



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,

Farewell and all the best!

It was so good to share last evening with the whole school community as I prepare to farewell you all. The original idea had been to hold an open night to celebrate finally settling in to our wonderful new building. As you would no doubt be aware there are always lots of details to sort like shelving, cupboards and furniture, and it was only a last minute effort last weekend that saw the final display boards prepared for the opening. As it turned out, the evening developed into much more, of course. It was a great opportunity to showcase the musical talents that Conrad is so skillfully drawing out of our children. I had seen and participated in a few rehearsals, but the performances last night were still surprising. The children always bring out a little extra on the night. Great credit is due also to our senior students – to Madison, who so capably performed the role of MC, and to the students who showcased their children's picture story books, and Australian poetry recitals. Well done to you all!



Kindergarten

The open afternoon yesterday also gave the community a chance to see the results of much effort put in by a small group of dedicated parents and friends. Our kinder teacher, Bailey, came down for the afternoon, along with supervisors Anne and Julie from CEYC (Community Early Years Childcare). The Tawonga kinder children, who have been travelling to Dederang for classes, were able to have their session in the new facilities. They were thrilled to be here - the area speaks for itself, an environment conducive to the physical and visual stimulation necessary for the development of pre-schoolers. This beautiful area will delight the children with its creative play equipment and the indoor room has a charm that any teacher would love to teach in.



Reports

Semester One reports will go home tomorrow. Our teachers all report that they have had a wonderful semester working with your children, and have seen lots of progress in their abilities since the beginning of the year. Parents are encouraged to contact us with any feedback. There is even a parent comment section which you may make a note on and send back to school.

Don't come to school on the first day next term

The first day of next term is a curriculum day. Over the years Tawonga school has achieved excellent academic results in the national testing program, and particularly so in writing. Sue Kovacs has long used techniques from "Seven Steps to Writing Success" to specifically teach children, in small steps, what is required in a piece of writing. On the first day of next semester I have arranged for Jen McVeity, the author of this groundbreaking work, to come to Tawonga and deliver her program to all of the schools in the cluster. We will have teachers here from Dederang and Falls Creek primary schools, as well as all the English teachers from the secondary college. It particularly pleases me that our children will now progress to secondary where the teachers have been trained in the same proven method of developing good writers.



Goodbye and thanks for the rabbits!!

And so it's goodbye from me -it's been a great ride! As I look back over five years I note that I did not introduce a whole lot of changes, as it was already a very good school. However I am very pleased with a few initiatives: the new motto "...for Happy and Healthy Children" and fun that we injected back into camps and the ski program; introduction of regular professional meetings with teachers across the cluster (Dederang to Falls Creek); combined camps and increased sporting opportunities with other cluster schools; the family camp in term 4; the enhanced end of your concert and of course (after last night) the music program! Thanks to parents for your cooperation and assistance, and to the children for your energy and enthusiasm! Thanks also to our three wonderful teachers who are constantly striving to do the best for the children, and to my wife Jenny who has been called upon more than usual lately to tidy up office files and prepare paperwork to satisfy the new OHS regime. I hope to involve myself with various kinds of voluntary work around the community over the coming years, so I will see you all around and look forward to following the progress of this bunch of students as they proceed through primary and secondary schools.

Bob Flower
Principal

School Assembly

Tomorrows school assembly will be held at 10.30am. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be a morning tea to follow and you are all welcome to stay. Please don't forget it will be free dress also – Yellow is our theme. Gold coin donation will be forwarded to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Piano Term 3

Mrs Seymour has advised that piano will be on Friday 20th, not Thursday 19th for the first week of Term 3. Then will be on Thursdays as normal after that.

CALENDAR 2012

JUNE	2012	
Friday	29	Last Day of Term 2. School Finishes 2.30pm.
Friday	29	Bob's last day – Retirement Dinner Rois 7.00pm
JULY	2012	
Monday	16	STUDENT FREE DAY. Staff will be undertake training in the teaching of writing this day.
Tuesday	17	Term 3 starts for students.
Wednesday	18	Ex Olympian Paul Gray to talk to years 2-6
Thursday	26	1st Ski Day for years 3-6 for 2012.



FAREWELL BOB – HAPPY RETIREMENT

Sue, Ellen, Kellie, Sharon, Julian and Lisa would like to sincerely thank Bob for his hard work and commitment to Tawonga Primary School over the past 5 years. We have 3 very happy and hard working classrooms with children who leave this school with very high standards.

The school yard always looks clean and tidy due to Bob arriving at school early in the mornings, weekends and even holidays, donning his earmuffs and blowing the leaves and rubbish away before the children arrived. Often Bob got the title of 'Bob the Builder' as he would be often seen with his hammer, screwdriver and any number of other tools on his way to fix something so a tradesman wasn't required to be called upon.

Thank you Bob for being a wonderful Principal and friend. We hope you have a wonderful time with Jenny fulfilling all of those items on your bucket list. Remember to send us postcards!!

MOUNT BEAUTY PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL OSHC SERVICE

ATTENTION

Monday 16th July 2012 is a Pupil Free Day at Dederang and Tawonga Primary Schools.

Outside School Hours Care will **not** be running on this day.

Before and After School Care will recommence as per normal on Tuesday 17th July 2012 at both services.

Thankyou, Kath Lewinson, OSHC Manager.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish all our families a very happy and safe holiday. We will see you on Tuesday 17th July 2012.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mt.Beauty soccer club

Wangaratta Gala Day this weekend cancelled. No soccer over the school holidays we will resume training on Saturday the 21st July with the Mt.Beauty Gala day Saturday 28th July. We will be needing volunteers for the canteen and setting up/packing up
Further information contact Ron Crawford
57544886 or 0413 339 570

WANTED

PRE LOVED DEBUTANTE DRESSES

If you are wanting to sell or donate a dress or shoes that could be worn again.
Please contact; Mary-Anne Cariss

Phone: 5754 1271

Email with details: smacariss@gmail.com

SKI HIRE

The Mt Beauty Secondary College Nordic Ski Hire will be open from 2.30pm to 3.30pm this Friday. The cost is \$25 per set of skis for the holidays and after the holidays it will be \$12 per weekend.

Students from the local feeder primary schools and their immediate families, are able to hire. Skis **must** be returned by 8.45am on Monday morning (during term) as they are required for pre booked school programs.

MOUNT BEAUTY BRUMBIES BASKETBALL

Session Times - Term 3 2012

MONDAY NIGHT

Representative Training

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Men's Basketball

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT

Under 8's & Under 10's

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Under 12's & Under 14's

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Under 14's, 16's & Under 18's

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Women's Basketball

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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