa Valley so we are hoping that as many women as possible are able to come and celebrate this special day.

The theme for 2015 is “Make it Happen” and women attending the luncheon will hear guest speaker Jan Hastings from the Zonta Club of Albury/Wodonga talk about the work of Zonta Clubs worldwide in assisting women in Third World countries have a better birth experience.

The lunch will be held between 12.00 and 2.00 pm and has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mt Beauty. It will cost $25 a head and includes a complementary glass of champagne or non-alcoholic drink on arrival. Spaces are limited to 60 so early booking is essential. Tickets are being sold at Sassy Road, Tawonga South Post Office and the Old Tawonga store up until Friday 27th February.

For further information contact Helen McDougall at hnmcd@bigpond.com or 0419 541 011.
School Council Elections 2015

**What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on the school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?**

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**
School Council Elections - Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

Name: ___________________________________________ Residential address: ___________________________________________

Contact phone (mobile or landline): ___________________________ Email: ___________________________________________

I am the parent/guardian of ________________________________, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt • of unsound mind • currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or

• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received. Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll. Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 57544468. If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

School Council Elections - Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the Tawonga Primary School Council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS

Name ___________________________________________ Contact phone (mobile or landline) if known

I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle) Name of Nominator ___________________________________________ Signature of Nominator __________________ Date

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

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