

"Bringing Life to Learning"

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#### **Our Vision:**

A meeting place where student's lifelong learning begins and grows into a sustainable future.

**UPPORT**Recognising that we all have different learning needs and that we need to assist and help each

**PPORTUNITY** 

Providing every child a broad range of possibilities to achieve success.

#### NITY

Working as a team with common beliefs and understandings.

## R ESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable and trustworthy.

#### **OMMUNITY**

We have a common interest in our students.

## E XCELLENCE

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,

#### **School Review**

The school review process that has occurred over the last fortnight has been an extremely positive experience for staff. A huge thank you to the parents who provided feedback, staff who openly welcomed the reviewers into their classrooms and to our senior students who gave thoughtful feedback about their experiences at school. Andrew Macklan our School Council President also gave up a day of his time to be a part of the final review day on Wednesday.

The feedback from the review panel was positive.

- \*classroom were calm and orderly
- \* students were actively engaged
- \*positive student/teacher relationships
- \*staff planning and collaboration is high

The reviewer will now write a report which will be submitted to the department, from there we will develop our new 4 year strategic plan goals and key improvement strategies.

#### **Chick Coop Update**

After a successful working bee (thanks Roz and Callum—with pre work from Wes and Jase) we are almost ready to welcome chickens. Thanks also to Edmondson's Earthmoving for the donation of gravel for the foundations.

#### **Japanese Speech Contest**

We have 7 students who are busy learning their individual speeches for the annual North East Schools Japanese Speech Contest. Best of luck and thank you to Keiko and Kumi for all their hard work.

> **PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 6th JUNE**

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

13th June - 3.00pm Sharp

#### **Statewide Principal Conference**

Next week I will be heading to Melbourne for the annual principals conference. This is a great opportunity for me to hear from some amazing presenters. It's also a wonderful chance for conversations with colleagues.

#### **Division Cross Country**

Best of luck to the following students who will be representing the cluster at the Division Cross Country today in Wodonga. Zoe, Monty, Harper, Bridget, Sam, Ryan and Harry.

#### Year 3-6 Ski Program

Payment for skiing is now viewable on Compass. Please remember that the School Saving Bonus can be used to assist with payment. Students will need to bring all of their clothing during the week of 10th-13th June for our gear check.



### Why attendance matters

Well done to all our families. The improved attendance rate has been noticeable.

Attendance helps with maintaining the continuity of learning.

It assists with academic performance Helps build better social connections with friends.

# Every day in school counts...











#### and every minute counts...



























### **Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is an opportunity to reflect and explore how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. To celebrate NRW in 2021, Play school shared a special 'Walking together' episode. This episode aims to support children in developing an understanding of what reconciliation means and how they can take action towards reconciliation.

This week the class enjoyed sitting together on our new mat to watch this episode. The children were excited to share this experience together and enjoyed joining in with the activities (singing and dancing). This episode of Play School discussed the significance of acknowledging Country and had us, as a class, discussing what we might include when we develop our own Acknowledgement of Country.

Play School shared the story "Say Yes". This opened up conversations over morning tea about 'fairness' and how it makes us feel when things are unfair.





### **Making Day**

There has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks during our Making Day lessons.

The gardening group have been busy collecting and drying seeds ready for next year's Giant Pumkin Competition. They have also picked all our olives and have been soaking them. Students have also been completing weekly jobs around the school with more confidence.

The cooking group have used the pumpkins from the garden to make a variety of yummy treats including pumpkin soup with fresh bread and yesterday's favourite, stuffed mini pumpkins with rice.

In Living Green students have continued their learning about habitats with the P-2s embracing the challenge of designing and building their own habitat using craft materials.









Well done to Rooney and Clementine who joined Mrs Crumpler and Mrs Franzke at the Mount Beauty Running Festival. Unfortunately we didn't win the school's challenge but we had a lot of fun on the day.









### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### MAY/JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			29	30 Upper Hume Cross Country	31/1 June
2	3 Art Principal Conference - Melb	4 Principal Conference - Melb	5 Japanese Speech Contest	PUPIL FREE DAY	7/8
9 KING's B'DAY	10 Library	11	12	13 Assembly 3pm	14/15
	Year 3-6 Ski Gear Check - please bring all items this week				
16 Basketball Clinic School Council 5.30pm	17 Art Somers Camp (Harry, Sam, Mrs F)	18	19 Yr3-6 Skiing XC TBC	20	21/22
23 Basketball Clinic	24 Library	25 Fruit Fly Circus Performance at Tawonga Hall	26 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC TBC	27 Assembly 3pm	28/29

### **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 16th June, 5.15pm Finance, 5.30pm General Meeting

**BOOK CLUB DUE - 18th June** 

NEXT PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 6th June

### **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

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