



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

Welcome back to Term 3. We welcome Erica and Sophie who have returned for the winter. All classes have got back into their routines quickly this week. Our newsletter will be coming out on Wednesday while our Yr 3-6 ski program is running.

Yr 3-6 Skiing

Our ski program will kick off tomorrow if the weather is suitable. Students received a reminder note yesterday. All students need to be at school at 8.20 to get their gear checked. Please check our Facebook page or our Tiqbiz App for any cancellation announcements in the morning.

The following parents/helpers will be joining us on our skiing program. We can not run this program without your support so thank you in advance.

Downhill - Kim B, Cross country - Anne S, Michelle N, Leonie C and Yvette H.

The year 2 students on ski days will spend the day with Mrs Gorham and Sarah.

Assembly 3pm Friday

Parent Teacher Meetings

As teachers we focus on teaching to the students point of need. All students have an Individual Learning Plan that is being reviewed by teachers and will be discussed at Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 22nd July.

A schedule for meeting times was included in report envelopes at the end of last term. We hope that by giving you 4 weeks notice you can make arrangements to be able to attend. Of course if this does not suit please discuss an alternative time with the classroom teacher directly. Tegan Whittaker our Student Support Services Officer will be at school all day taking part in some meetings.

Meeting times have been included again with this newsletter.

VCOP and Big Write

Please read the information about the new writing program all classes will be using this Term including the whole school, 'Talk Homework'.

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We were welcomed to school this morning by some very low snow on the surrounding hills.



Ink and watercolour pictures completed with Miss Watson in the Yr 4-6 class this week.



Rhyla with her outdoor art this week using nature materials.



BOUNCE BACK

This fortnight in Bounce Back we are looking at 'Friendship and loyalty' as well as 'How to be a thoughtful friend'. During circle time we will have discussions about what it means to be loyal and thoughtful. Students will be engaged in listening to stories, making class books and making posters around these topics.

TALK HOMEWORK

We are committed to raising standards here at Tawonga Primary School and one area in which will continue to do this is in writing. We have a great new program to improve writing and now we want to put these new ideas into practice.

In addition to daily Literacy lessons, every week we will hold a 1-1.5 hour session dedicated purely to writing in which children will develop 4 main aspects of their writing—Vocabulary (WOW words), Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. These are the four main elements of writing which children can learn and develop their skills in, in order to become more confident and competent writers. The Big Write will take place each **Wednesday**.

As part of the preparation of this session, which is known as 'Big Write and VCOP', pupils will be given a 'Talk Homework'. The idea of Big write is; *'that if the children can't say it, they can't write it'*. We need to encourage the development of language and listening skills in order to develop children's writing ability.

Talk Homework is an approach developed through Big Write that promotes the development of such conversations.

Your child will come home with a new topic most weeks, which may arrive home on different days depending on when Big Write is going to take place that week. This will inform you of the topic to discuss with your child in order to help them with the content of their writing the following day.

To **help your child get the most out of their talk homework task**, we suggest that you try to do the following:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in Talk Homework, possibly around the meal table!
- Switch off the T.V.! Try to ensure this is dedicated talking and listening time.
- When giving your opinion, use the 'because' word to explain why you think that.
- If it is a Procedural Text such as 'How to make a pizza', you could make pizza for dinner during the week and use this as your discussion time.
- Link the topic you are given to discuss back to something you remember from when you were a child, or alternatively get your child to link in to one of their experiences.
- Discuss what WOW words your child could use in his/her story; (ambitious vocabulary).
- Don't write anything down! Not only are we improving oral language, but we are also improving memory skills.
- If you require any support or clarification about how to conduct Talk Homework, please contact your child's class teacher.

TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL TALK HOMEWORK

Procedural Writing: Please ask your child the following questions and talk with them about their answers. Children should talk about the steps they need to do to complete the task and any materials or objects they may need. Your discussion will help your child with writing about:



HOW TO SURVIVE A ROAD TRIP TO SYDNEY WITH YOUR FAMILY

- What do you need?
- What order do the steps need to be done?
- What WOW action verbs could you use to help someone follow your instructions correctly?
- What connectives could you use to add more detailed instructions?

Please spend 20 monutes talking about this. (No TV). We really appreciate your support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JULY/AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			16 Skiing Day 1	17	18/19
20	21 Library	22 PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS	23 Skiing Day 2	24	25/26
27	28 Art School Council 5.15pm	29	30 Skiing Day 3	31	1/2
3	4 Library	5	6 Skiing Day 4	7	8/9
10	11 Art	12	13	14	15/16

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.

Tiqbiz— Join Tiqbiz now. Find it in the app store and select Tawonga Primary School. Great way to keep in touch with school events and submit your child's absences.

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Community News

MOUNT BEAUTY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Courses for Term 3 @ Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre

Provide First Aid - Thu 16th Jul, Thu 20th Aug or Thu 17th Sep, 9am - 5pm

Social Media/Facebook - Tue 21st July (Community session: 4-5pm or Business session: 5-6pm)

Legal Information Session on Will and Power of Attorney - Tue 21st Jul, 10.30 - 11.30am

Intel Easy Steps (Module 1&2: Introducing Computers & Operating Systems, Internet & Email) - Starting Tue 21st & Wed 22nd July, 10am - 1.30pm

Intel Easy Steps (Module 3-5: Word, Spreadsheets & Multimedia) - Starting Tue 21st & Wed 22nd July, 6-9.30pm

Photo Editing for Beginners - Thu 23rd, Fri 24th, Thu 30th & Fri 31st July, 10am - 1.30pm

Holistic Info Sessions - Sat 25th Jul, 10am -12pm



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MOUNT BEAUTY SECONDARY COLLEGE

SKI ROOM

The Secondary College Nordic Ski Centre will be open to hire classic and skating skis for the holidays on Friday 26th June from 2:30-3:30. Skis to be returned 8:30-9:00AM Monday 13th July. Cost is \$25 with refunds if there is no snow for the entire holiday period. With the early snow if anyone would like to hire skis over the next couple of weekends please call the Secondary College and make a booking on 5754 4005. Weekend hire is \$12.

Cheers,

Heath Matheson