Information about possible stop work – Please be aware that there may be interruptions to classes on Wednesday 5th September due to possible AEU (Australian Education Union) Stop Work action. We will confirm this with a formal letter on Monday.

Dear Families

**Bookweek** - Last Friday was a lot of fun with our dress up day to celebrate Bookweek. It was great to see the effort that everyone went to make a costume.

**Kinder/Prep Transition Sessions** - Tuesday and Wednesday we have been busy with our first Kinder/Prep transition sessions. The Mt Beauty Kinder and Tawonga/Dederang Kinder kids have spent the morning involved in activities in the Prep/Year 1 classroom. The Tawonga/Dederang Kinder kids were lucky to be able to spend the rest of the day in their new Kinder room for the first time. Bailea the teacher will be busy over the coming weeks fitting out the room with resources. We are hopeful that the Kinder will be fully operationally for the start of Term 4.
2013 Enrolments for Kinder and School - If families are aware of any potential 3 or 4 year old Kinder enrolments for 2013 could they encourage them to contact Community Early Years Childcare for an enrolment form. Phone 02 6056 4399. This also applies for school enrolments for 2013, please contact the office for an enrolment pack. It is extremely important for all schools and kinders to be aware of numbers as early as possible for the coming year. School funding is based on enrolments and it is difficult to plan for the future when enrolments are in doubt. I encourage any new families to come and have a look at the kinder and school.

Timetable Changes - I mentioned last week that there will be some timetables changes. These changes will take effect from this week. On Thursday afternoons we will be working as two groups with Indonesian and Emotional Intelligence. On Fridays after recess we will also work as two group with PE and Performing Arts.

Skiing – Unfortunately we have had another terrible day for skiing. We have now used up our two ‘spare’ days so we won’t be attempting to go again this year. Refunds for the last day will be sent home.

Kim Franzke
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR 2012

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THE RED LETTER BOX IS BACK!!

It was decided at School Council to reintroduce the Red Letter Box for students to put ALL their notes, bankbooks, lunch orders or anything that needs to go to the office in.

The Letter Box will be located under the noticeboard outside the office.

Values Clarification
Staff and School Councillors have been working on rebranding our school in terms of the values that Tawonga Primary School would like to stand for. We already have a clear Motto and Vision statement but are lacking clear values. We are close to finalising these and when we do we will be seeking families input into definitions and behaviour expectations that we as a school community have for our students, staff and families.

These values need to become a part of everyday language at Tawonga Primary School. When making decisions about student learning these values need to be forefront in our thinking. Staff will work as a team to explicitly teach these values to students. An example of how this will work well is with behaviour management and expectations for our students in the classroom and playgrounds.
OSHC – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A letter will be coming home on Monday explaining the guidelines for Before and After School Care. In the meantime if anyone has any questions regarding this service please call Kath Lewinson on 0418 399 861.

Looking to buy or sell a second-hand musical instrument?

If you have an unwanted musical instrument (in playable order) that you wish to sell, or if you are looking to buy one, I have set up a database so that locals can easily buy and sell to one another instead of buying from the internet or retailers. Basically, I will act as an intermediary; you register what you want to buy or sell with me and if I have heard from someone whose needs match yours, I will put you in contact to come to a private arrangement. If you wish me to add your details to the database (as a buyer or seller) please email me at policha.jarrod.p@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thanks,
Jarrod Policha
MBSC Music Teacher

Performing Arts Classes

This week Sharon and I are beginning our Performing Arts Program. As you know, in term 4 we are putting together our end of year production. This takes a great deal of work from teachers, parents and students. So, in the lead up to that we are going to be preparing the students with a wide variety of drama games. We will be focusing on cooperation, confidence building and improvisation.

Later in the term we will be asking the children for input and ideas for the end of year play. We want them to have a sense of pride and ownership of this huge project. It is a fabulous opportunity to become a whole school team, where the onus is on supporting and encouraging one another in a safe and caring environment.

Classes start this Friday:
- P/1/2 - 11:30-1:00
- 3/4/5/6 - 2-3:30

We are really excited about this opportunity, as this will further enrich our existing Arts curriculum, which already consists of Music and Visual Arts.

Ellen Gorham and Sharon Lidden.
Emotional Intelligence and Thinking Skills!
Why are we going to teach Emotional Intelligence and Thinking Skills?

Most of the knowledge children will need to work and live in the future has not been invented yet. Flexible and creative ways of thinking will enable the adults of the future to readily adapt to an ever changing world.

At Tawonga Primary School we have developed a program that will improve a child’s thinking skills; this program will be using Dr. de Bono Six Thinking Hats method. The method is a framework for thinking and can incorporate lateral thinking. Valuable judgmental thinking has its place in the system but is not allowed to dominate as in normal thinking. This Framework will be taught from Preps to Grade 6 on a Thursday afternoon. The students will participate in group activities with the task changing from cooking to science.

The children put on their thinking caps when they use their White Hat for facts, Red Hat for feelings, Blue Hat for reflection, Black Hat for checking, and Yellow Hat for optimism and Green Hat for imagination!
PREP /1 EXCURSION TO DEDERANG

The Prep, 1 excursion to Dederang on Monday was very successful and loads of fun as you will see from the photos. The students participated in Mini Olympics and making clothing out of newspaper.
COMMUNITY NEWS

At Mt Beauty Neighbourhood centre we are celebrating adult learners week on Monday 3rd September by having a social get together and inviting everyone to come along who has a portable digital electronic device or who is thinking about buying one and we can network our knowledge between each other and share experiences on all this new technology.

So if you want to share information or gain information come along at 11am and enjoy a scrumptious morning tea and we will share the experience of moving into a new age of technology.

There is also an opportunity to win an iPad for an adult learner.

**Morning Tea with a Lawyer**

Do you have issues with any of your neighbours!

Come and have a cuppa while you listen to ‘how to handle neighbourhood disputes’. This will cover your rights regarding noise, fencing, animals & beyond.

Date: Tuesday 4th September @ 10.00am

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**SASSY ROAD AND SWEETWATER BREWERY ARE HAVING A “GIRLS NIGHT”...**

A night of late night shopping, champagne and giggles!

When: FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Time: 5.00pm – 8pm for shopping and champagne at SASSY ROAD

Time: 5pm til 10pm for supper and relaxing drinks at the Sweetwater Brewery, Tawonga South.....

**If wanting to have supper at the Brewery ...Please book with Peter at Sweetwater Brewery for catering purposes on 57541881. ..................see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!xox Mon**

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**MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET**

Saturday 1st September 2012.
9.00am to 1.00pm.
In the grounds of the Community Centre. Interested Stallholders can call Bev on 57544097.