

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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Monday is Lunch Order Day. Please order on Paper Bag with money enclosed and place in box provided in each classroom.

Dear Parents,

Students settle quickly into schedule

We have a very happy bunch of students at school, settling quickly into the routines of their new classes. It is a big step for some, especially those starting year 2 after two years in the P-1 room, and you can expect some children to be a little tired this week. We thank parents for supporting the home reading program. We know that it takes considerable effort in a busy family schedule, but reading is a big factor in the child being able to follow and easily understand what goes on at school.

A rough summary of our daily schedule is as follows: all classes study literacy - reading and writing - in the first two hours each day; this is followed after recess by numeracy - also called number or maths, and then after lunch by "Integrated Studies", which includes history, geography, science, and health. This school has a long record of excellent academic results, and these are achieved by a well-ordered program at school actively supported by parents at home. The candid photographs here were taken while the students were at work this morning. In these early weeks I would encourage you to talk with teachers about any issues your child may have settling in or coping with the style of learning in their new classroom.

Swimming

Swimming starts for all students tomorrow at the following times:

12:45-1:30 Year 5/6
1:30 - 2:15 Year 2/3/4
2:15 - 3:00 Year P/1

Parents are reminded to pack swimmers, rash top, small towel, sunscreen and goggles (if your child uses them).

Swimming bags are available for \$10 from school to keep these items, especially wet bathers and towels, separate to books and other things. *Prep parents are most welcome to attend the first or all sessions as their child learns how to fit into the routine.*



Buildings

Yesterday morning the 'handover' of the new building was conducted in the presence of the builder's representative, the project manager, Education Department Facilities representative and Lisa and me. There was a detailed explanation of how to operate the state-of-the-art automatic heating/cooling/lighting system and then the handing over of the building manual which contains all the plans, certificates of compliance and warranty information. Today the Certificate of Occupancy was approved, and we have already begun to move in resources for our MARC library

van. Lisa and I will move in out of our presently cramped quarters as soon as we can get phone and computer connections in order – hopefully Monday. For a number of reasons, not the least of which is the availability of teachers to make time to help with the move and set-up over a weekend, I have elected to delay the start for classes in the new facility until Monday Feb 20. We are all looking forward to what will be an exciting new phase!

Grounds

The expanded Grounds and Building sub-committee met Wednesday morning and further developed plans for our landscaping. These include a new pedestrian entrance off the carpark and paths linking to the front entrance, the playground and the bus shelter, as well as steps from the new concrete apron up to the old classrooms. I expect work will begin in the next few weeks. Any parent interested in our current plans is invited to come in and take a look.

Tennis

After all the hours with telephones and computers over the last week, I really enjoyed getting down to some actual education with a little tennis coaching for year 5/6 students before school this morning. There will be the opportunity for a few of the better players to compete at inter-school tennis on March 14. As soon as we have student access to our second concrete area I'll set up the tennis equipment at school so that students from all levels can have a go at recess and lunchtimes.

Music

Students in year 4 to 6 have the opportunity to sign up with the Mount Beauty Schools Band, and take instrumental lessons from Jarrod Policha. A couple have already signed up for this year. Conrad Forrer

from "Spookie Ukie Band" is also available for private ukulele and instrumental tuition. Conrad will also be delivering a music program to all of our students during term 2.

School Council

You will find in this newsletter nomination forms for school council. Nominations, including self-nominations, open today and close on Feb 24. Being a school council member is a great way for parents to become involved in school affairs, and I would recommend you give it some thought. If there are more nominations than positions and election process will be undertaken.

School Fees

All families would have received their Invoices for School Fees this week. We would appreciate these to be paid by the end of first term. This can be done by BPay (details are on the invoice), cash or cheque. If you are having difficulties paying this please come and see me or Lisa to work out a payment plan.

2012 BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

For the seventh consecutive year, Border Trust has been given the opportunity to work with schools to provide valuable assistance to families in need by offering access to \$50 Target vouchers.

Border Trust, the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region (www.bordertrust.org.au), together with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Recovery are running this program.

Parents who feel they are in need of some assistance with school expenses at this time are asked to contact me in confidence on 0438 544468, and I will apply for a voucher.

Regards, Bob Flower

CALENDAR 2012

FEBRUARY	2012	
Friday	10	First day of swimming. 12:45 – 3:00pm in three class groups of 45min
Wednesday	15	Cluster Swim Carnival – Mount Beauty Swimming Pool
Friday	17	Second day of swimming.
Tuesday	21	Tentative date for First School Council Meeting for 2012.
Wednesday	22	Inter-school swimming, Wodonga Pool
MARCH	2012	
Monday	12	Public Holiday. No School this day.
Wednesday	14	Interschool tennis - March
Monday	19	School Photos
Wednesday	28	Senior athletics – years 3 to 6 – Mt Beauty
Friday	30	Last day of term 1

Schedule 4 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Tawonga Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Friday February 24, 2012.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	No. of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014	3
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014	1

School Council Elections

Schedule 5A Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Tawonga Primary school council.

Name.....Home address :.....

Home telephone: Mobile telephone:

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am employed by Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: Yes / No

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Schedule 5B Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on Tawonga Primary school council.

Name.....Home address :.....

Home telephone: Mobile telephone:

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

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I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

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Year 2/3/4 report



Terrific Start!

Well done to all the students in 2/3/4 for settling so well into some strong routines this early in the year. In class we have jumped straight back into practicing 10 weekly spelling words, reading and writing, as well as daily math activities.

This term we are doing a unit of work called “Feather, Fur and Fin”. It relates to all creatures that live in and around oceans. Our classroom is already looking very ‘fishy’ and we ask all students to contribute to the look and feel of the room with soft and plastic toys that are sea creatures. This week we have begun preparations for our dioramas. This is a 3-dimensional project that will be accompanied by some written work, and then presented orally to the class.

Can I please remind parents of the following expectations?

- Listen to your child read each night.
- Sign the diary.
- Practice reading or writing or spelling the 200 magic words, (blue line).
- Ensure your child has practiced their 10 spelling words.

Your child will be tested each Tuesday on their spelling words. Please reserve Monday night as a practice night if possible so they are ready for Tuesday.

If you have any concerns please come and speak to me directly or write a note in the diary.

Thank you, Mrs G.

WANTED FOR OUR SICK BAY

As we get closer to moving into our new school we are looking at setting our sickbay up with a bed. If anyone has an old single bed they are don't need any more or is taking up space in your shed, we would be happy to take it off your hands.

Please see Lisa or Bob. Thanks.



2012 School Sports Captains

Kiewa - Will and Emelia

Mitta - Clay and Isabella

Murray - Liam H and Madison

Indigo - Liam V and Emily



SWIMMING SPORTS WEDNESDAY FEB 15. Years 3-6.

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 teachers at the Mount Beauty end. They will also travel back on the buses. Students living in Tawonga who would like to catch the bus into Mount Beauty for the day are simply asked to bring a note from home.

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! We will be making special hats at school.

Parent/teacher/coach novelty event: There will be a novelty race for adults to spice up the program somewhere in the middle of the day. If you can swim a couple of strokes, and don't mind donning flippers, shower cap snorkel, etc please bring your swimmers and join in the fun.

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 Snæks and Lunch



Optional: Money to buy one icy pole or drink at lunchtime. No other items are to be purchased.

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 bus to go back to school/home.

HOUSES FOR SWIMMING SPORTS

INDIGO BLUE	KIEWA GREEN	MITTA RED	MURRAY YELLOW
Allie Barnes	Will Bloom	Billy Hanley	Jacob Barbour
Emily Barnes	Mike Read	Bo Hanley	Jasmine Buckland
Mitchell Farr	Samuel Cariss	Phillip Hobbs	Liam Hood
Liam Vickers	Madeline Cariss	Isabella Obrien	Elina Passant
Isabella Casey	Emelia Roffey	Lox McFadyen	Madison Ryder
Riva Sabra	Phoebe Roffey	Starrson Barton	Connor Ryder
		Clay Cambridge-Dillon	Sid Williams

Prep / 1 Report

The Preps have settled in at school extremely well. Congratulations parents – you’ve done a great job of preparing them. We’ve had minimal tears and there is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for all activities. The class will be involved in informal activities for the first few weeks as they get used to the classroom routines. An integral part of the routine is the bringing and taking home their “home book covers”. These need to be returned to school each day. I encourage the children to put their bags on the peg and get out the home covers as soon as they arrive each morning. They are then placed at the top of each child’s table, ready for any worksheets, notices etc to go home that day. The theme for integrated studies this term is “The Farm”. We will focus on this subject for some of our literacy activities.

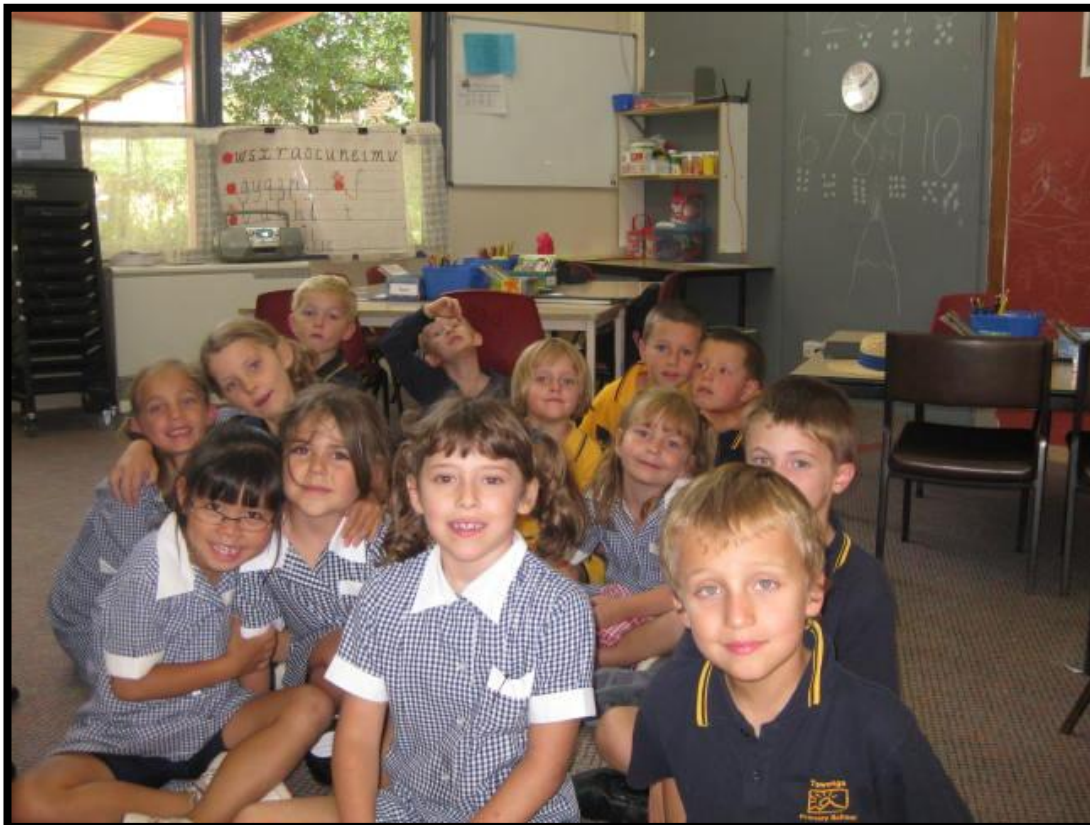
The children will have specialist teachers, the names you might hear from your children include: Rachael Cosgriff (Sport), Mr Collins (Library), Jo Briscoombe (Art).

The Year 1 students have been terrific role models for the Preps. They have adjusted well and are continuing on from where they left off last year.

Well done everyone.

Kind Regards

Kellie Rutherford



Year Prep and 1 2012.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Anglican Parish of Mt Beauty and Tawonga
present

PANCAKE NIGHT

(Shrove Tuesday)

Tuesday 21st February 2012.
Tawonga Hall – Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga

Starting at 6.00pm.
Admission: \$10.00
Pre-School Children – Free
Family: \$30.00

Lucky door prizes
Raffle Tickets available at \$1 each.

PANCAKES, SAVOURIES, DESSERTS, COFFEE
AND TEA



AUSKICK

Mt Beauty/Tawonga/Dederang

Coach wanted for 2012 season to coach Auskick
kids age 5-8.

If you are interested, please call Kevin Cosgriff,
0419 364 907

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful
opportunity to have an international big
brother or big sister by hosting one of our
exceptional international students arriving
in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or
10 month programs. Our international
students from France, Germany, Italy,
Austria Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark
and Finland will live as a local, attend a
local secondary school, arrive with their
own spending money and comprehensive
insurance cover – all arranged by Southern
Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at
www.scce.com.au, email
scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free
on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets
of international student profiles, and
capture the spirit of family and friendship!



Apply First Aid

Delivered by Australian Red
Cross



Apply First Aid HLTF301B is
a 2 day course which is also
known as Senior First Aid level 2.
A one day refresher course is also available
on 27 March 2012. Refresher students
must provide evidence of previous
certification to the Red Cross assessor on
the day. Credentials expire within 3 years
of the issue date; credentials that have
expired by more than 3 months will not be
accepted.

Full Course (2 Sessions): Tuesday 27 & Wednesday
28 March 2012

Refresher: 9:00am-5:00pm Tuesday 27 March 2012

Fee: Full Course \$175 (\$170 MTBNCI financial
members)

Refresher: \$140 (\$135 MTBNCI financial members)
Full payment is due by 20 March 2012

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Undertaking an approved Responsible Service of Alcohol
(RSA) program gives participants the skills and
knowledge necessary to contribute to a safe, enjoyable
environment in licensed premises.

Face-to-face RSA training is mandatory for licensees and
staff selling, offering or serving liquor for general, on-
premises, late night and packaged liquor licences.

The RSA program covers a range of topics including:
problems associated with excessive consumption, alcohol
and the law, the question of who is responsible for RSA,
facts about alcohol, improving the atmosphere of your
premises, handling difficult customers.

1 Session: 6:00pm Monday 26 March 2012

Full fee: \$85:00 (\$80 for MTBNCI financial
members)

Full payment is due by 19 March 2012

ACFE Fee: Please refer to Hospitality Skills course

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

