Our Vision:
A meeting place where student’s lifelong learning begins and grows into a sustainable future.

Support
Recognising that we all have different learning needs and that we need to assist and help each other.

Opportunity
Providing every child a broad range of possibilities to achieve success.

Unity
Working as a team with common beliefs and understandings.

Responsibility
Being accountable and trustworthy.

Community
We have a common interest in our students.

Excellence
Striving to be the best we can be.

Message from the Principal:
Dear Families,
Our first week of school ran smoothly. I was impressed to see how well our new Prep students settled into their new routines at school.

All teachers have noticed many tired children. I know it is difficult at this time of year to get bedtime routines back after the holiday. Developing a routine at home and school is important for everyone.

Staff and Volunteers Code of Conduct
Tawonga Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

As part of Tawonga Primary School’s commitment to implementing the recommendations of the ‘Betrayal of Trust’ report, our school has developed a raft of policies and procedures. These documents are known as the ‘Child Safe Standards’ and are a compulsory minimum in order to ensure our staff and community are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Attached to this newsletter in a Code of Conduct that needs to be signed by all volunteers who work within our school. We ask that parents sign this promptly if they intend to assist in anyway at school eg listening to reading, attending sports days, attending working bees. If parents need further clarification I am happy to discuss this as would many of our School Councillors.

Cluster Swimming Carnival - Next Tuesday is the Cluster Swimming Carnival for all Year 3-6 students. Staff attending will be Mrs Tatterson and myself. Please see inside for full details.

Parent / Teacher Meetings - These are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd February. Please see attached a meeting request time sheet. Exact times will be confirmed next week. Times will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

Acceptable Use of Computers and Internet Student Agreement - Please read this with your Yr 2-6 child and discuss the importance of using computers and the Internet in a safe manner. This agreement forms part of our E-Learning policy which was ratified by school council last year.

Fire Drill - Next week we will be having an evacuation drill with the Kinder, please discuss this at home with your children.

Chickens at school - Soon we will see the arrival of some chickens at school who will enjoy our chicken coop which was built last year behind the main building. We will be looking for families to volunteer on a roster to check the chickens on the weekends and on school holidays. If this is something you could do please let me know.

Kim Franzke PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL AND KINDER
WORKING BEE
Saturday 11th February 9am—1pm Free BBQ lunch
Jobs - pruning, whipper snipping, weeding, mowing, tidying the production costume collection. BYO tools and gloves. Many hands make light work.

NO LUNCH ORDERS OR ASSEMBLY WHILE SWIMMING IN ON
Swimming will begin **TOMORROW** Friday 10th February between 1pm and 2.30pm at the Mount Beauty Swimming Pool. There will be four lessons this term, over four consecutive Fridays. Please ensure that the permission form and money for this are returned to the school office and placed in the Red Box. If you plan to pick your child up from the pool please let your classroom teacher know. The latest pick up time will be 2.45pm. There will be no school assembly or lunch orders while our swimming program is running. All students will travel by bus and need to bring sunscreen, a rash top, bathers and a towel. Tawonga PS swimming bags are available to purchase for $10 at the office.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING:
- Bathers
- Rash Top
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- Goggles
- Hat

School Camps in 2017

**Tawonga Camps**

**Howmans Gap Year 3-4** - 8th - 10th November

**Canberra Year 5-6** - 1st - 4th May

**Department run camps**

Expressions of interest later in the year with a select number of students being able to attend.

**Woorabinda** - YR 4—5s  16th - 20th October

**Somers Camp** - YR 5-6s  7th - 15th November

**Jayco Herald Sun Tour**

Making Day started up again today with some tidying up in the garden. The cooking group are busy making apple turnovers with apples from our trees at school. The making group are learning how to use a sewing machine by sewing around a race track traced on paper.

Making Day

Each Wednesday, every child in Grade 2-6 will take part in the ‘BIG Write’. To prepare them for this writing, students will receive some “TALK HOMEWORK” in the newsletter, the week prior to their “BIG WRITE”. As the title suggests, this homework needs no writing, just talking.

Evidence suggests that for children to write well, they need to have talked about their ideas as much as possible first. This is where you can help! Please take some time to talk to your child about their writing and in particular, the topic that they are going to be writing about.

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Support
School Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school please let the classroom teacher know or leave a message with the office. The Department require us to keep accurate records of school attendance and to record reasons for absences eg illness, medical, extended holiday and late arrival/early departure from school. Our School Strategic Plan aims for us to have a 95% attendance rate for all students.

Every Day Counts

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- **“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what your child needs to do to keep up.

  - Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS
FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: ** $125 for primary school students • $225 for secondary school students.

**HOW TO APPLY** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**MORE INFORMATION** For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

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### Families may have received by email on Tuesday enrolment details for their children. If families could please check these over for accuracy and let Lisa know if there are any changes to any details, address, phone, allergies etc.

Thank you for your assistance.

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### All students are encouraged to have a drink bottle at school. They are allowed to drink in class. It is disruptive to learning when students need to go outside and get a drink. If you do not have a drink bottle and would like one please come a see Mrs Franzke as she has a few spares.
CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Time: The first event will be underway at 9.30, so we are asking everyone to arrive by 9am. School bus travellers will stay on the buses and be met by a teacher at the Mount Beauty end. These students will also travel home on the buses if parents are not present to pick them up. Non bus travellers will need to be dropped off and picked up from the pool. We encourage all parents to stay and participate in the day if possible.

Dress: Be sure to dress up in your house colours. Start with a tee-shirt of the right colour, and add ribbons, bands, pants, anything really!

Please ensure that the following items are brought to the swimming sports to ensure you are protected if the weather is cool (check the forecast.)

- School Polar Fleece, Tracksuit bottom or pants, socks and track shoes
- Along with the usual:
- Towel, bathers
- Goggles
- Sun Top
- Sunscreen
- Sun Hat
- Drink
- Healthy Snacks and Lunch

We ask that students do not bring any money on the day.

Please note: Students being picked up from the pool, should be picked up by 3.15pm at the latest, otherwise students will be put on the school bus to go back to school and then placed in OSHC.

PLEASE NOTE: The divisional (zone) swimming sports will be held on the 3rd March at Waves in Wodonga.

HELPERS NEEDED: Parent helpers are required on the day of the sports. If anyone is able to lend a hand on the day it would be much appreciated.

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## REMINDERS

**SWIMMING**—Starts Friday 10th February. Please refer to page 2 for items to remember.

All forms and money are now overdue.

**FEES**—All fees are required to be paid by the end of Term 1 unless a payment plan has been discussed with the school.

**Scholastic Bookclub orders due** - 16th February

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## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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Come and Try Kayaking and Canoeing

The North East Canoe Club will be hosting two come and try nights in Wangaratta and Bright. Everyone is welcome to come along to have a go in a kayak or canoe, try their hand at canoe polo or just have a play in a boat. There will be experienced club members to offer advice and assistance and demonstrate rolling and paddling techniques. All equipment is provided or please bring your own boats and life-vests on the night if you would like.

Bright - Monday 13th February, 5.45pm - 7.45pm, Ovens River swimming hole at Centenary Park.
Wangaratta - Monday 27th February, 5.45pm - 7.45pm, Ovens River junction pool, Frank Garth Reserve. For more information call Allison - 0409964054 or email necanoeclub@gmail.com

2017 Registration Day

When: Sunday 12th February 2017
From: 11am to 1pm with FREE BBQ lunch
Held: At Dederang

The day will involve a Junior Skills session for all Junior Netballers and Footballers
Please bring running shoes and plenty of water

Registration Costs
Jnr Footballer $90  Snr Footballer $220
Jnr Netballer $30  Snr Netballer $130
(Yearly Non-Refundable Dress Hire $20)

Memberships
Full $96  Parent $85  Family $165
Past Player $60  Pensioner $60

Death Cafe and Advance Care Planning - Wednesday 8th February, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Cost: gold coin donation
Booking and enquiries - Rose 0422 318 149

Ladies Pamper Day for Cancer Patients
Come and have a lovely relaxing experience with nibbles and lunch.
Date: Saturday 11th February 2017, 10am - 3.00pm
Road trip to Donna Bella in Wang for Bra Fittings and other pampering.
Contact: Trish Dixon
Email: salsasage@hotmail.com
Mobile: 0429 170 365

Basic Office Suite starts on Thursday 9th February, 10am - 1.30pm
RSA on Thursday 9th February, 5.30 – 9.30pm
Web Design starts on Monday 13th February, 10am - 1.30pm