Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher Interviews

I received very positive reports from yesterday’s interviews. This type of communication between teachers and parents is vital, so if you could not make it in yesterday please be sure to contact us for an appointment.

Music, Music, Music

A big week in music last week …

Firstly, all of our classes had a great time with the first of our regular music sessions on Thursday. Conrad will be doing a lot of general familiarisation with music types and terminology and then working towards a production piece for each class to perform by the end of the term.

Secondly, for some students private piano lessons with Kathy Seymour began in what will be our music room on Thursday morning.

Finally, on Friday all students enjoyed a song and dance performance – with audience participation - by The Music Man and Anastasia Fairy. Many of our students and their families also took up the offer of free children’s performance over the Music Festival weekend.

MacDonald’s HoopTime basketball

A big thankyou to Mark Roffey who came to school last week to give our students instruction and practice in advance of the trip to Albury-Wodonga for the school basketball festival in June. As you can see, Mark was dressed as a bank manager, but his depth of knowledge and experience in basketball was quickly apparent, and both children and teachers were very appreciative of his assistance. I am genuinely amazed at the skill levels our students have picked up through their involvement with the basketball club. As with any good club where kids mix with others a year or two older, it has also been very useful in building their social skills and behaviour!
Life Education Van on Friday.
On Friday we will have our annual visits from Happy Harold and the Life-Ed van. This program, supported by Rotary, brings age-appropriate drug and life education to students at all year levels. This year’s programs will be:

P-1: Harold Heroes – smoking, medicines, unsafe behaviour
2-3-4: Harold’s Diary – getting on with others
5-6: Burning Issue: smoking!!

Parents are most welcome to take a look at the van and its programs - the most convenient time this year is 3-3:30pm.

NAPLAN tests May 15-17
Our year 3 to 6 students are currently undertaking practice ‘persuasive writing’ as well as exercises in reading comprehension and numeracy in preparation for the national testing program to begin Tuesday week. Students are tested in the odd years – 3, 5, 7, 9, so for students in the even years this work helps them remain familiar with the process as well as forming part of their regular curriculum. Parents of year 3 or 5 students with any questions at all about this year’s testing are encouraged to ring or call in to see us.

Ski Program planning  4:30pm this afternoon
(Re-print from last week)
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.

Survey for prep parents to do
A survey is being conducted to see if our transition to school program is meeting parents’ needs. Please find the link below for the 2011-2012 transition to school survey. Please provide any feedback by Monday 7th May. You will note that the survey includes reference to the schools in the Ovens Valley as well but we will be able to filter the results to analyse the transition survey for the upper Kiewa Valley.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kinder_to_prep_transition

Bob Flower
Principal
QUEENSCLIFF CAMP 2012

Our Year 5,6 camp (combining with Dederang Primary) was highly successful. In fact it was brilliant! For the week, the weather was “picture perfect” - absolutely ideal for a beach camp. Each of the activities were highly successful and educational. From our highlight of surfing at Ocean Grove, to tours of Pt Lonsdale lighthouse, Queenscliff fort, Marine Discovery Centre, rockpool rambles, fishing, swimming, beach play, concert, to the Maritime Museum. It would not have been such a positive experience without the incredible support and teamwork from all the students.

You are a dynamic group of students! Congratulations!

A huge thankyou to our fabulous parent helpers –Will Hood and Clare Cambridge-Dillon. They were a great duo, multi tasking in the kitchen and turning out delicious meals.

Thanks again to parents for all your help, getting your child organised for camp. Cheers Mrs K
Queenscliff

Run!

Brr!

Smile :)

Cool!

Goal

roar

Rockin’

waves

slimy

Dig!

Pose

Wow!

Paddle!

Relax

chief

Queenscliff 2012
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. The book fair will be running on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of next week. This will take place during recess and lunchtimes.

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!
No Mothers day stall will be held this year.

BAND REHEARSAL AND LESSONS
Please note that all lessons and Beginner’ Band rehearsal will be cancelled next Tuesday the 8th of May 2012.
Thanks Jarrod Policha.

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.
PARENT CLUB NEWS

Calendar of events:
Thursday 10th May : Mothers Day Stall
Trivia Night ~ TBA
Wednesday 29th August : Fathers Day Stall
Friday 23rd November : Twilight Market
Fri-Sun 2/3/4th December : Family Camp
Tuesday 18th December : School Concert

Family BBQ:
On Friday 25th May the parent group are holding an informal and relaxed BBQ which will be free for all to attend. This is mostly a celebration and thank you for the work that has been put into the Kindergarten (not to mention an opportunity for everyone to come and see all that has been done), but is also a simple fun event for families to enjoy. The only 'item' that will be up for discussion will be the school crossing where we will ask families to sign a petition that will be presented to School Council and to the Alpine Shire Council. We hope to see as many families as possible come and join in.

2012 Mothers Day Stall
This year we aren't asking for donations ~ the parent group have spoken with the teachers and the children will make something special to give to their mums. The yummy afternoon tea will still be held on Thursday 10th May and we would love to see as many mums/grandmothers/carers as possible come along and be treated to delicious scones, jam, cream and tea/coffee.

Trivia night:
Just advance warning that this event is being re-assessed and there will be more news in the next Parent Group newsletter.

Parent Group
As always, we love to have as many families involved in the Parent Group as possible. If you would like to come along (there is lots or little you can do and no pressure at all) we would love to have you. It's an opportunity for you to be involved in the school, but even more so, an opportunity to have a relaxed and enjoyable chat with other parents from the school. Our next meeting will be at the Tawonga Store at 9.15am on Tuesday 15th May ~ hope to see you there :)
COMMUNITY NEWS

BASKETBALL TIMES

Monday Representative Training will now start at 4:30 pm and end at 6:00 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/halffmarathon/
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
Begin 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

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.
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

Notice of AGM – 14 May 2012
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Mt Beauty Amateur Swimming Club Inc will be held on Monday 14 May 2012, at The Settlers Tavern Hotel, 7.00pm.
For further information please see the notice board at the Mt Beauty Swimming Pool or email the Secretary Darren Cootee on: darrencootee@ necwf.com.au

Please support your children and consider nominating for a position on the committee.

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