Dear Families,

This Friday I will be heading to Wangaratta for a Region Principals Day. This will give me the opportunity to network with other colleagues in schools with similar issues to ourselves. A big focus for the day will be around the restructuring that is going on in the Departments Central Office and at a Region level. On Monday I will also be out of the school attending another Region day where Principals will be working through how we are going to implement the Australian Curriculum into our schools.

This past week we have been busy ensuring that our Kinder facility will be ready to move into ASAP. Anne Bowler from Community Early Years Childcare was here last week with a Department representative to check the facility. It was very positive with only very minor things to fix which has to date been done. We are now in the final stage where we need to wait for the license to be granted. Once this happens the Kinder students will be able to move straight in.

Staff have been working closely together this term on improving our teaching of writing. We have been working through some of the tips from our professional learning day at the beginning of the term. Our noticeboards in the project space are filling up with some very entertaining ‘sizzling starts’ and other work. I encourage you to talk to your children about what they are doing in their classrooms in relation to writing.

I have suggested to the students this week that it would be a good idea to bring slippers to school. We are encouraging students to take their shoes off before they come into class to minimise the amount of dirt and sand that is entering our new building.

We ask parents to return completed Parent Opinion Surveys back to school by tomorrow, Friday 10th August.

Kim Franzke
Principal

Day 1 of our skiing program. The cross country group had a fun day. Smiles all round.
**Invitation to interested students:**

Students are invited to become part of this year’s Kangaroo Joey Hoppet Tawonga Primary School Team. The Joey Hoppet is a 7 Km Cross Country Ski race in mostly flat terrain on a beautifully groomed course. Our aim is to put together one mixed team, however if we have a lot of interest we could have a boy and girl team, each comprising of 5 members.

If you are interested in taking part in this mini version of a world Loppet race please contact the school. Entries need to be made individually via an entry form or online ([www.hoppet.com.au](http://www.hoppet.com.au)). The entry fee is $17 before 11th August or $22 after. Parents of students who enter the race will need to be aware that it will be your responsibility to take your child up to the Nordic Bowl, hire the correct ski gear and be responsible for your child that day.

I hope we can get a team together. The last time Tawonga P.S. participated was 2009 – time to have a presence up on the hill again! In our display cases in our entrance foyer you can see the past pennants that Tawonga PS has been awarded.

If you are unsure of your child’s ability to ski that distance please talk to Kim or myself and we can give you feedback on how they have gone on our skiing program.

Kind regards, Ellen Gorham
School Readiness Meeting

At Tawonga Primary School in the Prep Room, Tuesday 14th August, 7.30pm

Presentation and discussion night regarding your child’s educational journey so you can make well informed decisions.

Meet the Teachers and Principal of Tawonga Primary School.

For all families with preschool children aged 2-4 years old.

Please do not miss this fantastic opportunity.

For any questions please contact the school.

2013 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2013 are now being taken. If you would like an enrolment pack or if you know someone who would like to send their child/ren to Tawonga Primary School in 2013 please see Lisa in the office to collect an enrolment pack.

KINDER/PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM 2013

Term 3

- Tues 28th Aug 9.30am - 11am - Mt Beauty Kinder students visit Tawonga Primary School on an excursion by bus. Students will be involved in some relaxed classroom activities and playtime in the yard. The students will bring a snack to have at Tawonga Primary School. This excursion will be subsidised by the school. Parents are welcome to attend and look around the school.

- Wed 29th Aug 9.30am - 11.00am (Kellie in prep room) and 11.00am - 3.00pm (Bailea in the new kinder room) - Tawonga/Dederang Kinder student will be involved in some relaxed classroom activities and playtime in the yard. The students will be Kellie Rutherfurd between 9.30am to 11.00am and then the students will participate in the normal kinder program from 11.00am to 3.00pm. The students will bring a snack and their lunch to have at Tawonga Primary School. Parents are welcome to attend and look around the school. Bailea McAuliffe, the kinder teacher, will provide you with more information.

Term 4

- Fri 19th Oct, 2nd Nov, 16th Nov and 30th Nov 2.00-3.30pm - Our Prep teacher Kellie Rutherfurd and Principal Kim Franzke will run four informal information sessions for parents with afternoon tea while the kinder students are involved in classroom activities and playtime in the yard. Parents are welcome to leave their children if the school has received a completed enrolment form. All kindergarten students are welcome to these days.

- Tues 11th Dec 9.00-1.30pm - Whole school orientation day for all 2013 students Prep-Year6. Kinder students are to bring a snack and lunch.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL OR TO ORGANISE A TOUR AT A TIME THAT SUITS YOU, PLEASE PHONE 57544 468.
SCOUTS RAFFLE AND SOCK DRIVE

Don’t forget to get your family and friends involved in the two fundraisers we have running at present. With the Scouts raffle $15 from every book sold will go to the school. Extra books are available from Lisa if you require them. Due date back at school has been extended until 17th August. With the Sock Drive $1.00 from every pair of socks ordered will also go to the school. Please support these fantastic fundraisers!!

GRADE FIVE/SIX
It has been delightful to be here replacing Mrs Kovacs. All students have been working hard in class and when doing their homework. We have continued to follow the Sizzling Starts using photos as our point of interest. The students use the photos to motivate them to write a paragraph in three minutes, thinking about how the character feels emotionally. In Science we looked at Friction. We carried out a number of experiments in small groups. Here are a few samples of the Sizzling Sentence Starts. And a few samples of our conclusions for our experiments. Thank you. Di Scott.

MEOW MEOW

Meow, meow’ said the kitten. She saw two little ducklings passing by. I shall get my claws out to scratch them thought the kitten. But then she saw the ducklings’ mother waddling up to her. She suddenly felt really scared that they might hurt her if she hurt their babies. Then she ran off.
By Emelia Roffey. Year Five.

Hello ducky

“Hi little duckies, want to came for tea. We’re having roast duck? The problem is I do not have any ducks to eat yet. I’m sure that you will like the heat of the oven. Come on, just me and bro, I’m sure he will love your chicken wings”. “I’m sure that he will like it but I’m not in the mood”. “Hey Bert”, said Frankie “I’m not sure about this. He seems a bit, well you know, awkward”. By Phillip Hobbs. Year Five.
**Bill Bob and Buck!**
“Wow that guy who’s upside down just used a pole to jump over another pole that’s being held up by another 2 poles, that are upside down as well!”
“You know Bill, I hate it when Buck always falls asleep.”
“Yeh, you’re right” said Bob, “and he always falls asleep when we’re watching T.V through this old guy’s window!”
“This doesn’t make any sense, they do it all upside down!”
“Really? I didn’t think so. Um…. Bill did you say something?”
“No. But if it wasn’t me, or you and it wasn’t Buck well then…..”
“AAAAHHHHHHH”
“Hi my name is Sally and I’m a bird and it all makes sense to me, it might just not make sense to you because you are 3 little possums hanging upside down!”
“You talk?” said Bob as he fainted. He fell down onto the rock and THUMP, he hit his head! Then Buck woke up because the thump woke him up. “Oh sorry guys I forgot to introduce you to Sally. I asked her over for tea!”
“This would’ve been wonderful information earlier on!” said Bob rubbing his little head on the rock!
By Emily Barnes. Year Six.

**Jeffrey, Mc Gregor and Willis**
*Hey that’s Usain Bolt Jeffrey. Why is he celebrating so much? He came last, wait a minute Mc Gregor, why are his hands like that? Is he trying to shoot us or something? AAARRRGGHHHH let’s jump down and army crawl to safety Willis. Yes Sargeant Mc Gregor. Augh he wasn’t even trying to shoot us in the first place! He actually did come first!!!*
*By Clay Cambridge – Dillon. Year Six.*

**GREG, GORDON AND JIMMY**
“Hey! Jimmy what’s happening!” “Me! Of course.” “So aren’t you sick of hangin off this old, rough branch. Isn’t it time to buy a mansion with room service, Ferraris, pools, video games and movies! It would be possums galore! We could throw parties.” “HEY! Gordon snap out of it, stop dreaming. How about we play a game of Swing?” “Oh yeah we already are.”

By Liam Hood. Year Six.
“HEY! BUB, you are in my seat”. Said the little kitten.
“So what? We were here first.”
“Duck move it! “
“Why should I and my bro move?”
“Because I will have to use brutal force.”
“Like what?”
“I will have to lick you”.
“. Hey, hey bro this little kitty said if we do not move he will lick us.”
“What that kitten wants us to move and if we do not he will lick us. What will that do?”
“That’s it you forced me. Slop. Mmmmm they are so tasty. Like plum duck.”
“Amm bro I think we better run.”
By Mike Read. Year Six.

Friction
How Friction Impacts on the Olympic Games.
The weight-lifters use powder to grip. Runners shoes have tread to grip.
By Mitchell Farr, Year Five.

Friction makes a huge difference when it comes to the Olympics. In weight-lifting they use powder on their hands to create greater friction to have a tighter grip on the bar. In running they use spikes on their runners.
By Bella O’Brien. Year Five.

- Spikes create more friction.
- Powder helps with hammer throw, gymnastics, javelin, rowing, weight-lifting and heaps more.
- Caps help to get rid of friction when swimming.
By Madison Ryder. Year Six.
Our Experiments

I can now see that in my test the block on the plain board went down the board in 47 milliseconds. Because of our test I now know that if we had anything on the board, it would be a lot slower than when we had nothing on it. When we had the sandpaper on the plain board, the box did not slide down. The time we gave it was…”Still going!!!”

I can now see that from the tests we did that the ice on the carpet did not have any friction.
By Liam Vickers. Year Six.

Friction is needed in gymnastics. They use powder when throwing the javelin, in weight-lifting, pole vault, hammer throw, shot putt and basically everything except swimming. In any track race they use friction on the soles of the shoes. They put spikes on the bottom of their shoes.
By Sam Cariss. Year Five.

Javelin has a grip a bike has special tyres, and a helmet prevents friction by being in a good shape. Swimmers wear caps or sometimes have all their hair shaved off to prevent friction. Runners need good friction on their shoes because they do not want to fall over.
By Lox Mc Fayden. Year Five.

Friction is the force of resistance to motion between two surfaces moving over each other. Friction only occurs when movement occurs. Friction will stop motion if the moving force is not strong enough to overcome the contact between the two surfaces. Research information by Will Bloom.
Dear Prep 1 parents,

**Incursion with Diane Doyle from North East Water**

On Monday the prep 1 students and the prep 1 / 2 students from Dederang participate in an incursion with Diane Doyle form North East Water. Diane spoke to the students about ‘Where is Water in the World?’ This included the students tasting a few drops of salty water and having a surprise ice block given to them. Next, the students shared a big book about ‘Whizzy the Water Drop’ travelling through the water cycle and ended with Diane wearing various hats representing people in our community who use water. This was such a great day and the students are still enjoying ‘Whizzy the Water Drop’ in the classroom.

In Class

In writing our focus has been on narratives. We have banned the boring bits and many students are now focusing on ‘sizzling starts’. This means beginning a story in an exciting way rather than the ‘one day’ or ‘once upon a time’ beginning that many children often resort to. In maths, the students have been focusing on addition and practising to count on from the larger number. They are working on family facts i.e. what numbers make up 5, what numbers make up 6 and finally what numbers make 10 their friend.

Thanks for your support,

Regards

Kellie, Sharon and Mary- Anne.
COMMUNITY NEWS

School Council Sub Committees
Finance – Kelly Roffey
Building & Grounds – Graham Boote
Curriculum & Policies – Ellen Gorham
Grants – Claire Dillon
Communication & Promotions – Claire Dillon
Kinder - Yvette Hind
Fundraising & Social – Jen Boote/Yvette Hind

FALLS CREEK COACHES
Like “Falls Creek Coaches on Facebook to receive 50% off all fares from Monday to Thursday. Deal ends Thursday 23rd of August. Call our office on 5754 4024 to make a booking.

Lost Property – Size 16 Polar Fleece
We ask parents to look around home and in their Child’s bag for any stray clothing which may have been accidently picked up. We are looking for a Size 16 Polar Fleece jumper. The name which will appear on it is Will Bloom. Thank you.

Mount Beauty Little Athletics
Mount Beauty Little Athletics is run by volunteers to provide Track and Field sporting development opportunities to children 5-14 years old. Programs are run weekly during summer school terms.

Special General Meeting
When: Wednesday 15 August 2012 – 1930
Where: Hoppet Office (next to Information Centre)
This Special General Meeting is being held to determine the 2012-2013 seasons committee. If we do not get some new committee members then we will not be able to continue running the service.
If you would like to help in any way or would like more information but are unable to attend the Special General Meeting, please send through your contact details to mtbeauty@lavic.com.au
Hope to see you there on the night,
Ivan Zirnstein
2011-2012 Mount Beauty Little Athletics Club President