

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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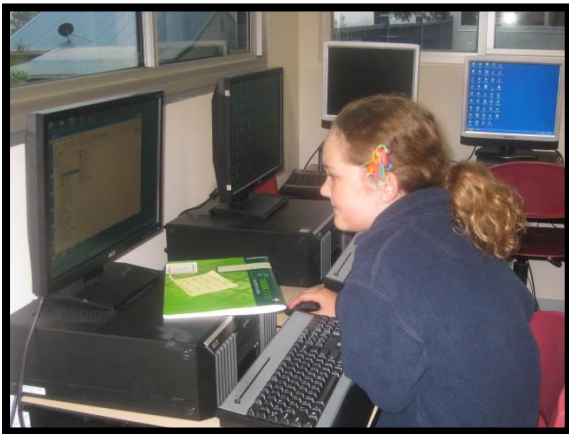
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Dear Parents

Friday morning assemblies

Now that we finally have more space we are going to hold our assemblies in the 'project space' between the classrooms, and move them from the afternoon to the mornings. Parents are invited to attend. The assemblies will normally be a celebration of the week's work, with awards and stories to tell. This year the year 6 students will take it in turn to host the assembly. The first one will be on Friday just after 9am, hosted by Madison Ryder, so if you can come along we'd love to see you there.



Madison working on her morning activities



Morning Reading - Bo

School Council Business

Steven Franzi-Ford from the Victorian association of school councils is coming to speak with councillors on Tuesday March 20. The idea is to give both old and new councillors an insight into their roles and responsibilities for the year.

There has been quite a lot of parent input suggesting we retain the old office building. The Outside School Hours Care staff members are very enthusiastic about its potential. I would like to raise that as an issue at the next meeting, which has been brought forward to Tuesday March 13.

I informed school council at the last meeting of my intention to retire at the end of June. This comes at the end of my five-year term as Principal, and the plan is to leave with the new buildings, landscaping and kindergarten services all fully sorted. It is not common to give such long notice, but I do so with the intention of allowing council plenty of time to advertise widely and seek a new principal. The teachers and I are also using this time to make sure that they will have full knowledge of the processes around the school that I have normally taken care of, so that we can have a smooth transition to a new principal.

School Council Nominations

We have received four nominations from parents to replace the three members whose term expires in March. As I read through the regulations to plan an election I noted that although our constitution allows for 9 parent and three Department members, we had been operating for the last few years with only 8 parent and three Department representatives. I am therefore pleased to announce that the four parents who generously nominated for council are duly elected. Welcome to Roly Kukainis, Clive Hawkins,

Bobbie Barbour – and welcome back to Mary-Anne Cariss. As Department rep, Ellen Gorham will replace Sue Kovacs. Continuing council members are Kellie Roffey, Monika Hood, Davide Angelini, Anne Stanmore, Graham Boote, Lisa Ranton and me.

Tawonga Bus Service Being Explored

A number of parents whose children travel in from south of Tawonga are exploring the possibility of running a bus service from Mount Beauty, along Kiewa Valley Highway, to Tawonga Primary School. At this stage Ellen Gorham is communicating with Heath Fallon from Falls Creek Coach Services regarding costing and the logistics of this bus service.

Could any parents who live in Mount Beauty or along the Kiewa Valley Highway and who would be interested in this service please contact the school and let us know.

This will allow us to be able to present Heath with the correct numbers and get an idea of costs. We are very keen to provide this service to the parents of our

school community if it is feasible, and there seems to be a real need for it.

Junior Tennis

Tennis 'club' will be on again for the students in years 5/6 at the Tawonga courts from 8am on Thursday and Friday. Three of our boys have been chosen to play in Wodonga next month, but all players, including those just learning, are encouraged to keep coming to enjoy the morning sessions.

Tawonga PS Kindergarten Working Bee This Saturday 3rd March

We are hoping for a break in the weather, of course – but no matter what happens we'll gather at school any time after 9am to work on tiling, painting and landscaping. The more of us the merrier!

TPS Website

We apologise for the Website. We are aware it hasn't been updated this year. We will get to this next week.

Bob Flower, Principal

CALENDAR 2012

FEBRUARY	2012	
Friday	24	Day 3 - Swimming
MARCH	2012	
Friday	2	Day 4 - Swimming
Monday	12	Public Holiday. No School this day.
Tuesday	13	TPS AGM and Council Meeting. 5.00pm start.
Wednesday	14	Interschool tennis - March
Monday	19	School Photos
Tuesday	20	Council – Information session
Wednesday	28	Senior athletics – years 3 to 6 – Mt Beauty
Friday	30	Last day of term 1
APRIL	2012	
Monday	16	First Day of Term 2.
MAY	2012	
Tuesday	8	5/6 Camp to Queenscliffe

UNIFORMS AND DVDS

Copies of the 2011 School Production DVDs are now available from the office. These are \$10 each. Please see Lisa in the office for your copy.

Also if anyone is looking for some good second hand uniforms we have an abundance. There are polar fleece jumpers, polo shirts, summer dresses and some trackpants and shorts. Please see Lisa or take a look in the sickbay if you are after anything. These make great spares.

Parent Group Newsletter 1st March: 2012

Welcome to the first edition of the Parent Group Newsletter!

Through this page, we are hoping to keep parents informed of what is happening in the school community through the work of the parent group.

All work done by the parent group is for fundraising for the School and the money is disbursed as the parent group decides in consultation with the Principal and Teachers of the School.

We are also hoping that some of you will see this and decide to become part of this group. At present there is a core of about 4-5 mums that meet around once a month (although that will be a little more often as we lead up to events) at the Tawonga Store usually and during school time. Meetings go for between 1-2 hours but if you could only come for a portion of that we would still appreciate your input. We try to have fun and enjoy a cuppa and some time together as well.

We would welcome new members at any time of the year. The next meeting is this Friday (tomorrow) 2nd March at 2pm at the Tawonga Store. Feel free to simply come along and join us. If you would like to chat to anyone before then, please email or call :

jen@elevationmtbeauty.com.au

or

03 5754 4141 or 0425 750 802

I (Jen Boote) am more than happy to answer any questions you may have....or find the answers for you!

Over page is a 'Calendar of events' for you to look at: I will put this together a little more professionally for the next one ☺

Some of these events are in the very early planning stages.

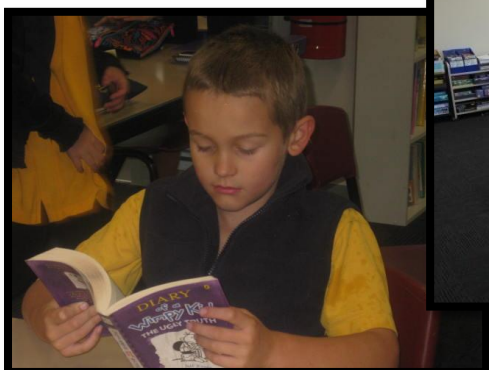
MARCH		
Friday (last day of term)	30 th	Easter Raffle Draw
APRIL		
Sunday	8 th	Easter Egg Hunt and fair?
Sat/Sun	21-22 nd ???	Music Muster
MAY		
Wednesday	9 th	Mothers Day Stall
JUNE		
Friday	15 th	Trivia Night
AUGUST		
Wednesday	29 th	Father's Day Stall
NOVEMBER		
Friday	23 rd	Twilight Market and Christmas Raffle
DECEMBER		
Fri-Sun	2-4 th	Family Camp
Tuesday	18 th	School Concert



2/3/4 Report

The 2/3/4 children are working very hard in class and settling into our new building and room. This week we are writing and publishing a story named "Message in a bottle". Each week students also complete an information report, which is a part of our reading program in that children have to read a text, understand a text and respond to a text. Information reports are hand written at first, and then typed straight onto the computer once the students have a sound understanding of the process. In the next few weeks the students will begin working on persuasive writing as well. Each day we do maths mental exercises. Students are becoming very good at this routine and I can already see a huge improvement in their ability to add and subtract numbers, using a variety of strategies. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

We have begun to explore out new interactive whiteboards in class. Students are very keen to give it a go. At the end of a math session students can consolidate skills using the interactive activities, using a great program called "Studdyladder". We also use the interactive whiteboard for various literacy activities. It certainly adds an exciting dimension to our learning!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling all bathroom singers, frustrated divas and budding Pavarottis!

Mt Beauty Music Festival is sponsoring a community choir event this year, open to all ages and abilities. Come and be part of this exciting opportunity! The choir will be performing twice at the festival, April 28th & 29th, and will be led by highly experienced and talented choir leaders, Penny Larkins & Carl Pannuzzo.

Rehearsals commence Sunday 26th Feb, 2-5pm @ Senoir Citizens rooms, Tawonga Cres, Mt Beauty. Enquiries; Rose Heystek 5754 1282

www.musicmuster.org.au

Please spread the word! The more the merrier, and there is safety in numbers!

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 3rd March 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Held in the Grounds of the Mount Beauty Community Centre.

Interested Stallholders please contact Bev on 03 57544097.

The Mount Beauty Community Market is held on the 1st Saturday of each month. More craft stalls would be most welcome.

Alpine Shire Group

When Saturday 3rd of March

10am – 12 noon

Bring & Meet

Bring something you don't want anymore
All in the name of Recycling.

Where Petanque Park

Kiewa Crescent in Mount Beauty

One person's trash is another person's treasure!

WAIT ----- DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

Get rid of stuff you don't need.

Plants, Clothes, Bicycles, Furniture,
Appliances, Gardening Tools,
Construction Materials, toys, Electrical goods
etc..

Keep our landfills from overflowing

Join the Alpine Shire Freecycle™ Network

WWW.FREECYCLE.ORG

or phone Jocelyn 0407797228 for more info

Toys

Plants

Clothes

Bicycles

Furniture

Appliances

Gardening Tools

Construction Materials

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FREE & OPEN TO ALL

24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR

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MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB

Mt.Beauty Soccer Club Registration Day

Saturday 3rd March 10.30am @ Mt.Beauty

Football ground Lakeside Ave,

Age groups U7's up to U15's Boys & Girls

Contact: Ron Crawford 57544886 or 0413 339

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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

Hospitality Skills

Safe Food Handling

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Barista Basics

Cash Handling & Customer Service

Enrol in Hospitality Skills and you will be able to attend the abovementioned courses at the ACFE subsidised rate. Attend any or all of these courses above for the **special bundled price of \$99.45***
Save over \$250.00

Session Times:

Safe Food Handling: 10:00am Thursday 22 March or
Tuesday 26 June

Responsible Service of Alcohol:

6:00pm Monday 26 March

Barista Basics: 9:00am Thursday 15 March or

9:00am Thursday 17 May

Cash Handling & Customer Service:

TBA

ACFE subsidised Fee

\$99.45

McCullough Institute Fee for service price \$328.35

Full Fee \$419.05



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Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre

Alex McCullough Hall

Wednesday @ 10.00am

Thursday Night @ 5.30pm

Cost \$10.00

Zumba fitness classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! There's no other fitness class like a Zumba Fitness-Party. It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating, why not burn those calories while your having fun.

For Class information contact: Narelle Jones
0435 205 748