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,

Cluster Swimming Sports Yr 3-6
Best of luck to all our Yr 3-6s who will compete and have fun at our annual Cluster Swimming Sports at Mt Beauty pool on Monday. Parent helpers are encourage.

Oral Language Development
Teachers will be having a strong focus on oral language development in all their classes. Oral language is the foundation for literacy development. If students can’t talk it then they will have a hard time reading it and writing it. Parents can assist at home by encouraging their children to talk in full sentences, asking for more detail and questioning.

Safer Internet Day
Yesterday Mr Wright spent some time talking with the Yr 3-6 students about the importance of safe Internet use. This is a continuation on from the presentation the senior students attended last year. In the newsletter I have included a flyer titled ‘Social Media’. Please be constantly talking with your children and monitoring their usage of the Internet.

Access Ministries
Attached to todays newsletter is a flyer explaining the SRI (Special Religious Instruction) program which is offered at Tawonga. If you would like your child to be involved and you have not yet returned the SRI Parent Consent Form please see Lisa in the office to have one sent home. These forms were sent home at the end of 2014. If you do not wish for your child to participate no further action is required.

Woorabinda Camp
Congratulations to the following Year 4 students who will be representing our school. Ebony Winfield, Joshua Angelini, Sienna Brewer, Tarn Dwyer, Heath Niedzwiedzki and Lachlan Stripeikis. Woorabinda is a Department of Education run camp who every two years offers school networks around the state the chance to send 80 Year 4 and 5 students. Our 6 students will be heading off for 5 days of adventure from 2-6th March.

Mr Wright will also be attending as a visiting teacher. Mr Bob Flower has kindly agreed to teach for the week while Mr Wright is away. Woorabinda fund the replacement of staff so that schools are not financial disadvantages.

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Notice of Election and Call for Nominations (FROM LAST WEEKS NEWSLETTER)

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

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

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.

BOUNCE BACK

Our class has been discussing cooperation. We have discussed what it means and thought of other words that are similar in meaning. Getting along, working together, listening and sharing were common examples shared. Some good things that happen when we cooperate well with others is that we achieve more, we understand others better, we make better friends and we can learn to trust others.

Year 4/5/6 Mr Wright.
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.

Parents group will be providing sausages and bread.

Students will be preparing salads and dessert from food grown in our school garden. If any parents are available during the day on Monday we will be most appreciative of some extra help. Families to BYO drinks (no alcohol please).

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**Tiqbiz—School App**

Please remember that at Tawonga Primary School we use Tiqbiz School App. If you are not already using this great App we ask that you please consider loading this free App to your Phone, iPad, iPod, Windows devices and any PC.

When doing so you are able to select from a variety of boxes specific to your child/ren’s classes as well as a 'Whole School' box. We ask that you select whole school and your child's class.

As a parent you are also able to send messages to school via the App in regards to your child’s absence etc.

All information is received with a push notification—much like a text message directly to your device.

This is a great way for us to notify you of any updates, reminders and incidents immediately.

Instructions on how to upload the App are as follows:

1. Open tiqbiz in app store.
2. Click the Find Boxes and type our school name into the search bar. Select from results.
3. Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.
4. Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, notices and calendar events.

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**Positive Parenting Telephone Service**

This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills
* Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

**Interested?** For more information or to enroll phone **FREECALL 1800 880 660**
## Calendar of Events: February/March

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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.

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## School Councillors

- **President** vacan
- **Vice President** Katrina Vazzoler
  - 0438 310 068
- **Buildings & Grounds** Davide Angelini
  - 03 5754 192
- **Other Councillors** Yvette Hind, Graham Boote, Jane Zagorski
**Community News**

"WE NEED TENNIS PLAYERS...."

Tawonga Tennis Club plays social tennis on Tuesday mornings (8am in summer and 9am in winter) at the courts opposite the Tawonga store. There is a low annual fee but no on-going costs. You just need a tennis racket. If we don’t get more players the Club is likely to fold and the courts will not be available to the public or the community. For more information, contact secretary Trish on 0422 049 207."

**MOUNT BEAUTY BRUMBIES BASKETBALL**

**Term 1 – 2015**

**STARTS**

Week Beginning 2nd FEBRUARY

**MONDAY**

5:30 - 6:30 pm Juniors

**TUESDAY**

6:00 - 7:00 pm Women’s Basketball

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 - 7:30 pm Juniors

7:30 - 8:30 pm Men’s Basketball

**THURSDAY**

5:00 - 6:00 pm Juniors

Please contact Mark 0437 131 778 for further information.

**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.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH—PANCAKE NIGHT**

Tawonga Hall—Tuesday 17th Feb—6.00pm.

$12.00 Per Person or $36.00 per family.

$6.00 for Primary School Students.

Pre School - FREE.

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