

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.

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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.

Teiko Drumming

Next term, on Friday 17th October during Japanese lessons, we will have some Taiko drummers come to our school to give students a performance. This is sure to be a wonderful display of a powerful Japanese traditional music.

Division Athletics

Next term on Friday 10th October some of our students will be attending the Division Athletics in Albury. Well done to Matilda Bloomer, Bridget, Monty, Mason, Sam, and Harry. Please can these families check Compass for details under the Events tab.

Kim's Leave

Kim is on leave for the last week of Term 3 and the first week of Term 4. She is in Spain supporting her son Eddie in the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships. Go Alec!! I will be Acting Principal in her place during these two weeks.

Term 4 Hats

Hats are required to play in the sun during Term 4. Please check that your child has their hat in their bag or locker this week to ensure they can play anywhere in the sun on the first day back. If your child is a Possum student, the majority are already in the classroom. Please confirm with myself or Rachel Bradbury.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

19th September - 2.00pm Sharp

Last day school pick up 2:15pm

Production

Well done to our wonderful students who participated in the Production last Tuesday and Wednesday. We have had some lovely comments and want to thank the parents who have spoken or emailed in their wonderful thoughts. Thank you to all our families as well for the support you gave during this process. Events like these are always so much more successful when the whole school community comes together. From the staff, thank you.

Raffle

Thanks to all the businesses and families who contributed to the raffle this year. Please share our thanks to any outside businesses or families that may not see this newsletter. What a turn out!

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 (payment and permission now on Compass).

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

Juliette Oddoux

ACTING PRINCIPAL

FOOTY COLOURS

FREE DRESS DAY

THIS FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Father's Day

On Thursday 4th of October we had a lovely Fathers Day Breakfast with yummy pancakes. Thank you to all the family members who were able to attend.

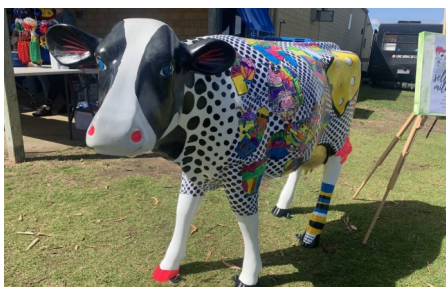


Student Teachers

We want to thank our previous student teacher Danny who spent 4 weeks in the Eagle classroom focusing on senior students. She is now off to finish her degree and we wish her luck.

In Term 4 for the first 4 weeks we will have another student teacher come to join our school. Isobel will be joining the Possum classroom to focus on the early years. We look forward to welcoming her to our school.

Having student teachers is an important process in training the future teachers of Australia. Staff at Tawonga Primary school are very proud to share their knowledge and expertise.



Picasso Cow

At assembly we unveiled our new Picasso Cow project. Students used preferential voting to name our newest member River. Students will learn how milk is produced, its health benefits and life on the farm. Students will then be involved in painting River in a fun creative way to represent our area and their learning in this unit.

As your child may have told you, we are monitoring the dairy in student's lunchboxes from Monday 15th September - Friday 17th October. This is the period we will be studying the dairy industry and 'farm to plate', which aligns with our Picasso Cow creation. When students have dairy in their lunchbox, they will receive a cow token, which they glue into their personal paddock. Milk, cheese and yoghurt products are the items that will receive a token. Any questions, please see Mrs. Fallon or Mrs. Maddison. Thank you.



Production



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Coming Soon!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be set up from 20th-24th October. Tables of books and small items for sale will be set up in the Billabong space for the entirety of the week. Purchasing items can be done in the morning prior to the start of morning lessons and again after 3:15pm. For those who have completed their Principal's Reading Challenge they will be given an amount to spend at the Book Fair from Mrs Franzke. Get those challenges in!

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News



Update

Production - This was our first time having Kinder students join the production and what a lovely addition it was! Thankyou to the parents for coming down to the hall on a non-Kinder day. They really got into character and danced wonderfully.

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 - 8.50 am — 2.01 pm

4 year old (Pre Prep) - 20 hours - 8.50am - 3.45 pm

Prep Transition—For our 2026 Prep cohort the Tawonga Primary School Transition will begin in Term 4. The dates and times are as follows:

- Friday October 17th 9:30-11am
- Friday October 31st 9:30-11am
- Friday November 14th 9:30-11am
- Friday November 28th 9:30-11am

Some students like to wear a school polo top however this is not necessary. Please meet at the fairy tree out the front for pick up and drop off. Please pack a hat, water bottle, some fruit/veg, and a snack.

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.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
15	16 Library	17	18	19 Free Dress - Footy Colours Assembly 2.00pm Last day of Term 2.15pm finish	20/21
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
6 Oct	7 Art	8	9	10 Division Athletics Albury - selected students only Assembly	11/12
13	14 Library	15	16	17 Taiko Drumming Prep Transition #1	18/19
20	21 Library	22	23	24 Assembly	25/26
BOOKFAIR—Book on sale					

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 27th October, 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.

ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL
VICTORIA State Government

You are invited to

MT BEAUTY PLAYGROUP'S

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday October 11th
Mt Beauty Community Centre
10am - 12pm

Come celebrate with birthday cake, cuppas, toys & games for the kids.

Past & present Playgroup families welcome

Check out the displays and share your memories in our guestbook.

FUN SWIM

FUN SWIM provides young swimmers with a fun and engaging program to explore racing, and develop and improve 'race ready' skills.

1HR
TOTAL SWIM TIME

7-12 YEAR OLDS

RACE READY SKILLS

WHEN:
Monday 29 Sep, Wednesday 1 Oct, Friday 3 Oct
5-6pm

WHERE:
Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre
Hedgerow Ct, West Wodonga VIC 3690

COST:
\$55 to attend all 3 sessions or \$33 per session

Get in touch to find out more!

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Information and registrations via QR code

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How to Submit Community News:

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

