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
These were held yesterday with an excellent turn out with Individual Learning Plans being finalised. For those we have not seen we would like to catch up so please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Teachers are more than happy to talk to parents at other times during the term. If you have a concern or question that is more than a brief chat please make a meeting time. It is difficult for teachers to have your full attention in the busyness of the beginning and end of the days between 8.45-9 and 3.30-3.45.

Illness
Please keep school informed of any illness your child may have that could be contagious so we can inform the school community. Please do not send sick children to school as it only makes others sick and makes learning difficult.

Year 6 Leadership Camp
Next week Thomas and Ethan will be on a 5 day camp with others from our Network at 15 Mile Creek. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

Swimming Sports
Congratulations to all Year 3-6s who participated yesterday in the Cluster Swimming Sports. Those students who have qualified to go through to the next round will be notified individually.

Congratulations to Eric Niedzwiedzki for winning the 8/9 Yrs Bogs Age Group Champion. Thank you to Mark Lucey who did time keeping all day.

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
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.

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.
This week’s class started with a series of slow arm movements with a matching long breath and it wasn’t long before we had settled from the lunch break ready to go. We learnt a new trick in the balance poses. Focus. We found if we kept our eyes focused on a single point we could hold the balance quite easy.

After lots of other postures we finished our class with Crocodile Breath. A lying position that requires the children to use their imagination. By the end, a few of the children had fallen asleep. Another good tool for the child’s ‘yoga tool box’.

Bill Walsh

In the last few weeks students have been settling into the classroom. Our Bounce Back sessions have been conducted in the form of circle time on a Monday Morning. We are discussing various aspects about ourselves, including how to be a good friends. The focus is on feeling safe in a supportive environment. Students take turns speaking but this is not compulsory. They can ‘pass’ until they feel ready to talk in front of their peers. This takes a little while for some children and that is ok.

In addition to this we have been investigating many aspects of social and emotional well-being such as sharing, working together, health and happiness and communication. This has been in preparation for our work with the Life Education Van, which visited our school on Tuesday. In the Van we had to work out clues about healthy eating habits and safety rules around the home and school.

Healthy Harold the Giraffe was a big hit and the kids loved meeting him for the first time.

The making team today were working on ideas for the schools new mural which will see the use of the bottle tops which families have been donating.

The gardening team worked hard in picking vegies (some very large) and weeding and cleaning up around the vegetable garden.

In the kitchen the students were kept busy making zucchini and chocolate muffins. Of course the zucchinis were produced in our very own vegetable garden.
## 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.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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STOP PRESS...

Due to swimming and the Life Education Van visiting this week our Big Write Talk Homework which was sent home last week will be current for this week.

The following will help remind families what the topic is this week.

BIG WRITE TALK HOMEWORK.

Next week, Year 2-6 students will be writing on the topic,

HOMEWORK SHOULD BE BANNED.

Please take some time to discuss some possible ideas with your child

What do you think about this idea?

Write to convince a reader of your opinions.

Think about:

- If you agree or disagree or see both sides of the argument
- An introduction—a way to introduce your ideas by clearly
- Saying what you think about the topic
- Your opinions—with reasons of evidence to explain them
- A conclusion—a summary of the main points of your argument.
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CONQUESTATHON

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(Labour Day Weekend)

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Entry Forms also available from Mount Beauty Visitor Information Centre or ENTER ON THE DAY.

An event for all ages, with a healthy fitness level. (Young Children must be accompanied by an adult).

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