Our Vision:
A meeting place where student’s lifelong learning begins and grows into a sustainable future.

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,

Parent Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 17th 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 which was sent home yesterday with your preferred availability. If you are unable to make it during this time please discuss alternative arrangements with your child’s teacher.

Mindfulness
All classes have been involved in some mindfulness relaxation techniques as they come in after recess or lunch. Studies show that Mindfulness Meditation helps combat stress, improve focus and increase resilience.

Life Education Visit
The van will be at school next Tuesday for the whole day to provide an 1 1/2 hour lesson to students. Falls Creek PS students will join us for the day. All students will work through a workbook in the weeks that follow to reinforce concepts learnt in the van. The focus of the lessons are as follows:

P/1 - Clued Up (investigating a range of health and wellbeing issues, identify safe and unsafe behaviours and environments and knowledge of safe people and places to turn to for help.)

2/3 - Harold’s Heroes (recognising safe and unsafe behaviours, effects of second hand smoke on the body, awareness of the safe use and storage of medicines and emergency procedures such as how to call 000.)

4/5 - It’s Your Call (exploring decision making processes, safe and appropriate use of communication technology and consequences of our actions on the body.)

School Council - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
Nomination forms for both nomination and self nomination are available at the office. 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 2016 will consist of 6 parents, 2 Department Reps and 1 community member.

Nomination forms are available at the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 26/02/2016. Please lodge in Red Box in School Office. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies then a ballot will take place. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 11/03/2016.

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
1 x 1 year vacancy
1 x Department Rep to be filled.
1 x Community Rep.

Kim Franzke
Principal

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ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 3pm

Alex using one of our new Sound Field System microphones in class.
Since 1931, CommBank’s School Banking program has been committed to developing the financial literacy of Australian children. Each year, we introduce an interactive and exciting way to teach students the value of saving and help develop lifelong money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Each Prep and new student to the school will today have an envelope from the Commonwealth Bank if families are interested in opening a Dollarmite account for children to start saving. CommBank also has online resources with fun activities which will help your children understand the value in saving. Any families who would like a starter pack which will have all the information required to open an account please ask Lisa in the office.

Banking day is each Thursday and regular savers will be rewarded with reward gifts. All it takes is 10 tokens. 1 token will be given with each week’s deposit. Bank books just need to be put in the Red Box at the office and the students will have them returned by the end of the day.

This program also assists the school by the way of commission. So the more accounts we open and regular deposits through School Banking will see the school benefit with commission payments.

More information can be obtained from the local Commonwealth Bank.

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**Mobile Area Resource Centre (M.A.R.C)**

Welcome to the 2016 school year, especially to all new families and staff who I am just getting to know.

The Mobile Area Resource Centre (M.A.R.C) is the mobile library service that visits your school every two weeks for library. Your children have the opportunity to borrow two books each visit. These books are in addition to books that are brought home from your child’s own school.

Each book from the Mobile Library is stamped with ‘Tawonga MARC’.

Your children have the opportunity to borrow and immerse themselves in a variety of literature, please remind them to return their books to school.

Books are a valuable resource in the information and literacy they provide, however, are also valuable in the money they cost to purchase. If books do become damaged or misplaced, a request for payment will be sent home for book replacement.

Looking forward to seeing you again during the next library visit. Happy reading until then.

Mr Wright

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**SPARE CLOTHES**

From time to time accidents can occur at school with wet/dirty underwear and socks.

We ask that parents ensure that students have a spare pair of underwear and socks packed in a plastic bag in their school bag in case of any accidents occurring.

We do not have any spare underwear at the school and on occasions we are unable to contact parents to bring spares along.

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**TIQBIZ APP**

At Tawonga Primary School we are able to send instant messages and notices to your Phone/IPad or Computer. With this service you are also able to send student absence directly to the school email from your device.

We ask that all parents access the app associated with this service through the App Store. Search for Tawonga Primary School in the ‘Find’ icon of the Tiqbiz App. Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

If you have any questions regarding this service please don’t hesitate to contact Lisa at school.
Lesson 1

With postures for balance and concentration and so many poses named after plants and animals, the program engages children’s imagination, develops coordination and teaches children how to move from high energy to quiet and calm.

During our first lesson, we learnt a few poses that included lots of fun making the animal noises to become familiar with the exercises, moving into a very relaxed afternoon with some simple breathing exercises.

On Tuesday I spent time with the teachers talking about the philosophy behind the breathing exercises and discussed how they could do follow up in class during the week.

Bill Walsh
Yoga Teacher

Bounce Back

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.

Kitchen Garden Update

Our kitchen garden has produced some fantastic zucchinis which were ready to pick this week. In response we made tasty savoury zucchini muffins. We have some plums and rhubarb growing nicely which may be our key ingredient next week. Our menu in 1st term will remain flexible to suit what produce is available from the garden.

I will also be undertaking a stocktake of equipment in our kitchen in coming weeks and may be seeking some extra bits and pieces, hopefully by donation. Keep an eye on the newsletter for things we might need.
SWIMMING SPORTS YEARS 3-6
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

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 Mrs Franzke or Kath Lewinson 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 if 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 be held on Friday 26th February in Albury. Entries for this day will be entered by the Cluster the week before. Parents will be required to transport and supervise students on this day. Students need to be able to competently swim 50 metres as it will be a full sized pool.

HELPERS NEEDED: Parent helpers are required on the day of the sports. If anyone is able to lend a hand on the day it would be much appreciated. We have been allocated a lane for timekeeping so if a few people did an hour each it would help enormously.

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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.

**Scholastic Book Club** - due 16th Feb

**Swimming** — Each Friday during February.

### SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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EUKELE LESSONS

Private Eukele lessons are available to students on Thursdays with Conrad Forrer.

For all enquiries and further information please call Conrad on 0400 821 250.

MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB

Looking for players for ages U10 through to U18 to play in:
Boys FC Soccer Tournament in Bendigo March 19th & 20th.
Girls FC Soccer Tournament in Melbourne April 2nd & 3rd (middle weekend of school holidays)

Contact Andrea Moorman kamoorman@bigpond.com or 57545399.
Ron Crawford csigns01@bigpond.net.au
For more information and to register interest by Friday 12th March.

REGISTRATION DAY 2016

All Senior and Junior Grades
Football and Netball
SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2015
STARTING AT 10.30 AM TO 12.00 PM
DEDERANG MULTIPURPOSE HALL DEDERANG

Come and meet the coaches
Netball/Football Drills and Activities commencing at 10.30 am
Free BBQ Sausage at 11.30 am
Soft Drinks available for purchase @ $2.00
Registration from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm
2016 Memberships Available
PLEASE COME ALONG AND BE A PART OF OUR GREAT CLUB
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Primary Tutoring: Balance Education offers individual tutoring programs designed to meet your child’s needs. Call to discuss how you can support your child’s learning at school with tuition in any primary school subjects. All tuition delivered after school by an experienced and registered teacher in a calm and nurturing environment.

Contact Olivia Svarc on 0435 013 800.