

## 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,

### Scholastic Bookfair

Thank you for all the support with last week's fair. We sold close to \$1500 in products. The commission we made is used to put books directly back into the school library.

### 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 this Wednesday.

### Remembrance Day

I am looking for 6 student volunteers to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Mt Beauty on 11th November. Students will travel by car. If students are interested and have parent permission, could you please come and speak with me.

### Giant Pumpkin Competition

We would love to receive updates on how your pumpkins are going. Please send us a pic. The Svarc family still have theirs in a pot. It is looking nice and healthy.



**ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY**

**31st October - 3.00pm Sharp**

### Junior Sports Day Friday 7th November

Our P-2s will be heading to Dederang PS along with the other cluster schools for a fun sports day. Our year 5/6s will also attend as student leaders. Permission and payments is now required on Compass. A Meal Deal which is attached to this newsletter will be offered on the day. Please return to the red box.

### Headlice

Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring that head lice does not spread. Please continue to do regular checks for eggs, long hair should be tied back and there will be no sharing of hats.

### MSL Training

Rachel Fallon completed her 5 day MSL training last week and is super excited to put this new learning into practise. MSL (Multisensory Structured Literacy) is an evidence-based approach that teaches reading and spelling through sight, sound, and movement. By engaging multiple senses, it supports all learners—particularly those with dyslexia—to develop strong, confident, and lifelong literacy skills.

*Kim Franzke*

**PRINCIPAL**

## Working Bee

**Wednesday 29th October, 3.00 - 4.00pm**

**Jobs - topping up soil in our raised veggie garden beds, moving some sand into the sandpit, moving some grit into the base of the chicken coop and some weeding.**

*An hour of power - many hands make light work!*

## Steve Biddulph

Last week our staff were fortunate to take part in a free Professional Development session with renowned psychologist **Steve Biddulph**, focused on supporting children with anxiety. It was an inspiring and rewarding session, leaving us with valuable insights and practical strategies. Steve's **new book** *Wild Creature Mind* builds on these ideas — a highly recommended read for parents and educators alike!

And a big thanks to Roslyn Bloomer for organising!



## 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 Nesy, Essential Assessment.*
- *Stationery: including pens, pencils, workbooks, photocopying, glue sticks, planners etc.*

## Picasso Cow

River is on display in the foyer until we decide on her final display location. A big thank you to Bec Winnel for assisting students with their finishing touches last week. The final step to complete her is to apply a clear protective coating and jazz up the base.

If there is a parent who would like to volunteer to apply the protective coating please see Sarah Maddison or Kim Franzke.



## Swimming

Our end of year swimming program will commence on Monday 17th November. Students will travel via bus to the Mt Beauty Pool and participate in a 30 minute lesson.

A few things that may help:

- **Goggles are really useful**
- **All students need a rash top, towel and bathers in a separate bag**
- **Long hair tied back out of the face**
- **Thongs, Crocs or river shoes for before and after swimming**
- **If it is raining, the program will go ahead. Thunderstorms will be the deciding factor. The pool will advise us.**

Parents are required to pick up from the pool between 3-3.15pm. Our lessons finish at 3pm with the pool opening to the general public at 3.30pm. Families wishing to take advantage of this are welcome to stay, which will save on changing.

**\*\*Students needing to catch the school bus will catch the bus from Mt Beauty SC.**

**\*\*Students with an OSHC booking will need to make prior arrangements with Mrs Franzke before 9am on a swim day.** This is to ensure that enough seats are available in staff cars. If your child needs a booster seat let us know as the school only has one.

**\*\*Students wishing to make their own way home, eg walk or ride, will need to provide a note signed by a parent.**



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## Icy Poles 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 are 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**



## Mini Canteen

**MINI CANTEEN  
OPENING SOON**

## 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**

We are going to run a mini school canteen, run by the students, for the remainder of this year.

The purpose is to let students have real experience dealing with physical money.

We will be selling three items to begin which have been quoted for by students and approved by Mrs Franzke:

**Seaweed for \$1.50**

**Frozen juice-boxes for \$1.50**

**Killer Pythons for 50c**

As the purpose is for students to work out the change for the person purchasing an item, please do not give exact money. A \$2 coin or a handful of silver coins is ideal.

The canteen will begin on Wednesday 12th November and run, for the first 15 minutes of lunch break. Any profits will go to purchasing items on a student wish-list. Any questions, please see Rachel Fallon.





# News



## Working Bee

Wednesday 29th October,

3.00 - 4.00pm

Jobs - weeding the bank,  
pruning some low hanging  
branches & putting together  
some new furniture.

## Update

This Wednesday, after kinder, we will be having a short working bee. Either stay from 2.15pm or come back later with school families from 3pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated. BYO gloves, and weeding tools.

I am pleased to announce that the rest of our furniture order has finally arrived. We now have some lovely wooden indigenous inspired book shelves and tables.

**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.



### Community Giant Pumpkin Competition

**Autumn 2026**  
It's 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](mailto: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.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October/November

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
27  School Council 5.15 pm Finance, 5.30 General	28  Library/Music	29  <b>WORKING BEE</b> <b>3-4pm</b>	30	31  Prep Transition 9.30-11  Yr 6 Transition to MtBSC 9-11  Assembly	1 Nov/2
3  <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> <b>(School Only)</b>	4  <b>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</b>	5  Prep late night Yr 1/2 sleepover  <b>3/4 Howmans Gap Camp</b>	6	7  <b>P/2 Junior Sports Day at Dederang PS (5/6 as helpers)</b>	8/9
10	11  Library/Music  Remembrance Day	12  Mini canteen opens	13  Yr 6 Cluster Student Voice Forum Excursion to MtB	14  Prep Transition 9.30-11  Assembly	15/16
17  Swimming No.1 Pick up at pool	18  Art	19  Mini canteen	20 Incursion 3-6s STEM Academy Swimming No.2 Pick up at the pool	21  Yr 6 Transition to MtBSC 9-11	22/23
24  Swimming No. 3 Pick up at pool	25  Library/Music	26  Mini canteen	27  Swimming No.4 Pick up at pool	28  Prep Transition 9.30-11  Yr 6 Transition to MtBSC 9-11	29/30

## 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

**NEXT PUPIL FREE DAY** - Monday 3rd November & Monday 15th December

## 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

## WE ARE HIRING

### FULL TIME CLASSROOM TEACHER

We're looking for a motivated and enthusiastic teacher to join our passionate team in the beautiful foothills of Falls Creek, North East Victoria.

- Evidence-based teaching: Science of Reading (OG/MSL), Talk 4 Writing, Maths Australia
- Small School, Big Opportunities: kitchen & garden program, skiing, Living Green (sustainability), Japanese, whole-school production

<https://www.vic.gov.au/school-jobs>

Job ID: 1499411

Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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**woolworths CRICKET BLAST**

**Come and try session**  
**Tuesday 28th October**  
**4pm to 5pm**  
**All are welcome!**

**JOIN WITH FRIENDS  
PLAY TOGETHER**

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast Tuesdays 4pm to 5pm  
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities. 11th November to 16th December

**Mount Beauty United Cricket Club**

**JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB**  
🔍 Play Cricket

**OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM**



## Mount Beauty Amateur Swim Club

Swimming - Mount Beauty, Victoria


### Monday 20th October

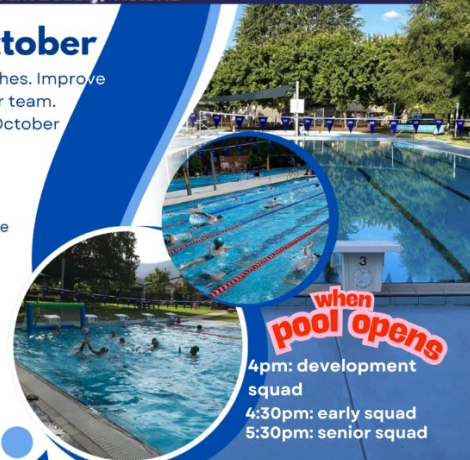
Come train with our awesome coaches. Improve your skills, fitness and be part of our team.  
Dryland training starts Monday 20 October 5-6pm Les Peart Oval.

- ✓ Experienced coaches
- ✓ All skill levels and abilities welcome

Contact Us! ▼

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 join Mt Beauty Amateur Swimming Club Group facebook for registration details



**when pool opens**  
4pm: development squad  
4:30pm: early squad  
5:30pm: senior squad

## How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to [tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

