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,

Cluster Athletics
Next Wednesday will be the Cluster Athletics sports to be held on the Les Peart oval in Mt Beauty. Please see full detail in the newsletter. Please note that there is a change to the time table with high jump is not being included on the day. High jump will be run on a different day. This change will mean that an additional track event will be added to the timetable, (200m.)

If parents are available to assist on the day it would be very helpful. Assistance is required to rotate around with groups or assist with running our event. I will be in charge of the triple jump. Miss Watson will also be attending to assist with supervision.

Student Teacher
Welcome to Jacqueline Gardam who will be with us for 4 weeks working in the Yr 4/6 classroom. Jacqueline has spent the first few days getting to know our students and working with small groups. Please say hi and make her feel welcome.

School Council
Thank you to Janet Kay who has volunteered to fill our remaining parent position on school council.

Next Tuesday is our AGM starting at 5.15pm followed by a general meeting at 5.30pm. Thank you to our previous committee for all their hard work over the past 12 months. Your time and effort is appreciated.

Medication
Teachers and schools are often asked by parents to administer medication for their children while at school. It is important that such requests are managed in a manner that is appropriate, ensures the safety of students, and fulfils the duty of care of staff.

All parent requests for the Principal to administer prescribed medications to their child must be in writing on the form provided and must be supported by specific written instruction from the medical practitioner or pharmacist’s including the name of the student, dosage and time to be administered (original medications bottle or container should provide this information). Non-prescribed oral medications (eg: head-ache tablets) will not be administered by school staff.

Kim Franzke
Principal

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Students had fun last Friday with the Ride to School day. It was great to see an increase in the number of scooters coming to school.
Next week will the Year 2-6s last Yoga session with Bill. The staff have found that the students have responded really well to the program. Parents have also made comment to me that their children are trying different poses at home to improve balance and focus as well as using the breathing techniques to assist with falling to sleep at night.

Kim

Families will also have a book of raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle which were sent home last week. There is $5.00 worth of tickets and they are 50cents each. Please return to office by Wednesday 23rd March. The raffle will be drawn the last day of school at assembly 2pm.

Extra books are available from the school office.

Today we made cornflake biscuits in the kitchen. The students had a go at measuring out ingredients on the scales and also using cup measures. We talked about our ingredients and had a chat about where sultanas actually come from. It’s great to hear that students are keen to try out the recipes at home too and are eager to put their new skills into practice.

The gardening group spent their time today painting seats and finishing 3D sculptures from bamboo to be used by the Mount Beauty Music Festival organising committee to help decorate the town.

This week we have been enlarging our final mural design onto white boards. Over the past few sessions, students submitted designs and ideas for our 'Insect Mural' and as many of their concepts as possible have been incorporated into the final design. The enlarged drawings will form the base of our 'Bottle Cap Mural'. Keep those bottle caps coming in, and thanks for all of those families who have contributed so far.
Wednesday 23rd March - Time: 9:15am - 2.30pm - Year 3-6

On Wednesday Year 3 to 6 students will be a part of the combined school’s athletic carnival at the Les Peart Oval in Mt Beauty. Primary school students from Dederang to Falls Creek will enjoy a day of activity where the emphasis is more on participation than competition. All students in years 3 to 6 will be competing within their house teams.

Arrangements for transport will be exactly the same as for the swimming sports earlier this term: bus students can stay on the buses until they arrive at Mt Beauty where they will be met by a teacher. All other students need to be taken by parents directly to the oval. Children not picked up by parents by 3pm will be brought back to Tawonga on the school buses, arriving about 3:40pm and then placed into OSHC. Children are asked to dress in house colours, as this adds to the fun and the atmosphere on the day.

All students will need a hat, lunch, a water bottle, suitable shoes and a jumper in case it’s cool. The day is likely to finish early. Pick up by parents will be permitted at the conclusion of the sports. Parents and carers are most welcome to come along on the day to cheer and support students.

If any parents or carers are available to help time keep, marshal, record or run an event on the day, please let us know. These events run more smoothly will the extra assistance from parents.

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Cluster Athletics Carnival

Last Week during one of our writing lessons, students wrote brief persuasive arguments for why we should be allowed to keep the pet fish in the 4/5/6 classroom. Miss Watson motivated them by telling them that she had received a letter from the Education Department, informing us that we were no longer allowed to have class pets. I hope you enjoy reading some of the students’ work. Miss Liz Watson.

Firstly if you have pets at school, school will be calmer and you will feel calmer. So if the students are too noisy, they would not be able to play with the pets or feed them, and this consequence will make them quieter or not too silly, depending on what you say about it.. Josh

We should be allowed to keep our class pet because they help students concentrate in class while they’re doing their work. Lachlan S.

Pet’s should be allowed in school because we really like them they’re awesome. We look after them and we still listen to the teacher when they are there. It may be really tempting to look at them but we don’t. Clint

Dear Mr Government
It is utterly outrageous if you were to even consider taking away the privilege that you don’t get everyday.

It is an enormous chance and responsibility for the students and I personally think that this should be a chance for senior students, because older students need to experience this rare opportunity. WE feed the fish daily, in fact it is part of our daily jobs and we filter the tank that also includes, changing the water and checking the water and changing the plants around. We also put the salts in and we test the pH level of the water.

As you can see it is a humongous job but it is a big responsibility. It is very important that we experience a great option to become a responsible person and a strong leader this might sound silly but it’s baby steps to becoming a strong person. It is a small option but it is a good one. I hope you consider my arguments because having animals can make us better people.

Dear Mr Government

I think they help us with responsibility and teaches us how to look after animals. Fish are calming and they are all so fun to watch.

Katelan

Dear Government

All schools should have a class pet because the children have responsibility to look after them. Also I think the children would always enjoy having a turn to clean, feed and wash the algae off the water plants for a week. Also it is fun for the kids to watch the fish eat and swim. SO PETS SHOULD BE ALLOWED PLUS THEY ARE SO INNOCENT! Without fish it would be very lonely to me. I would feel devastated if they were gone. It is totally dumb to think pet fish for the class has to be banned. If I were in the government I wouldn’t even consider taking away the chance or privilege of keeping fish. Jade.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH/APRIL

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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.

**Easter Raffle**—Tickets sent home with todays newsletter, please return stubs and money by Wednesday 23rd March. Extra tickets are available from the office.

**Lunch Orders**—Please note that all orders and money needs to be on/in a brown paper bag. Envelopes are not acceptable.

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INVITATION

Official Opening – Friday 4 March, 5.30pm

Wangaratta Art Gallery, 56 Ovens Street, Wangaratta

A CREATIVE JOURNEY – TIMOR LESTE UNCOVERED

An exhibition of drawings, paintings, ceramics and photographs by local artists Jo Briscomb, Stephen Henderson and Andy Kimber uncovers the secrets and beauty of life in Timor Leste.

Dili foreshore 2016 Jo Briscomb Portuguese house, ceramic, 2016 Jo Briscomb Mount Matebian – pastel 2016 Jo Briscomb
**THE ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT BEAUTY**

Saleable items sought by the Rotary Club for their monster Easter Saturday garage sale.

Saturday 26th March, 2016. (Opposite Falls Creek Coach depot)

100% of proceeds to Rotary Projects.

You may also convert your gear to cash.

Call now to reserve your own site.

Car Site $15.00

Car and Trailer site $20.00

Ring 03 57544765 or 03 57544453 to book your site or to donate goods. (sorry, no mattresses, wall units, .. But good books, children’s gear and old stuff sells well!)

Champagne Club Kiewa Valley Incorporated

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Come along to the official launch of the Kiewa Valley’s newest charitable organisation! Champagne Club Kiewa Valley Incorporated is about having fun and raising funds to support great local causes. We’re launching at the Mt Beauty Airport on 19th March 2016 at 6pm – come along and find out more, have a terrific night out, you may even get a chance to win a prize. Our organisation welcomes men and women, and no, you don’t need to drink champagne to be part of the fun! Tickets are $10 and include nibbles through the evening with drinks available at bar prices. To purchase your ticket, drop in to Sassy Road, Kiewa Valley Sports and Spinal Physiotherapy, Dederang Store, SkiPlus, or the Old Tawonga Store. For more information you can find us on Facebook, via email, or contact our secretary Fiona McLennan on 0402 123

**HAVE FUN, GET FIT, AND RAISE MONEY!!!**

Wow!! Its that time of year again!!! EASTER!!! And with Easter comes Chocoate and bunnies and Good Friday and with Good Friday comes THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL!!!

So how can we help???? Easy!! We can make a difference and help by getting together as a community and walking for the cause to raise money that goes towards medicine research and special equipment that is used to assist these beautiful children that require these things to be cured or cared for in the best way possible.

Last year the Mt Beauty community did an awesome job and raised $12,000 and with your help this year, along with Tawonga and Mt Beauty CFA and our few regular collectors we would like to beat it!!!! last year we were short on walkers and had to send people out 2 or 3 times to cover all areas. So this year we would really love to see more people!!!

So please pencil this date into you diaries, gather and organise your friends, families or even co workers to come along with you. Make a day of it and make a difference!!! What could be more rewarding?? And hay, maybe you may even make new friends along the way!!!

ROYAL CHILDRENS GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

FRIDAY 25th March, around 9am MOUNT BEAUTY FIRE STATION on Lakeside Avenue

**Easter Saturday Family Day at Mount Beauty Cricket Club**

A great afternoon out at the main ground and pavilion, with activities for the kids, live ukulele music from young local talent Georgia Moorman and classic acoustic singalong covers from Melbourne band Geronimo. Saturday 26th March, 1pm to 6pm, entry $10 an adult with children free. Cash only event. Bring your own picnics encouraged but strictly no BYO alcohol. BBQ from 4pm. Donation of event profits going to Royal Children’s Hospital appeal.