Dear Parents,

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Our formal parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday. All parents are asked to attend, and we find it very useful if the student attends as well – that way we have the three people vitally interested in the student’s education there at the one time. Teachers are available at the following times. You may book an interview time by calling in or telephoning school:

- **Sue Kovacs**: 1:30-3:30 and 3:40-5:30
- **Ellen Gorham**: 9:40-10:30 and 3:40-5:30
- **Kellie Rutherfurd**: 11:30-1:00 and 3:40-5:30

We realise that at 10 minutes these scheduled interviews are quite short, and ask everyone to keep to the time allotted. As always, if you would like to speak with your child’s teacher further it is easy to make another time. The best time is usually after school as the before school period is very busy for teachers.

**Music Man and Anastasia Fairy**

In conjunction with the Mt Beauty Music Festival, Tawonga PS is proud to bring to its students tomorrow afternoon a performance by “Music Man and Anastasia Fairy”. This duo specialises in children’s entertainment and promises to bring us an entertaining show! Parents are most welcome to come along at 2pm and join in.

**Ski Program planning 4:30pm Wed May 2**

Every year at this time we invite interested parents to come to our initial planning meeting for the year 3-6 ski program. At this stage we intend to offer the same program as last year, but are always willing to consider other ideas. Over the years I have been at Tawonga I have found this program particularly beneficial to children from non-skiing families. The meeting will consider operating the following program:

- Four ski days – two downhill and two cross-country, except that families may elect to do all cross-country, as downhill is so much more expensive.
- Year 3 students only eligible for downhill skiing following discussion with parents.
- The 8:45-4:45 long day timetable to maximise time on snow
- A P-1-2 snow day to be organised later in the season as it was in 2010 - with a 9-3:30 program, no chair lifts, and transport by parent volunteers.

If you would like to suggest a variation to the above, or if you are a first time ski parent and would like to know more at this early stage,
please come along. You may also wish to put your ideas on paper for us.

**Guidance to Parents for Student use of online learning resources**
At Tawonga Primary School our education is enhanced by the use of various online learning resources. The online sites mentioned below are 100% safe for students, but of course we do encourage parents to provide supervision for children any time they are on the internet to ensure they do not stray onto sites that may be harmful. It is good practice to have computers with internet access for children in family rooms rather than bedrooms.

**Languages Online**
This site is provided free of charge by the Education Department and has easy to use resources for learning French, Indonesian and other languages. If interested, parents will be able to quickly catch up with their children in learning a few words of these languages. Children are encouraged to use the site at home to consolidate learning done at school. Many of the activities are fun. You may enjoy doing them with your child. It is OK to explore words not covered at school. The only guidance I would suggest here is that some of the activities on the site can be completed without reference to the instructions or words to be learnt by simple ‘key-bashing’ – this is clearly not constructive.

**Mathletics**
This site is accessed by the student’s unique log-in, and is paid for in part by the school and in part by the Region on an annual basis. Teachers have found this to be a very good system. There is the game section where students compete in number-crunching exercises against other students who happen to be online at that time. The more valuable section is the “folders” or “gold bars” section where students work through a number of exercises to achieve completed gold bars. Teachers control which sections of the curriculum are on view here so it is OK for students to work on any available section. They may not have been instructed in a particular part of the course in class yet, so parents may offer instruction or return to an area the student is more familiar with. In any case, we would suggest that the emphasis be on enjoying the activities, and stopping before the student finds it becoming onerous. Like much of our schoolwork – it should be fun!

Please feel free to talk to us about any issues that may arise from online learning at home.

**Yesterday’s kinder working bee**
We had volunteers here all day yesterday building the fence and playground for our new kinder space. It was very pleasant working with such a keen crew, and lot of progress was made towards completion of the project. Work will continue this weekend, and I know there’ll be at least one vacant spot on the team as I’ll be helping out with the Music Festival. Any helpers for an hour or two will be very welcome.
Hi Greater School Community
Hope everyone had a good day yesterday and took a moment to reflect about the sacrifices that our defence personnel have given, and continue to give, so that we can live freely in this great land we call home. Thanks go to Josh Angelini, Tarn Dwyer & Lachlan Angelini (Tawonga Kinder) supported by Major Erin Angelini for representing our school at the 11:00 service.

As a result of Roly Kukainis leaving council I would like to welcome Clare Cambridge-Dillon onto the school council. I am sure that her wealth of experience, skills, and enthusiasm will be put to good use.

It was really good to have Gary Fletcher give us a rundown on the principal selection process. I lost count at how many times Gary emphasised that it is crucial to follow procedure and respect confidentiality. If we do this wel we will have a great outcome. If we don’t......

Our next meeting will be on 8th April starting at 7:00pm, please come along as the first 30 mins are set aside for council to hear your thoughts.

If you have anything you wish to discuss regarding the running of the school please give me a call, 0408 035 754, or better still grab me in person.
Always Promoting Healthy & Happy Children

Cheers, Davide Angelini
P.S. the first student to pick up the typo is in for a reward (parents can help)

**DONATIONS REQUIRED**

We are looking for donations of old rusty garden tools, rabbit traps, farm equipment for our sculptures at school. If you have anything or want to know if its suitable please contact Davide Angelini.
**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Don’t forget that in May we will be running our book fair - an ideal time to buy presents for kids or grandchildren. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for dates and times.

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**Mothers Day Afternoon Tea Thursday 10th May 2:00 pm**

Tawonga PS will be holding a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea on Thursday 10th May starting at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea of tea/coffee/milo and scones, jam and cream will be served. We hope to see you there! We will also be holding our annual Mothers day Stall on this day. Gifts will be available for children to buy for $1.00 or $2.00.

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**MOUNT BEAUTY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Our School will once again be running a BBQ at the Mt Beauty Music Festival this year on Sunday 29th April. This is one of the schools main fundraisers and we would appreciate having you help. If anyone has a spare couple of hours and would like to help out please place your name in the time you are available and return to the school. If anyone has any questions regarding this please contact Kelly Roffey.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Commonwealth Bank School Banking is every Thursday. If you need more information about opening a Youth Saver account please see Lisa in the Office.

There are some great incentives for your children to participate in School Banking not to mention the lessons learnt in saving.

The School also benefits from your children banking with school banking with a Commission being paid each quarter.
HIGH COUNTRY FUN RUN  
FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012.

Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek and Tawonga Primary Schools will come together to take part in the High Country Fun Event tomorrow. 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. Parents too are invited to join in if they like.

Program

10:15 am  
Children from Mt Beauty & Falls Creek arrive at Tawonga.  
Social playtime with all schools.

10.45 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, Preps.

1:00 – 2.00 pm  
Lunch (Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal or bring your own).  
Presentations

Children should please bring:

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

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

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ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

We need plenty of helpers out on the course or help setting-up the day before. Can you ring the school or complete the attached form if you can help?

I am able/unable to help set up for the Fun Run on Thursday 17th May. Set up will be from 2.00pm.

Name:_________________________________

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BRIGHT FUN RUN
Sunday 29th April 2012
2km, 5km, 10km.
9am start
Bright P-12 College Stadium
03 57551166.
Registration forms available at Bendigo Bank, Dickens Real Estate and
www.brightp12.vic.edu.au

FREE Entry pass
To Mount Beauty Festival
Venue Lakeside Care
(Opposite the Mt Beauty Fire Station)
For the Itz4kidz Festival

ON Sat April 28th 10am-4pm
Sun April 29th 10am-3pm
Children under 13yrs must be accompanied by an adult

BASKETBALL TIMES
Monday Representative Training will now start at 4:30 pm and end at 6:30 pm
Thursday night session times are as listed.
4:15 – 5:00 pm (Ages 5 – 7 years)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Ages 8 – 11 years)
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Ages 12 – 15 years)
7:00 pm + 16 plus years Women
For further information please contact Kelly 0439 951577

Mark and Kelly Roffey
PO Box 132
MOUNT BEAUTY VIC 3699
03 5754 1117 - Home
0437 131 778 - Mark
0439 951 577 - Kelly

UNIFORM TARTAN – TAWONGA PS
Tawonga Primary School Tartan is available at:
Brunella Schoolwear
25 South Street Wodonga
Telephone 02 60244301
Tartan is available by the metre, you need to
tell them it’s “Tawonga Primary School” tartan,
as it does not have a name.
Skirts and pinafores are also available to be
made to order.
The contact person for this is Christine May.

Mt Beauty Tennis Club
Junior Club Championships
Round Robin Singles
Sunday 6th May, (please note change of date)
Commencing from 10.30am
$5 entry, includes lunch.
Players must be a current club member
to be eligible to play.
Entries or enquiries to:
Sue Veikkanen: 57541252
Andrea Moorman: 57545399
MOUNT BEAUTY MARATHON

DATE: Saturday 19th May 2012
START TIME: 10am
PLACE: Mt Beauty High School

A day of fun for the family or serious runner alike.
Experience one of the most scenic fun runs in our beautiful alpine town in autumn.

Register online and save money
www.mtbeauty.com/halfmarathon/
Limited late entries on the day from 8:00am to 9:00am at
Mt Beauty Pool Complex

Mother’s Day Special
Sunday May 13th
Pamper mum this Mother’s Day with this Body Bliss Pamper Pack
Begins with a one hour massage, deluxe facial, hot stone foot spa & massage includes a glass of bubbles on arrival and a gift to take home.
Valued at $210 Special price $100 ($100 saving!)
For more information Phone 03 57544118 or visit us online at www.jostherapies.com.au or pop in to the shop
20A Kiewa Crescent
Mount Beauty
Gift Vouchers also available

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES
Located at
WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE
Mitchell Street Wodonga

Language Classes for 2012
The Victorian School of Languages is offering language classes in 2012 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at the Wodonga Middle Years College in Mitchell Street.

Classes are available in Spanish, Japanese and Chinese on Monday afternoon and French, Italian and German on a Tuesday afternoons from 4.15 – 6.00pm

Enrol on line at www.vsl.vic.edu.au
You will automatically receive a confirmation email which you will need to print and bring to the supervisor before class in Room A9 at the Wodonga Middle Years College.

If you have attended VSL classes before you will need to follow the re-enrol prompts on the website.

Primary and secondary students are eligible to enrol, from Government and non-Government schools, in Albury as well as Wodonga.

Adults are welcome to enrol but will need to do so manually at the centre with the supervisor.

If you require additional information please contact Chris Varker at varker.christine.g@edumail.vic.gov.au or on 0428 310001 or AH (03) 57261 269
Costs: $70 a year for students in Years 1-10
$350 for adults per year.
Please deduct 1 term tuition if your child is to commence in Term 2

CHRIS VARKER
VSL Supervisor Wodonga Centre

MOUNT BEAUTY SECONDARY COLLEGE PRESENTS

Robin Hood and Maid Marian

Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th of May.
7.30pm In the Jessie Hollonds Studio.

Tickets available from front office of Mt Beauty Secondary College.
Adults: $10.00
Students/Concession $7.50
Primary Students $5.00
Office Phone Number $57544005.

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET
Saturday May 5th
9am to 1pm.
In the grounds of the Community Centre
Interested Stallholders can contact Bev on 57544097.