Dear Families

I have spent two days out of the school this past week with fellow Principals from our cluster and region. Last Friday I attended a whole day presentation delivered by Region with a large part of the day learning about the restructuring that is going on within central office and region offices. From a day to day perspective for us at Tawonga PS parents will see very little change, however from an administration perspective there have been a large number of staff cuts. These cuts are in an effort to make the department more sustainable in the long term by centralising services and giving more autonomy back to school Principals and schools in terms of make local decisions that best fit each schools context.

On Monday I attended another day with Principals where we were explained how the National Curriculum is going to be rolled out across schools. This will be a gradual process with 2013 seeing the implementation of the the English, Maths, History and Science parts of the curriculum. I will talk further about this over the year as we as a staff are able to look further into these new documents.

We are lucky to have the experience of Tad Sinclair on staff as of this week who will be doing a few hours of work each week with school maintenance. This will take the pressure off myself so that I can concentrate more on other priorities. Tad will be here on Tuesday mornings.

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION
At the end of Term 2 we had our ‘dress up in yellow day’ to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. This week we sent a cheque to the foundation for $52.00. Thank you to all students who participated.

SIZZLING STARTS
Yesterday we held a ‘whole school shared reading’ task. The students were looking for sizzling starts in picture books. The students have written their sizzling starts and they are on display in the project area.
CALENDAR 2012

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School Council Sub Committees

The past month has seen our sub committees being very busy. It is great to hear the enthusiasm that the parents have about making improvements for our school. Being on all the committees I have been hearing similar thinking regarding various issues. One that appears to be forefront in many people’s thinking including myself and staff is how we can better promote ourselves to the broader community.

I am seeking interest from a small number of parents to come up with a plan around how we can improve our signage. It would be great to have a cross section of parents. Things that need to be considered include: What do we want? Where do we want it? Who could do the work? and the big question how much will it cost? Our Parent Group are supportive of the idea of using some fundraising money to contribute towards this project.

If you are interested could you let me know ASAP so that we can get the ball rolling.

Principal for a Day with the Mayor Mr Peter Roper

Next Tuesday 21st August the Mayor Mr Peter Roper will be visiting our school. The Principal for a Day program is a Department run initiative to pair up community and business leaders from all walks of life with school principals. It gives them a unique insight into the learning environments within schools. Peter used to be a parent and school councillor at Tawonga PS so he is familiar with many aspects of our school already.

The program for the day will be:
8.30 – 9.00am Parents to meet and talk with Peter informally prior to school starting.
9.00 – 11.00am Time in classrooms
11.00 – 11.30am Time to talk with Staff
11.30 – 12.30pm Time with Kim
12.30 – 1.00pm Sit down lunch with the whole school in the project space (see later in the newsletter for further details regarding the lunch).
1.00 – 1.30pm Play in the yard with the students before leaving
**LUNCH MENU FOR PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY.**

On Tuesday 21st August we will be having Mr Peter Roper (Alpine Shire Mayor) joining us for the day. Parent Club will be putting together a luncheon for students and teachers. Please have your lunch preference ready for tomorrow (Friday) so Parent Club can take your orders.

The choices are:
Leek and Potato Soup OR Pumpkin Soup.

Sandwiches – Fresh or toasted. (Please specify when ordering)
Ham
Ham and Cheese
Cheese
Vegemite

Fruit platters will be available for everyone to share.

Gluten Free Students will be catered for.

We ask that each student pays $3.00 towards their lunch. This can be paid on Tuesday. Jen Boote is looking for volunteers to help make sandwiches on the day. If you are able to offer assistance please see Jen.

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**YEAR 5/6 OLYMPIC WORK**

Lots of Art and Olympic work has made this week a great week for all students in Years Five/Six. They all made wire figurines covered with Mod Rock with Jo on Tuesday and using Magiclay they made medals.
Our day started with the whole school looking at Sizzling Starts on Wednesday at Tawonga School. We are concentrating on writing fantastic Sizzling Starts to our stories. The Grade Five/Six students acted as leaders of small groups. Each group evaluated the beginnings of a variety of picture books to then choose a favourite start and make a poster of that wonderful start. Everyone worked together extremely well and the posters look great in our Project Area.

Dianne Scott
Come join Tawonga Primary School to celebrate children’s literature.

On Friday the 24th August

Dress-up Day

Start thinking about what you could be, think about your costume for the parade! Which story book character will you dress as?

There will be a dress-up parade in the morning, readings and book activities throughout the day.

Happy Reading!
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

Apply First Aid HLTFA301B
(Senior First Aid level 2)
Delivered by Australian Red Cross
**Full Course (2 Sessions)**: 9:00am-5:00pm Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 November 2012
**Refresher**: 9:00am-5:00pm Monday 19 November 2012
Fee: Full Course $175
Refresher: $145
Full payment is due by Friday 9 November 2012

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.

**Barista Basics**
1 Session: 11:00am – 3:00pm Tuesday 4 September 2012
Fee: $150:00

**Responsible Service of Alcohol**
1 Session: 6:00pm Tuesday 27 November 2012
Fee: $85:00

**Follow workplace hygiene procedures**
SITXOHS002A
Can be completed online at anytime
Fee: $150:00

**Asian Cooking**
5 sessions 10:30am – 2:30pm starting Thursday 18 October 2012
Course fee: $27:00
Amenities: $17:50
Consumables: $43:75
Total Fee: $88:25*
*ACFE fee Subject to eligibility

Venue: Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
1 Tennis Court Avenue, Mount Beauty 3699
Phone: 03 5754 1166
email: info@mountbeauty.org.au

TAWONGA COMMUNITY
Consultation and Discussion Community Meeting
When: Wednesday 21st September 2012.
Time and Venue to be decided. Please indicate your preference on list at Old Tawonga Store a.s.a.p.
Consultant/Facilitator: Mr Sam Campi
The Regional Development Company.
(Contracted by Alpine Health and Alpine Shire)
Your chance to comment on-
- What our community thinks needs to be fixed, changed, expanded and grown
- What are the issues (related to health and liveability) which need to be resolved – both now and in the future.
- How we will know the changes and improvements have been implemented and are taking affect.

The community focus meeting can only be successful if this meeting is well-attended. Please indicate your meeting preference so arrangements can be finalised.
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). 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

MtBeauty soccer club: training as usual at the football ground this Saturday 18th at 10.30am, Bright Gala Day Saturday 25th August (Pioneer Park) all players be at the ground by 9.30am for 10am kickoff.
Parents please ensure your child has shin pads, black socks & black shorts, food and drinks can be purchased on the day.
Contact Ron Crawford 57544886 or 0413 339 570 if you have any questions.