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.

Planning for 2016 - Our aim is to
1. Keep classes small - to give all students the individual attention they need.
2. Provide a comprehensive curriculum - that meets individual needs, talents and interests.
3. Support different learning styles and abilities - through a focus on differentiation.
4. Building and maintaining our resources - including IT, playground and learning spaces.
5. Ongoing support and professional learning - ensuring staff can access quality learning to improve their teaching practice.

We will have 3 classes P/1 Mrs Gorham, 2/3 Mrs Franzke, 4/6 Miss Watson. In Literacy our Yr 2-6s will work together to allow for fluid groupings of students based on needs. We are also in a position to have a 2 day a week teacher to support us being able to maintain 3 classes for most sessions. The teacher for this is yet to be finalised. If parents have any questions please make a time to speak with me.

Victorian School Garden Awards
Thanks you to Heath and Michelle Niedzwiedzi who travelled to the Royal Botanical Gardens last Thursday to accept our STATE AWARD for best school gardens with student enrolments under 100 students. We have won $1500 in garden vouchers.

Statewide Transition Day
Next Tuesday our Yr 6s heading to Mt Beauty Secondary College and our new Preps will have their final transition day. Our new Preps will join us from 9-1pm. On this day we will run our morning session in the classes students will be in for next year. We welcome back the Bower family (Ethan, Jade and Aiden )who are past students from 4 years ago. We also have a new boy Connor starting in Yr2.

Kitchen Garden Benefit Dinner
Sunday nights roast dinner was a success with approx. $2100 raised to go towards our Kitchen Garden program. A huge thank you to Ezra for his fabulous catering of the event and to all the parents and family who assisted to make the night run smoothly.

School Band End of Year Concert
Best of luck to Lachlan S, Heath, Josh and Sienna who will be playing tonight in the school band concert. The students have been rehearsing hard. Well done. Thank you to Jarrod Policha for his coordination of the schools band.

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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.

*Strobe lights will be used during this performance.*
With the end of year fast approaching this newsletter will give you a summary of what is happening.

**Tuesday 8th December** - All costumes to be finalised and at school. Please place in a named bag.

**Monday 14th December** - Full dress rehearsal at the hall.  

**Swimming 1-3**

**Tuesday 15th December** - School Production  - Matinee 11am

**Community Christmas Carols** - Singing The Aussie 12 Days of Christmas and I want a hippopotamus for Christmas. Students to wear school yellow top and whatever other clothes they choose and accessorise in a Christmas fashion. Our Kinder students will also be joining us.

**Wednesday 16th December** - With 2 late nights in a row we understand if you wish to bring younger students to school a little later. We will be swimming from 1-3pm on this day.

**PRODUCTION - DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE 7pm start** - **All students need to be at the Tawonga Hall by 6.15pm** where they will change into costumes in the tents and get make up done (if any parents are able to assist with make-up on the night please speak with Liz). Students need to bring a drink bottle. Parents are asked to bring a plate of supper to share after the show. Tickets are available on the night. Please spread the word and invite family and friends. After the production we will have our Year 6 graduation and presentations.

**Thursday 17th December** -

**Year 6 Farewell Breakfast** - 8.30am at Seasons Café Hollonds Street Mount Beauty $10 per student. Parents are invited to stay.

**Pool Party** – 10-12am Fun games and free swim - bring fruit snack and recess.

**Lunch** - Children will be offered: Home made sausage rolls, homemade pizza, Fruit Drink, Icy Pole, Fresh cut up fruit. There will be no cost.

**KRIS KRINGLE** - We will be running a Kris Kringle again this year and ask students to bring a gift under $5. Please keep the gift generic for either a boy or girls. We will run the Kris Kringle in 2 classes P-2 & 3-6. Gifts can be placed under our Christmas tree prior.

**Friday 18th December** - Cleaning day early finish 2.30pm Free Dress—no uniform.

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**Prep Late night and Yr 1/2 sleepover**

A great night was had by the students last Friday night. We had some very excited young children. It is not everyday you get to sleep at school. Thank you to Erin Angelini and Yvette Hind who stayed the night and to Sarah and Di Farrington for thier help.

**Tour of Bright**

The Tour of Bright 3 day stage race is on this weekend. Thank you to the following parents who have offered to assist at short notice at the sprint point at our school crossing on Saturday morning between 10-12 to act as judges. Graham Boote, Gary Irving and Mark Lucey. The school will receive a donation as a thank you from the tour organisers.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

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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.
This year is the 150th year anniversary of ‘Alice in Wonderland’ and as a tribute to Lewis Carroll we are going to be performing ‘Down The Rabbit Hole’. Preparations are in full swing with many props being made at school during ‘Making Day’. Children will soon be sent home a note with their costume requirements. If you are able to assist in any way we would love to hear from you. Erin Angelini and Anne Stanmore are busy with backdrops and sewing but extra help is always appreciated. Please come and see Ellen or Liz who still need help with sewing, props collecting and making.

Costume requirements for Prep to year 2 as follows:

Year Prep and 1 (Cost Flowers)— Students require a tutu (please bring as many as you have), a plain white or plain coloured T Shirt, black leggings.

Year 2 and Alec (Card Soldiers) - Plain black top and black pants. We are making card sandwich boards at school.

Individual costume requirements are being sent home with each student.

Please put costume to school in a named material shopping bag, by Tuesday if possible.

IF ANY PARENTS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COSTUMES OR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRODUCTION PLEASE SPEAK WITH ELLEN OR LIZ.

Any parents who are able to offer any assistance on the Monday prior to the concert to set up seating and transport equipment from school to the hall (a trailer will be required), we would love to hear from you.
**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

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**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.

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**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