

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,

A busy start to the term with cows, drumming, books, maps, athletics and all the usual learning.

Integrated Week

This week is an Integrated Week with the learning centred around Australia and our world. The overarching themes are based around geographic inquiry and using maps to locate and record findings.

Teiko Drumming

Our Taiko Drumming workshop was a hit with lots of enthusiastic drumming. The collective sound of students working together was very enjoyable.

Scholastic Bookfair

The Billabong has been transformed into a book shop for our annual Scholastic Bookfair. Purchases can be made before and after school all week.

Working Bee

To help give our school garden and chicken coop, a quick spruce up, families are invited to help out for a quick 'hour of power' working bee next Wednesday.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

31st October - 3.00pm Sharp

Principals Reading Challenge

Final chance to complete a reading challenge. The deadline has been extended to Thursday 23rd October. Students who have completed the challenge will be receiving Bookfair \$\$ to spend this week.

3/4 Howmans Gap Camp

Final arrangements are being made for our camp with Dederang PS on Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November. Payment is now due.

Prep Late Night & Year 1/2 Sleepover

Our Preps will be enjoying a late night at school and our Year 1/2s a sleepover the classrooms on Wednesday 5th November. Information will be available very shortly on Compass.

Kim Franzke

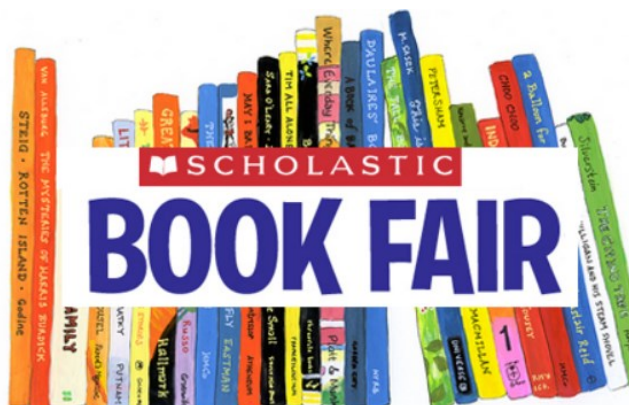
PRINCIPAL



Working Bee

Wednesday 29th October

3.00 - 4.00pm



**Our Bookfair will run
from
Monday 20th -
Friday 24th October**

Year 6 Update

Our Year 6s have a busy term planned with transition and engagement activities. Mitch Harris, the Assistant Principal from Mt Beauty SC, has visited the students in the classroom. He will be returning over the coming weeks, along with student leaders for question and answer opportunities.

The students will be involved in a number of visits to the secondary college with Mrs Fallon to get familiar with the environment before their formal transition day in December.

Our students are also organising some fundraising activities to help offset the cost of their planned Year 6 excursion.

Finally they will be involved in a Student Voice Forum (online and then in person) with other students from the cluster including secondary college students. The forums will be facilitated by the regions Respectful Relationships Team.

Picasso Cow

Our Picasso Cow project is progressing really well. Students have begun painting with final touches being made in the coming weeks.

Students had the privilege of learning about the dairy industry first hand with some poddy calves visiting.

The winners of our lunchbox dairy challenge are:

Individual - Mason

Class - Wombats

Mrs Fallon will be organising prizes.



School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already begun or finalised payment of this year's contributions.

Curriculum Contributions help subsidise the cost of the following items.

- Swimming Term 1 and 4 – pool entry and transport
- Making Day (supplies for cooking, Living Green etc)
- Art – MACC Van
- Online subscriptions including Nessy, Essential Assessment.
- Stationery: including pens, pencils, workbooks, photocopying, glue sticks, planners etc.



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Icy Pole on Sale

Our Year 5/6s will be once again selling Berri 99% Fruit Juice Icy Tubes.

Steele will be raising money for his 2026 Year 6 shirt and the current Year 6s raising money for their end of year graduation excursion they are planning.

Orders need to be made before the 9am bell. Only one icy pole a day and no buying for other students.

If you wanted to bring (for example) \$5 we can keep track of credits for your child.

\$1



Attendance

With only one term left of the year attendance is as important as ever.

How many days have you missed?

Could they have been avoided?

Could they have been a half day absence instead?

Can we help in anyway?

Be an Attendance Hero...



Here Every day Ready On time

Good attendance means our children will...

- Achieve well and be successful
- Know the value of hard work and efforts
- Be kind
- Dream Big!

Work hard. Be kind. Dream big

ON THIS WEEK



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!



News



The Kinder children enjoyed meeting some calves last week and learning how farmers care for them.

Update

This term we welcome some new faces to our program. It has been lovely hearing how they are settling in.

With the weather warming up the children have been enjoying their time outside. Please ensure you have a change of clothes and a waterproof bag for wet clothes.

Kinder families are encouraged to come and buy from our Book Fair. Items are on sale all week. If you would like to shop with out your children please see Yvette in the office.

2026 Enrolments - Our enrolment packs are out and now due back. 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 began last Friday. The remaining dates and times are as follows:

- Friday October 31st 9:30 - 11am
- Friday November 14th 9:30 - 11am
- Friday November 28th 9:30 - 11am
- Tuesday December 9th 9.00 - 2pm

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.

Giant Pumpkin Competition

It's definitely not too late to get your giant pumpkin seeds in the ground. If you missed out or would like another seed please see Ms Oddoux.

Below is a little reminder of the excitement from this year's weigh in. Remember we would love to see all pumpkins big or small.



Tawonga Primary School
Community Giant Pumpkin Competition



Autumn 2026
Its time to get your seeds going!
All entries welcome, if you would like a seed please complete the online sign up form on our Facebook.
For more information please email the school on tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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
20 Integrated Week	21 Art	22 Integrated Week	23 Integrated Week	24	25/26
BOOKFAIR—Book on sale					
27 School Council 5.15 pm Finance, 5.30 General	28 Library	29 WORKING BEE 3-4pm	30	31 Prep Transition 9.30-11 Yr 6 Transition to MtBSC Assembly	1 Nov/2
3 PUPIL FREE DAY (School Only)	4 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	5 Prep late night Yr 1/2 sleepover	6	7 P/2 Junior Sports Day at Dederang PS (5/6 as helpers)	8/9
10	11 Library	12	13 Yr 6 Cluster Student Voice Forum Excursion to MtB	14 Prep Transition 9.30-11 Assembly	15/16
17 Swimming No.1	18 Art	19	20 Swimming No.2	21 Yr 6 Transition to MtBSC	22/23

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.



Summer ART Awards Exhibition
Bright Art Gallery

29 Nov to 26 Jan 2026

Celebrating the Alpine Artists

Painting, Photograph & 3D Work

\$2000 Grand Acquisitive Prize
8 Section Prizes
Paintings, Photographs
Sculptural, Glass, Ceramics &
2 Youth Prizes
12-17 & 6-11 Years

Last Year's Grand Acquisitive Winner
"The Way I Stood" by
Jessie Jourmoud-Ryan

Opening Night, ART Awards Presentation & Members Christmas Function
Friday 28 November at 7pm

Congratulations to Matilda B for winning the junior Mount Beauty Writers Festival short story competition. Matilda was awarded her prize on the weekend. Please speak with Matilda if you would like to read her story.



How to Submit Community News:

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

