

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.

Tawonga Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Kim Franzke
Principal

Mob: 0402 008 189

Ph: 03 5754 4468

Fax: 03 5754 1218

Email:

tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.tawongaps.vic.edu.au

OSHC: 0429 018 724

Message from the Principal:

Dear Families,

Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Parent Opinion Survey is now open. Please check Compass for full details and our specific school log in. The survey is open until the end of term. We are aiming for 50% completion rate. Thanks for your cooperation.

Fundraising Raffle

We are seeking donations for our raffle. See yesterday's Compass post for details. Donations can be handed in at the office. Thank you to those businesses and families who have already made a contribution. Please also be prepared to buy some tickets. Donations collected so far include firewood from the Maddison family, jewellery from Agent Silversmith and vouchers from local businesses.

Water Leak

This week we will have plumbers onsite fixing our water leak; you may have noticed it at the front of the school. This work may be a bit messy so we seek your support in keeping clear of this area when works commence.

Student Teacher Danni

This week is Danni's last week. We thank her for her enthusiasm and wish her all the best for her future studies.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

5th September - 3.00pm Sharp

Production

Rehearsals are going well. In our final few days of rehearsals it is really important that we have all students at school. If you would like to know more details, re: times we will be at the hall, please ask. Missed rehearsals creates worry, not only for your child, but for the other students as well.

Principals Reading Challenge

I have received 10 completed challenges so far. I look forward to receiving many more over the next few weeks. If you need a new sheet to record your books, please see Olivia or myself.

Camp Program

Planning has already begun for the reminder of our camp program for 2025. Please mark the following dates on your calendar.

3-4 Howmans Gap Camp (with Dederang PS) -
Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November

Prep Late Night & Year 1/2 Sleepover at school -
Wednesday 5th November

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL

The Pirates of Sandy Cove

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE MAIN SHOW

See attached flyer for details (there is no need to book for the matinee)

Seats will be allocated front to back in the hall based on first in best dressed. Doors will open at 5.00pm with the show starting at 5.30pm. A raffle will be run at the conclusion of the evening show.

All guests need to pre-book tickets via direct deposit
(Tawonga Primary School BSB 063 645 ACC 1003 8284). Email tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au with details of all attendees i.e. name, number of tickets. For more info phone - 5754 4468

Acceptable Usage Agreement

Working Together for Safe and Responsible Technology Use

At Tawonga Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all students use digital technologies safely, respectfully, and responsibly. Our Acceptable Usage Agreement outlines the expectations for how students access and use school devices, the internet, and online learning platforms.

The Acceptable Usage Agreement helps students understand:

- How to be safe and respectful online
- Why privacy and cyber-safety matter
- What responsible use of technology looks like at school and at home

To support this, we ask parents and carers to review the agreement with their child, discuss its importance, and return the signed form by the end of the week. By working together, we can ensure that our students develop strong digital citizenship skills and a positive approach to technology.

We encourage families to continue conversations about safe technology use at home and monitor online activity.



Acknowledgement of Country

During Book Week, Mrs Crumpler worked with all our students to co-construct our school's new Acknowledgement of Country. This is a beautiful reflection of our local area, and even more meaningful knowing that our students have helped in choosing the words.

This work is a further step towards our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) mentioned in a previous newsletter.



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.

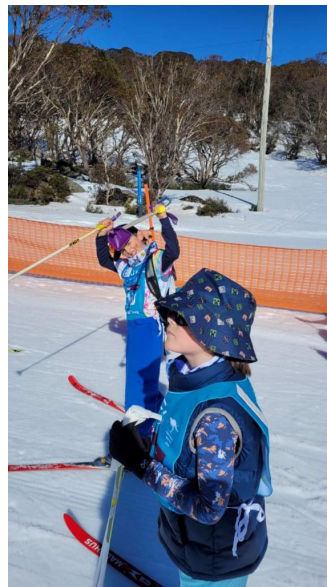


UNITY

Working as a team with common beliefs and understandings.

Joey Hoppet

Well done to Travis and James for representing our school at the Joey Hoppet last Saturday. The weather was nice and sun and the snow cover was great. The boys persevered over the 7km course and enjoyed the drink stop which include yummy lollies along the way.



Bushfire Preparedness

Dear Families,

We want to let you know about our school's emergency management plan. Our school plans for a range of hazards, such as bushfire, severe weather, medical emergencies, building fires, intruders, etc. We develop specific response procedures to address these risks.

We also conduct drills regularly, ensuring that our core procedures of on-site and off-site evacuation, shelter-in-place, and lockdown/lockouts are well-rehearsed and understood by staff and students.

Our school is considered at risk of bushfire or grassfire. We are Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register/Category 4 List. This means that we will **close** when the fire danger rating is **Extreme** in our local government area (LGA) – Alpine. Our school will **close** on days of **Catastrophic** fire danger in the Alpine district.

For more information about our bushfire risk, please refer to the attached bushfire news article. The Country Fire Authority also has more information for schools at risk of fire: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/schools>.

If we enact our emergency management plan, we will notify you by email / Compass notification. with updates on our actions. Please do not come to the school unless directed to do so, as you may put yourself and others in danger. If there is anything we need you to do, we will let you know.

In the event of an emergency that impacts telecommunications, we will endeavour to update you by other means.

During an emergency, the school will work closely with emergency services to get specific advice to keep our community safe. Additionally, the Department of Education has dedicated emergency management staff to help monitor the situation and provide additional support to schools during emergencies.

If you have any questions about our school's emergency management plan, please contact us at tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Please be assured our top priority is the safety of our students and school community.



News



Update

New Furniture - This week marked the arrival of our new indigenous inspired rug. The children were noticeably calmer while sitting on the mat during group time. They have also enjoyed eating outside and doing craft activities on their new outdoor table. We have more items still to come included shelving and a book case.

Book Week - It was lovely to have the kinder children join us for our Book Week dress up day - they all looked fabulous.

Open Days - We had two successful Open Day sessions last week where we were able to show prospective new families our facilities. If you are aware of families considering us in 2026, please encourage them to reach out and make a time for a tour.

2026 Enrolments - Our enrolment packs will be out very shortly. In 2026 we will be operating with changed hours but the same days. We have been granted permission to run a **fully funded, 20 hours, full access for 4 year olds kindergarten program**.

3 year old - 15 hours - 9.00 am — 2.00 pm

4 year old (Pre Prep) - 20 hours - 8.50am - 3.30 pm

School Production - The kinder children will be joining the school students on stage for a short performance prior to the Matinee on Tuesday 9th September at 11.00am. The children will be heading to the hall on Wednesday for their first rehearsals on the stage.

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 2nd September to Friday 19 September 2025**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please check Compass for our unique school specific log in.

Tawonga Primary School runs a 15 hour a week sessional 3 & 4 year old sessional kindergarten program on schoolgrounds.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
		3 Hall rehearsals	4 Fathers Day Event 8.30 - 9.30am Hall Rehearsals	5 Hall rehearsals Assembly	6/7 FATHER'S DAY
8 Full Dress Rehearsal from 9am	9 MATINEE 11am with Kinder	10 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 6pm	11	12	13/14
15	16 Library	17	18	19 Last day of Term 2.15pm finish	20/21
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
6 Oct	7 Art	8	9	10 Division Athletics Albury - selected students only	11/12

REMINDERS

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - please check Compass for School Contribution payment details.

COMPASS - Please use for all absences, Also check that all personal details and emergency contact details are up to date.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - next meeting Monday 1st September, 5.15pm Finance, 5.30pm General Meeting

BOOK CLUB DUE -

NEXT PUPIL FREE DAY - Monday 3rd November

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

President	Andrew Macklan andrew.macklan@education.vic.gov.au
Vice President	Tom Carrie
Finance	Andrew, Margaret Heath
General Committee	Ben Svarc, Callum Bloomer, Jason Gentile, Simone Dowel & Daniel Lynch
DET Rep	Juliette Oddoux





Community News

ALPINE SHIRE CHILDREN'S WEEK

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL STORY TIME WITH SPECIAL GUESTS AND FACEPAINTING TOO!

- BRIGHT LIBRARY TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 3-5PM.
- MYRTLEFORD LIBRARY WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 3-5PM.
- MOUNT BEAUTY LIBRARY THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 3-5PM.





**END OF WINTER
COME 'N TRY
FAMILY FUN DAY**

FAMILY SNOW AND SKI GAMES -
OBSTACLE COURSES - HOT CHOCOLATE

SUNDAY SEPT 7TH 11 AM - 2 PM

NORDIC BOWL | BYO PICNIC | FREE

RSVP : secretary@birkebeiner.org.au

Made with PosterMyWish.com

Families without their own cross country skis are able to borrow from the school. Please see Kim after school on Friday to arrange.

How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au

