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

Prep late night, Yr 1/2 sleepover

This Friday is an exciting night for our junior students with the Prep late night and Year 1/2 sleepover. Student need to arrive at 5.30pm.

Sunday Roast

Our Kitchen Garden Benefit Dinner looks to be a great success. Tickets can not be purchased on the night unfortunately. If families have anything to offer for our Silent Auction please have this to school by Friday afternoon. We have some exciting goods and services to offer already.

Production

The end of year is fast approaching and senior students are busy learning and rehearsing lines. Families are reminded to start getting costume items organised. Some items will be supplies by the school. Please speak with Ellen or Liz if you have any specific questions.

Dairy Farm Excursion

Last Thursday’s excursion was a lot of fun with a trip to a rotary dairy. We learnt how the cows are milked, how the farm uses technology to keep track of individual cows needs, how the manure is processed. The students had a lot of interesting and thoughtful questions. We then had a look at an older style dairy and made comparisons. We ended up at Gundowring Ice Cream where we got to see where the ice cream is made. Student then had the opportunity to walk through the big freezer and finally sample some yummy ice cream. Thanks to Ms Sigmund for her organisation of the day.

Emergency Management Plan

As the weather has again turned warm, parents and carers are reminded that, due to our location, all schools and child care facilities in our area are registered on the Department’s Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Inclusion on this register is a trigger for schools, kindergartens and child care facilities to pre-emptively close on days declared Code Red in our Bureau of Meteorology district. In the event of a Code Red day, four to seven days’ notice of a planned closure will be provided to families, where possible, however families should expect that, in some instances there may be less than 4 days’ notice. Once a Code Red day has been determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner this decision will not change, regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. When a school or children’s service is closed due to a Code Red day determination, no staff will remain on site and all out-of-school care programs (including vacation, before and after school programs) will not operate.

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TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kitchen Garden Benefit Dinner

Community Sunday Roast
29th November 2015
5-8pm

Our community is invited to join us for a relaxing three course Sunday roast dinner prepared by Ezra (Flour + Water chef) in our newly opened student kitchen. Dinner will be served outside undercover. Drinks will be available to purchase.

There will be an auction of goods and services donated by our community.
Plus light entertainment.

Adults $30 and Children $10

Tickets on sale by contacting the school office on 5754 4468
Pre-purchased tickets only on sale until 24th November.

This is a No Alcohol and No BYO event

All proceeds go back into supporting our kitchen garden program
Helping Your Child Read At Home….Cont. from last week. Focus on the Early Years

Read as many different types of book with your child as you can. Not all children are motivated most by stories. Finding interesting non-fiction books to share with your nature loving or car loving child can be just as stimulating for them, as they realise that books can open up a whole world of information about topics they are fascinated by. Also, trying different genres of stories will expose them to all sorts of fiction so that they can begin to develop their own preferences – rather than yours! If your child enjoys looking at junk mail, encourage it. There’s nothing wrong with checking out the catalogue from the local supermarket or toy store. It is all developing lifelong skills in literacy.

When your child is sent home with a book to read, don’t rush it. The fact that they read it through with you isn’t the end of it. In the early stages children recite rather than read. The books are simple and repetitive. Perhaps every page says, “I am a…” So your child will know to say, “I am a…” then look at the picture, and say, “dog”. This is exactly what they should be doing. Don’t ever be tempted to cover the pictures. They are an important part of the reading process. Ask your child to point to a particular word… they may not know that word yet, but they can work it out from the phrase they have learned. They know that the word “I” starts the sentence, so they know that the first word on the page must be “I”. Keep it light, and fun. Gradually see if they can recognise those simple words out of context too.

In the early days, read to your child, and discuss what you’re reading. After a while you can begin to read with your child. Let them decide if they want to read aloud to you sometimes. Later, listen to them read, just stepping in to help out with more challenging words when they need it. Later still, when your child is developing fluency, encourage them to read with expression. Playing around with goofy voices for different characters can be fun, as long as it doesn’t spoil a tense or dramatic story that deserves to be taken more seriously!

Drop questions into your reading sessions to test and stretch their understanding of the text. Just every now and again - don’t over-do it or reading will become a chore! Try questions such as:

a. What do you think Rob is going to do?
b. Why do you think Susan said that?
c. What did the teacher mean?
d. What do you think Alex should do?
e. What do you like about this book?

Above all, enjoy the experience of reading with your child. If you would you like some FREE activities and games to motivate your child to read at home? Visit TeachThis.com.au/parents for lots of goodies!

Nicholas Wright
Mobile Area Resources Centre

Swimming

This Friday is our second swimming lessons for all students. We will be leaving school at 1pm on swimming days and returning at 3.10pm. Please check the calendar for dates. There will be 7 lessons plus our annual end of year pool party. Please check the calendar for all other dates.

Please remember to bring along bathers, towel, rash top (compulsory - Sunsmart policy), sunscreen, goggles and hat.

If families would like a swim bag for their children we have them available at the office for $10.00. Students are able to be picked up from the pool by 2.45/3.00 pm if more suitable for families. The bus will depart promptly at 3.00pm to return to school. Please let your child’s teacher know if you will be taking up this option.

Wildlife Care

We thank Jo Ingram our local wildlife carer who is looking after a number of baby birds that were unfortunately knocked out of their nests last week at school by students. All classes have had a discussion about the importance of protecting and respecting our wildlife. As a gesture to Jo for her dedication helping our community with rescuing injured and sick wildlife we will be leaving a money box for any donations at the office.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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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.

**Sunday Roast**—Sunday 29th November. 5pm to 8pm. All proceeds to assist with our Kitchen Garden Program.

**Production**—Our end of year production is fast approaching. Please keep updated with your children regarding this event. (Flyer Attached).

### SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and phone tree. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, and cleared our facility’s grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.mbsc.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
Tawonga Primary School

Presents........

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

An Alice in Wonderland Inspired Story.

TAWONGA HALL

Matinee—Tuesday 15th December at 11am.

Evening Performance—Wednesday 16th December

7.00pm.

Adults—$5.00

Students—$2.00

Under 5 years—FREE

Tickets available at the door.

*Stobe lights will be used during this performance.*
Tawonga Kinder

3 and 4 Year old Kindergarten Enrolments are now being taken for 2016
Enrolments are strongly encouraged to be as soon as possible
For enrolment information or to organise a tour call:
Community Early Years Childcare - 02 6056 4399
3 and 4 year old programs run together on Mondays and Wednesdays
3 year old program - 9am-1pm (8 hours a week)
4 year old program - 8.30 – 4pm (15 hours a week)
Numbers are limited to 20

Carols by Candlelight 2015

Proudly presented by Upper Kiewa Valley Lions Club
Tuesday 15th December 2015
Venue: Mount Beauty Secondary College, outside the Jessie Hollonds Studio Building.
6.00pm –
BBQ and soft drinks, snow cones, popcorn and fairy floss all available from 6.00pm.
8.00pm –
Carols by Candlelight with local artists, community band and community carols, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Santa will give out bags of lollies for all the children under 12 years of age.
Parents, teachers, mark this in your diary to come along, bring the children and make this a fun night for all. We encourage all to bring your own blankets, rugs and chairs. After Santa Claus arrives at approximately 9.15, and once lollies have been given to all the children, there will be an extended Carols by Candlelight community singalong.
For more information please call Keith Pike on 5754 1668 or 0408 652 471.

Mount Beauty and District Community Bank

End of Year Concert...

‘A Year To Remember’
Featuring
Music of War, Hope and Peak
Mt Beauty Community Centre
Saturday, November 21st at 8.00pm.
Admission: Adults $5.00
Students : $2.00 Under 5’s: Free
The program includes a medley of much-loved Songs of the Great War, rousing marches, an upbeat version of Amazing Grace and more.
For more information: 5754 4586 or 5754 1668

Mt Beauty Schools’ Band
End-Of-Year Concert 2015

An evening of music performed by students from Mt Beauty Secondary College, Mt Beauty Primary School and Tawonga Primary School featuring our three concert bands, jazz ensemble and a grand combined ensemble.

Date: Thursday December 3rd
Venue: Mt Beauty Community Centre
Time: 7:30pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation