



## 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,

### Fun Run (Cross Country)

Tawonga Primary School hosts the annual Cluster fun run (cross country) each year in the paddock behind the school. We need parent helpers to assist to make the day run smoothly. On Friday we will require assistance with cooking and serving meal deals, timekeeping and marshalling. Many hands will make light work.

Please find enclosed a slip to be returned requesting assistance and details regarding the Meal Deal offer.

### Music Festival Excursion

On Friday 29th April we will be travelling to Mt Beauty for a day of fun with other schools from our Cluster. The day is Woody's World Bush Dance. More details next week.

### Girls Group/Boys Group

Next week our Year 4/6 class will be starting some special lessons which will run for the first part of this term. The girls will work with Miss Watson, Jo and Tegan our Student Support Services Officer with a focus on positive relationships, friendships and self esteem. The boys will be working with myself, Bob Flower and Tad with a focus on fair play, turn taking and strategies for dealing with conflict. The boys will be leaving the school next week and walking into Tawonga.

### Sunsmart

Our Sunsmart Policy states that from September to the end of April and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above students need to be wearing a hat. Most students have hats which is great. If students do not have a hat we do not provide spares as this encourages the spread of head lice. Student with no hat are restricted to playing on the basketball court.

**Assembly 3.00 FRIDAY.**

### Parking

At our last School Council meeting car parking was discussed. Please be mindful of the space you leave between cars. A suggestion was made that when you arrive you could park next to a car that was already there and avoid parking in a random space. On our Kinder days Mondays and Tuesday our car park can be extra busy. The building and grounds committee will be looking at options to mark the individual spaces. Any ideas are welcome.

### Music Festival BBQ Fundraiser

Each year our school runs a food stall at the Music Festival. This year we are rostered for Sunday 1st May and will require help throughout the day. This is one of our main fundraising events for the year and hope that every family who is available can help out for a time during the event. Every little bit of help would be appreciated.

### ANZAC Day Service

It would be great to see as many students in school uniform at the ANZAC Day service in Mt Beauty at 11am on Monday 25th April. We have student representatives who will be laying a wreath which the students will be making themselves.

### Gallipoli Oak Tree

There are only a limited number of Gallipoli Oak acorns available in Victoria each year, which are all generously donated to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) project. Since registrations opened in March 2013, schools have been prioritised on a first-come, first-served basis. In 2016 there will be 90 schools across Victoria receiving a tree. Tawonga PS is one of those lucky schools. We will be having an official planting and a ceremony, date and time to be confirmed.

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The gardening group prepared a site to plant our Gallipoli Oak tree and harvested all our pumpkins.

The making group started planning to make frames to go around picture we have had printed of native birds which we see at our school.

In cooking today students made cheese and ham scrolls and cheese and vegemite scrolls to share with the school.



Skills included grating cheese preparing and ing ingredients, handling pastry and rolling their own scrolls.

Older students then sliced up their scrolls ready for cooking.



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## The Story of the Gallipoli Oak

The Gallipoli Campaign of World War One took place between the 25 April 1915 and 9 January 1916 on the Gallipoli Peninsula, in modern south-west Turkey.

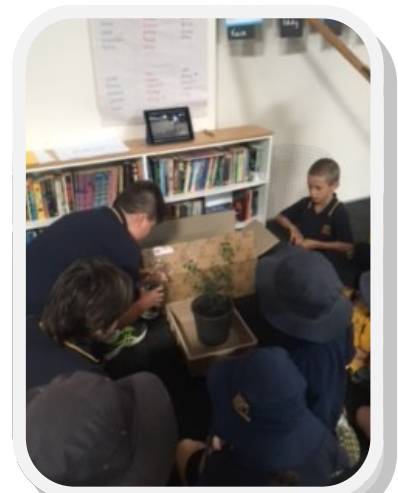
Fighting in the Gallipoli Campaign were approximately 50,000 Australians, 9,000 New Zealanders, 80,000 French and 400,000 British. The campaign was the first major battle undertaken in the war by Australia and New Zealand troops. It cost 26,111 Australian casualties, including 8,141 deaths.

In Turkey the battle is also perceived as a defining moment in the history of the Turkish people. Small prickly oak trees (now known as the Gallipoli Oak) grow along the ridges and valleys of the peninsula. Acorns were collected by several soldiers during the campaign and sent or brought back to Australia where some were subsequently planted.

General (Sir) John Monash wrote to his wife in November 1915:

*"I am sending in a separate packet, a few acorns. I have made the discovery that the prickly scrub, with which these hills are covered, and which has inflicted many an unkind scratch on hands, arms and bare knees, is really a species of holly, and bears an acorn, showing that it belongs to the Oak variety. The bush is quite ornate and grows to a height of about 5 feet, much like the ordinary holly with the red berry."*

Captain William Lempriere Winter-Cooke also collected acorns and they were planted by his family in 1916 in Victoria at their home at 'Murndal' near Hamilton in western Victoria. Acorns were also planted where Captain Winter Cooke went to school at Geelong Grammar. Offspring from these two trees were planted at the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance. There are likely to be many trees from these sources growing across Victoria.



## Cluster Fun Run (Cross Country)

Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek, Dederang and Tawonga Primary Schools will come together to take part in the Upper Kiewa Valley Cluster Fun Run (Cross Country) event on Friday 22nd April. The course, which the children can **walk or run**, is graded according to age. Your child can choose to be competitive or enjoy a stroll and the sights as befits their level of fitness and interest. The main aim is participation. Older students that perform well will be able to represent the Cluster at the Division Cross Country event to be held in Wodonga later in the ter.

**10.15am** Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek and Dederang arrive at Tawonga. Social playtime with all schools.

**10.45am approx.** – Marshalling and instructions for the Fun Event. Staggered starting of the events in the following order: 12 year olds, 11 year olds, 10 year olds, 8/9 year olds, then Year 2's, Year 1's and Preps.

**12.45 onwards** – Lunch (Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal or bring your own). Presentations.

Completion at 2.00pm.

### CHILDREN SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Drink bottle
- Wear a Gold Tawonga PS polo shirt
- Hat
- A warm jumper
- Morning Snack
- Running gear and shoes and change of socks (grass may be wet).
- Bring own lunch if not ordering a meal deal
- Asthma puffer (if appropriate).
- A Big Smile!!

**Please note:** Any child with a medical condition preventing them from taking part should bring a note from their parents.

**MEAL DEALS ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY NEXT WEDNESDAY 20th April. Please write your order on a brown paper bag with money enclosed just like for a lunch order.**

**1 SAUSAGE, 1 DRINK, 1 ICY POLE \$6.00. ANY EXTRAS OF ANY ITEMS ARE \$2 EACH**

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### FUN RUN VOLUNTEERS

As there is quite a bit involved in the setting up of the Fun Run we are asking for any volunteers who may be able to assist on the Wednesday morning from 9-11am with marking out the course. If you are able to attend any time during the day please return this slip with your available time. We will also require assistance on the Friday with timekeeping, marshalling, BBQ etc.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am able to assist with Fun Run set up on Wednesday 20th April

I \_\_\_\_\_ am able to assist with the Fun Run on Friday 8th May



## Uniform

Now that the weather is cool in the morning and warming up during the day some students are misplacing their jumpers after taking them off. We ask parents to check the clothing their children are bringing home to make sure they have not picked up the wrong jumper.

We ask that parents return any clothing to school which may not belong to their child.

Please also name clothing clearly.

## Parent Group

Firstly we would like to thank all our families for their support with the Easter Raffle. We have raised approx. \$160 from this and the Easter Egg guessing competition. Congratulations to Matt (Poppy's Dad), Kath Lewinson, Sarah's Dad and Lucie for winning prizes. Congratulations also to Lachie S for the closest guess in the Easter Egg guessing competition.

**Next Friday 22nd April is our Annual combined schools Fun Run. As we have done in past years we will be offering a meal deal on the day.**

**We ask that orders are returned by Wednesday 20th (next Wednesday) on a brown paper bag with money enclosed.**

**Menu:**

**Sausage in Bread \$2.00 each. (Indicate number required)**

**Drink \$2.00**

**Icy Pole \$2.00**

Following the Fun Run our school will be involved in the Mt Beauty Music Festival on Sunday 1st May, running the BBQ. We will require helpers for this event and ask that if you are able to spare a couple of hours it would be appreciated. Please return the following slip with an indication of time available if you are able to help.

**We will be holding a Parent Group meeting at Tawonga Store on Tuesday 26th April for any parents who would like to attend.**

### MUSIC FESTIVAL HELPERS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am able to help with the Music Festival BBQ at the time indicated below.

7am to 10am \_\_\_\_\_ 10am to 1pm \_\_\_\_\_ 12pm to 3pm \_\_\_\_\_



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

# MARCH/APRIL

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			14 School Banking	15	16/17
18	19 Art	20 Meal Deal Orders to be returned for Fun Run.	21 School Banking	22 Cluster Cross Country (Fun Run) at TPS  Meal Deal	23/24
25 <b>ANZAC Day</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Service 11am in MtB</b>	26 Library Parent Group Meeting 9am at the Store	27	28 School Banking	29 Excursion to MBPS Woody's World  Book Club Orders Due back	30/1 MAY <b>Music Festival BBQ Sunday.</b>
2	3 Art	4 SC Meeting 5.30pm	5 School Banking	6 Mothers Day Luncheon. (more info to come).	7/8
9	10 Library NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5	11 NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5	12 NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 School Banking	13	14/15

## 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.

**Pupil Free Day** - Tuesday 21st June

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

President	Mark Lucey 0417 056 228 lucey.mark.g@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Buildings & Grounds	Yvette Hind 0417 387 112
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# Community News



## BIRKEBEINER NORDIC SKI CLUB JUNIOR XC SKI DEVELOPMENT CAMP 2016

Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th July

This camp is for YOU if you are in year 5 to year 8 and want to:

- ❖ learn to XC Ski
- ❖ improve your skiing to ski smoother and faster
- ❖ pick up some tips for the Joey Hoppet!
- ❖ have some fun in the school holidays with other Birkie juniors

The cost will be \$50 (non members \$75, includes \$25 junior m'ship fee to BNSC)

Application forms are available on club website [www.birkebeiner.org.au](http://www.birkebeiner.org.au) (programs/Junior camp)

For more information please contact Michelle ([mishforrer@gmail.com](mailto:mishforrer@gmail.com)/0417206672)

## Host an exchange student this July and show off your backyard!

Volunteer to host an overseas exchange student this July and open a world of new experiences for your family. WEP overseas exchange students are wonderful role models for young Australians. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting often endure for generations.

Three-time host mum, Di, says, "Hosting has made our children more patient and understanding in their personal relationships. It has opened up their world and inspired them! Being a volunteer host family has brought us closer together and I think it may have something to do with our overall happiness and wholeness as a family!"

All exchange students undergo a rigorous application process. Students attend school full-time, are fully insured and have their own spending money to cover personal expenses.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact us as soon as possible. To request an information pack, head to our website, [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au), email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!



**Lots of fun was had by all children and staff at OSHC Autumn Vacation Care 2016**

