



Tawonga Primary School Newsletter

Healthy, Happy Children ... Learning to Live

Our vision: To educate students with the life skills necessary to achieve academic, social and emotional success.

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Dear Parents,

NAPLAN

Our national testing last week went smoothly. Teachers reported that although students were exposed to plenty of pre-familiarisation activities, some still find it difficult. We can, however, be satisfied our children have done their best – I congratulate them on their efforts and perseverance. History tells us that our students are very well prepared for testing programs when they go on to secondary college.

Fun Run a hoot

I'm not sure if it was the weather, the course, or the fact that we had Dederang with us this year, but something was right about Friday's Fun Run day. The children from all schools enjoyed the time together, and the vast majority enjoyed the run as well! Well done to the students on their efforts, and a big thank-you to the parents who were able to come along and help us out. The event is an important part of our "Kids, Go For Your Life" membership conditions whereby we run an event with significant levels of physical activity at least once per term. In term 1 we had the athletics sports, in term 2 we have the fun run, in term 3 we will hold the annual walkathon and in term 4 it is to be a walk/ride to school day.



New Entrance

You may have noticed that our new school entrance is coming along. In the past week the very impressive entranceway sign made and donated by Davide Angelini has appeared. Thank you for your wonderful creation!



Mary-Anne to teach P1 class on Wednesdays

After considerable deliberation and discussion with me, Kellie has elected to reduce her time fraction at work to 0.8 (4 days per week). In her place on a Wednesday, we are fortunate to have the services of Mary-Anne Cariss to teach the P-1 class. Ensuring the continuity of the program for the P-1 students was vitally important before we signed off on the new arrangement this week. Mary-Anne has been



able to commit to the Wednesdays for the remainder of the year, and is now working closely with Kelly to deliver a consistent program throughout the week. Rather than being disruptive, we believe the children will benefit from the exposure to the two teachers during the remainder of the year.

School Council Next week

There will be a school council meeting on Tuesday at 7pm. As always, interested parents are invited to attend. Items on this week’s agenda will include: organisation of the ‘arts’ event involving students to mark the completion of our building and celebrate work done by students this semester; possibilities for signage on the fence to the left of the new pedestrian entrance; the kindergarten; and holding of a major fundraiser later in the year.

Roller Blading on Wednesdays

A number of students turned up after school yesterday for roller-blading action. It will be on

again next Wednesday after school – students just need to bring a helmet (other equipment supplied) and book into Outside School Hours Care.



Bob Flower
Principal

CALENDAR 2012

MAY	2012	
Friday	24	Souhails Memorial Tree Planting 10.00am. Parents Welcome.
Mon – Fri	21 -25	Education Week
Tuesday	29	School Council Meeting 7.00pm.
JUNE	2012	
Tuesday	5	Hoop Time – Years 3/4. School Council Meeting Time TBA.
Monday	11	Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Friday	15	Report Writing Day – classes will still be running on this day
Tuesday	19	Hoop Time – Year 5/6
Wednesday	27	Open night with Arts Performances
Friday	29	Last Day of Term 2. School Finishes 2.30pm.

KINDERGARTEN LOOKING FANTASTIC



Some pictures of the new Kindergarten yard. All looking fantastic. The children will have a great time playing here.

SKI PROGRAM 2012 YEARS 3,4,5 &6

All Year 3,4,5 and 6 students should receive their Ski Program Information this week.

Please read and return forms and money as soon as possible, so that lessons can be booked. If there are any questions or concerns, please see Sue Kovacs or Bob Flower.

Payment -

Note – all payments to be made by Friday July 1st – the last day of this term. This year parents are invited to pay by weekly instalments if this would be easier. You can pay \$20 to \$40 per week starting from next week until all paid.

Clothing & Equipment-

Keep the Clothing/Equipment List in a safe place for future reference. It is your checklist.

Advance notice – All students will need to bring their ski clothing and equipment for a check on the last Wednesday (June 27th of this term.

Please understand we take skiing safety extremely seriously. Clothing and equipment needs to be checked in advance and on each day we ski, to ensure safety of your child and the rest of the group. Ultimately this also ensures your child has a happy, comfortable day in the snow. There will be a phone tree organised for cancellations. The phone tree will be handed out next term.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS

Transition Days to Mt beauty Secondary College –

Year 6 students spent the day at the college on Monday and the Year 5 students were there on the Tuesday of this week. All appears to have gone smoothly. The highlight seems to be the cooking of the mini Hawaiian pizzas!

Year 5/6 Homework –

Homework has commenced for all Year 5 and 6 students. It will be made available each Wednesday and is due before or by the following Wednesday.

Year 5/6 Classroom –

Now that NAPLAN tests are out of the way, we have launched into 2 exciting tasks – writing, publishing and illustrating a Children's Story and researching Aboriginal culture.

Any Aboriginal artwork would be welcome in our classroom, or if you have any contacts who may be able to come and talk with the class, please feel free to talk to me about this.

Reminder – Absences and Out of Uniform –

If your child is absent or out of uniform, please follow the school procedures: write a short note in their diary for that day to acknowledge his/her being absent or out of uniform. With absences a courtesy phone call that morning is also appreciated. This system is used at a primary and secondary college level and it is important that students follow this procedure, in preparation for secondary college.

YEAR 2,3,4 NEWS

The students in Year 2,3,4 will be attempting to make a pinball machine next week. We are exploring different forces and movements, including pulling, pushing and rolling.

For this we need lots of materials so we ask that if you have any of the following we would appreciate you sending it along.

- Cardboard Box as the base: (ideally: 30x40cm, cut down to about 5cm high).
- Scrap cardboard to make different contraptions with
- Interesting items you might want to put into your pinball machine such as:
 - ✓ Bobbins
 - ✓ Wire to make a track with
 - ✓ Egg Cartons
 - ✓ Kitchen Roll, (to roll your marbles in).



The school will provide paddle-pop sticks, elastic bands, glue, hot-glue, match sticks, paper and paint to make your creation fabulous and interesting.

Toys

We would also like students to bring a toy to display in our classroom. Your toy needs to have or do one or more of the following:

- ✓ Make a noise
- ✓ Light up
- ✓ Move

The purpose of bringing a toy to school is to categorise all the toys according to certain criteria.

PREP, 1 NEWS

Hello Prep / 1 parents,

Welcome to 'week 6'.....Thanks for all your hard work at the Fun Run and thanks to the students for having such a fantastic time. A job well done!

In the classroom....

In literacy this week we are continuing to focus on word work, with the students working in small groups to complete a set task. The task that the groups are working on consist of: PM readers on the computers, spelling convention books, typing out their story from last week and spelling quiz from the magic word list.

With writing this week the students are looking at the Olympic Torch and learning that the Torch represents Unity, Friendship and peace. The students then wrote positive affirmations relating to Unity, Friendship and peace.

In Maths, the focus for year 1 is on equal groups and measurement. The preps are learning about number 10, patterns and empty/Full. The students have also been working on the computers completing Mathletics and Maths Made Easy.

Music, music, music.....What an awesome program! The students in Prep/ 1 are really enjoying the classes. The songs that we are working on are 'Kookaburra sits in the gum tree'; 'We are the Tawonga Kids' and 'Botony Bay'. Keep up the great work Prep/ 1.

Activity suggestion for this week..

From the magic word list inside your child's reader folder, choose 5 words, then find smaller words hidden inside each of the words.

Here's to a great week,
Kellie ☺

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 2nd June 9.00am to 1.00pm.
For stalls phone Bev on 57544 097.
Local organisations and Craft people are welcome to set up a stall – so please come along. Your participation would be welcome.

Mt Beauty Tennis Club

Social Tennis

Every second Saturday of the month

Sat 12th May

Sat 9th June

Sat 14th July

Sat 11th Aug

Sat 8th Sept

Sat 13th Oct

Commencing 1.30pm. Cost \$2 members \$5 non-members

We welcome all players: members, non-members, visitors, beginners, experienced,

MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB NEWS

Mt.Beauty Soccer Club first gala day for season 2012

Venue: Yackandandah lower cricket oval

Day/time: Saturday 19th May @ 9.30am (all players to be there @ this time)

Players need to have shin pads, black socks, black shorts.

There will be a canteen available.

Ron Crawford 57544886 or 0413 339 570

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Mt Beauty Primary School

presents:

2012 Ski Sale

Second Hand Ski Sale

This is a major fundraising event for Mount Beauty Primary School. Your participation and contribution will assist to upgrade our school facilities.

Bring any winter ski gear you have for sale and we will sell it for you adding 20% commission for the school. Alternately you can donate your gear to the school and we will receive all of the proceeds from the sale.

When: Saturday 9th June 2012 (Queens Birthday Weekend)

Where: Mount Beauty Community Centre
Hollands Street Mount Beauty

**Time: 8am Registration of Goods
10am – 2pm Sale of Goods**

What to Sell: Any items for Downhill, Cross Country, Snowboarding, Skis, Boards, Boots, Poles, Hats, Gloves, Jackets, Car Chains etc...

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