**Message from the Principal:**

Dear Families,

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Find attached our Parent/Teacher meeting schedule with allocated times for meetings. Meetings will take place on Wednesday 22nd February. If you have not made a time please contact your child’s teacher.

**Uniforms**

With the start of a new year many families are purchasing new uniforms for their children. As the school pre purchases these to have on hand for families convenience we request that payment be made at the time of purchase. Any families who have outstanding balances for uniform purchases we request this be paid as soon as possible. If you are unsure of what is owing please speak with Lisa or request a statement. Lisa is available on every Tuesday and Thursday for purchases.

**Double Gates**

The double gates at the front of school will be locked due to safety concerns. Please use the two other pedestrian gates. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Working Bee**

Thank you to the following families who did an amazing job in the hot weather at last Saturdays Working Bee. Beck, Svarc, Franzke, Dwyer, Niedzwiedzki and Taylor.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

Nomination forms for both nomination and self nomination are available at the office. Nominations, including self-nominations open today. 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. Tawonga Primary School Council for 2017 will consist of 6 parents, 2 Department Reps and 1 community member.

Nomination forms are available at the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 03/03/2017. Please lodge in Red Box in School Office. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies then a ballot will take place. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 10/03/2017.

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, NUMBER OF POSITIONS**

- The following positions are vacant
  - 3 x 2 year vacancies
  - 1 x Community Rep.

Kim Franzke  
**PRINCIPAL**

Congratulations to Eric on achieving the Age Group Champion in the under 10 boys at the swimming carnival.
Based at Dederang Primary School in the Kiewa Valley, the Mobile Area Resource Centre (M.A.R.C) is the mobile library service that visits your school every two weeks for library. Your children have the opportunity to borrow two books each visit. These books are in addition to books and readers that are borrowed from your child’s own school.

So your children have the opportunity to borrow each fortnight and immerse themselves in a variety of literature, please have library books back to school by every Tuesday fortnight (please check the newsletter).

Books are a valuable resource in the information and learning they provide for us, however are also valuable in the money they cost to purchase. If books do become damaged or misplaced, a request for payment will be made for book replacement.

Looking forward to seeing you again during the next library visit. Happy reading until then.

Mr Wright

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**Big Write**

**Talk Homework Years 2-6**

**The Strange Egg**

I look down and there, lying in the tall grass, is a strange looking egg. As I squat down for a closer look, a crack appears and I realise the egg is hatching!

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**Making Day**

Today the cooking group used our home grown apples to make apple pudding. Students practised their knife cutting skills and peeling.

The gardening group did some pruning and removal of one of our old fruit boxes. They discovered lots of bugs as well as a blue tongue lizard. They also visited our new chickens.

The making group did some sewing and planning to make some boomerang bags.
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 Complete the attached form and return to the school office by the end of February.

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.

Cluster Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to everyone on a great day. Students eligible to progress to the next round in Wodonga on Friday 3rd March will be notified shortly. Thank you to our timekeepers Mirella, Erin and Anne.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY/MARCH

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## REMINDERS

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

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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<td>President</td>
<td>Mark Lucey</td>
<td>0417 056 228</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lucey.mark.g@edumail.vic.gov.au">lucey.mark.g@edumail.vic.gov.au</a></td>
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How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by end of day Wednesday for inclusion in Community News.

Primary Tutoring:

Balance Education offers individual tutoring programs designed to meet your child’s needs. Call to discuss how you can support your child’s learning at school with tuition in any primary school subjects. All tuition will be delivered by an experienced teacher in a calm and nurturing environment.

Contact Olivia Svarc
0435 013 800.

Balanced Education

Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre

COOKING FOR ALL OCCASIONS

-Menu -skills-planning-organise-technique-fun

Never waste food cooking with leftovers to make a new/master dish. All those lovely leftovers that sit in the fridge can become a whole new dish.

Cooking on a budget, 3 dishes from a whole chicken, it can be done.

Be organised so you don't have to worry about what's for dinner tonight.

What's my budget for this week still able to cook master dishes on a budget.

Who is coming for dinner tonight? A vegetarian or a gluten freeian?

Fun dinner parties making everyone cook or prepare.

Date: Monday 20th February
Time: 9.00am—12.00pm
Course fee: $21.60 + Amenities $15.00 + Manual $23.40 + ingredients $120
Cost: $180 ACFE subsidised (Full Fee: $360.00)
6 sessions
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name ____________________________  School REF ID ____________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname __________________________________________
First name ______________________________________
Address _________________________________________
Town/suburb ___________________  State __________  Postcode ______
Contact number ____________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR  Health care card number (CRN)
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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date ______ / ______ / ______