

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,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the snow, find some sunshine, or simply relax with family and friends over the break.

Although this is a shorter term - just nine weeks, it's already shaping up to be a busy and exciting one. We're looking forward to welcoming more families at our *Come and Play* sessions for next year's Prep students, continuing our popular skiing program, and preparing for our whole school production.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held next week on **Monday 28th July** and **Wednesday 30th July**.

These meetings are 15 minutes long and are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Bookings can be made via the **Conference** tab on **Compass**.

IT Technician

Jeremy has decided to seek work options closer to home after the birth of his second child this year. We thank him for his support with all things IT based over the past few years. Our new technician Trent will be undergoing training and induction by regional staff over the coming weeks. Please be patient with any laptop queries until he settles in.

Library

Amy will be continuing her leave due to rehab post her broken leg. Olivia will continue delivering these lessons until further notice.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

25th July - 3.00pm Sharp

Year 3-6 Ski Program

Our fourth ski day is this Thursday. Dederang PS students will be joining our cross country program and we have some of our group heading onto the downhill lifts. Thank you to Andrew Macklan for volunteering. Please be ready the night before and check Compass in the morning for an update re cancellation due to staffing or weather issues.

Whole School Production

The first draft of the script was handed out to our older students today, marking the beginning of rehearsals. This term, we'll be diving into all things pirates as we prepare for our school production, *The Pirates of Sandy Cove*.

More information about costume requirements, help with props, and tickets will be shared in the coming weeks. Stay tuned – it's going to be a swashbuckling adventure!

Mt Beauty Writers Festival - Short Story Writing

Students from Years 3-6 are encouraged to think about entering this short story writing competition. Details in Community News and at the office.

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL



Our P-2 students recently created some beautiful artwork inspired by the frosty mornings we've been experiencing. Unfortunately, these pieces did not make it home.

Jump Rope for Heart

On the last day of Term 2, our school was awash in red and pink as students and staff dressed up to raise awareness for heart health and support the work of the Heart Foundation. It was a fun and meaningful way to finish the term, with a strong sense of community spirit on display.

A big thank you to Matilda for inspiring this event, and to the Eagle Room students for their enthusiastic promotion and organisation.

The event was featured in last Friday's *This Week* newspaper – be sure to check it out!



Principal's Reading Challenge

In the lead-up to our annual Scholastic Book Fair at the beginning of Term 4, students are invited to take part in **Tawonga Primary School's Principal's Reading Challenge!** The challenge is to read **20 books over 20 days**, with all reading records due by **the end of term 3**.

A record sheet is attached to this newsletter for students to track their reading. As much of the reading will need to be done at home, we encourage families to support their children throughout the challenge.

Completed reading records can be handed to Mrs Franzke as students finish them, with new records sheets available if students would like to complete multiple challenges. All students who complete the challenge will receive a **certificate and a prize voucher** to spend at the Book Fair.

How many challenges can you complete this term? Let's see how many books you can power through! Good luck and happy reading!



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Book Week Activities

Please check the newsletter calendar for details of our expanded Children's Book Week activities this year. You might want to start thinking about costumes, as our dress up day is only 4 weeks away.

We have three events planned including an activity day with book related learning activities, a dress up day and to end the week a book club with families prior to assembly.



Ski Program

Downhill skiers are reminder to check the following which will be different to your cross country days.

- If you have an EPIC pass double check it is in your jacket pocket.
- If you are hiring skis and a helmet from Rocky Valley, you should have already been in to get fitted out. The bus will stop and collect these in the morning on our way.
- Goggles
- Snacks which can fit into your pockets. You will not come back for lunch. You will have half your lunch before skiing (10am) and the rest after skiing (2.45pm). You will have a break around mid day for your snacks eg muesli bar.



The skill level of our students has increased dramatically. On our last cross country day we enjoyed a game of Sharks and Fishes, which requires lots of balance. After lunch we ventured along the Pipeline Track and watched skiers going down Wombats Ramble. Staff have been very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of all our students which has added to the enjoyment of the each day.

SKI PROGRAM – REMINDERS

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET IN A SAFE PLACE

- **If you have not paid for skiing in full, please do so NOW.**
 1. Unless a bus traveller, children need to be at the school bus stop **by 8.20am**. The snow bus leaves at 8.30am SHARP as soon as the last school bus arrives. All children need to get on the bus at Tawonga PS so that a roll can be marked and gear checked.
 2. Students return to Tawonga PS approximately 4.00-4.15pm. Parents need to make arrangements to pick up their children from the school. If there is a change of plan and we come back early due to changes in weather, we will endeavour to send out a message via Compass.
 3. Check CAREFULLY that your child has all the correct gear to ensure they are safe and comfortable, ready for their day in the snow.
 4. Use the yellow laminated gear check list to check you have everything. Get your kids involved.
 5. Pack a healthy lunch, snacks and drink bottle. Generally, children eat MORE on ski days.
 6. Always assume that the ski program is ON and get ready the night before.
 7. Students doing both downhill and cross country will complete the cross-country program first. Please note that there may be a need to alter this at short notice.
 8. If the ski program is to be postponed, due to poor weather condition then a Compass and Facebook message will be put into operation between 7.15am and 7.30am on the ski day. Students will then arrive at school for a normal school day.
 9. Families are strongly encouraged to ensure Ambulance subscription is current.
 10. If your child will be absent, please text 0402008189 by 7.30am. If notification has not been made by 7.30am on your child's downhill ski day you risk being charged for the cost of the lift ticket.
 11. Be ready to have a GREAT day. Arrive with a big smile and a positive mind!



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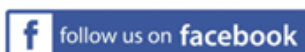
Enrolment Packs are now available with full details. Please pick up a pack from the kinder.

Seasons

Kinder children will be continuing their learning about seasons for the next few weeks.

They are enjoying practising writing their own name and refining their cutting skills. They will start listening for the number of syllables in their names and other words.

A reminder that Parent Teacher Meetings will be held next week, see Eliza for the booking sheet.



*For details regarding
Come and Play sessions
in Term 2 and 3 follow
us on Facebook.*

Formal Transition Program

Fortnightly on Fridays 9.30 - 11.00 am
17th Oct, 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov

Statewide Transition Day
9th December 9 – 2pm

Principal: Kim Franzke
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Tours of the school encouraged

2026 PREP

4 Year Old Children

It is now time to start thinking about which school your child will be attending in 2026.

Tours of the school can be arranged.

Families are asked to please return **completed enrolment forms and other required documents** to school by **Friday 25th July, 2025**. This will greatly assist in planning effectively for the year ahead and allow your child to participate in your chosen school's formal transition programs.

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
21 July PUPIL FREE DAY	22 Term 3 starts Library	23	24 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Day 4	25 Come and Play 4 year olds 9.30-10.30 Assembly	26/27
28 Parent / Teacher Meetings	29 Art	30 Parent / Teacher Meetings National Tree Day— Planting with Alpine Shire 2.15-3.15pm	31 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Day 5	1 August	2/3
4 School Council	5 Library	6	7 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Day 6	8 Come and Play 4 year olds 9.30-10.30 Assembly	9/10
11	12 Art	13	14 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Back Up	15	16/17
18	19 Library BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES	20 BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY	21 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Back Up	22 BOOK WEEK AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB with FAMILIES Assembly	23/24 Joey Hoppet 7km

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 4th August and 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

Kangaroo Hoppet 31
23RD AUGUST 2025

AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER XC SKI RACE

7 KM • 21 KM • 42 KM

FALLS CREEK, VIC. AUSTRALIA

Logos: WORLDLOPPET, agl, FallsCreek, ALPINE, Skis & Classics, Bendigo Bank

BIRKEBEINER NORDIC SKI CLUB IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF

SKI DE FEMME

A WOMENS COMMUNITY XC SKI DAY AT FALLS CREEK

SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST

START 10AM NORDIC BOWL
BEGINNERS WELCOME, GREAT SPOT PRIZES, NO ENTRY FEES,
BUS SHUTTLE FROM MT BEAUTY AVAILABLE

Scan QR code for more info and rego or visit
www.alpinetiming.com.au/registrations/r596/

Logos: agl, FallsCreek, the Y, MOUNTAIN MONK BREWERY, BRAZEN BROWNIES

JOEY HOPPET SCHOOL TEAM

We are looking for students to be part of a school team.

The Kangaroo Hoppet is an international cross country ski event with three race distances, the 42km main event, a 21km event and the 7km Joey Hoppet. It is held at Falls Creek on the fourth Saturday in August, the atmosphere will be fantastic - a great experience for kids and adults.

The School Challenge is perfect for all ages and abilities, the Joey Hoppet takes place on a wide, beautifully groomed course around the Sun Valley Loop at Falls Creek on mostly flat terrain.

The Joey School Competition has four categories for male (or mixed) and female teams from primary and secondary schools. **Each team can have up to 5 skiers**, with the best three times going toward the team's result. Schools may enter any number of teams.

Each skier receives a participant's badge, their souvenir bib and a show bag of goodies. Each school will receive a participation pennant.

Entries: Individual students need to enter themselves first, and then the teacher in charge registers the team. Early bird registrations are \$25 per student for entries received before Aug 14, then a late fee applies. Skis - students can borrow our school skis at no cost.

Trophies and awards will be available for collection at the presentation evening on the Saturday night after the event.

Please see Mrs Franzke for more details or to let her know you will be participating. Please note that parents have full responsibility for children on the day.

Short Story Competition



Do you have a story to tell? We're on the scout for young writers, seeking inspirational and creative stories that ignite the imagination, or perhaps detail the wonderful journey of others or an event in time, the choice is yours!

Open to all student residents of the Upper Kiewa Valley. If you are, or know of any young creative talents who might like to explore their writing skills and interests, and be in the running for some great prizes.

Competition opens on the 20th June and closes on the 19th September 2025.

Simply write a short story of your choice (fiction, adventure, fantasy, biography etc.) and submit your entry via email to mtbyouthcomp@outlook.com

Word Count
Years 3 to 5, 200 to 1000 words
Years 6 to 12, 1000 to 2000 words

Prizes for 1st and 2nd placings:

- Years 3 to 5, \$100 - \$50
- Years 6 to 8, \$200 - \$100
- Years 9 to 12, \$350 - 200

Parent consent must be given to enter this competition.

Full terms & conditions can be viewed [here](#).

How to Submit Community News:

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

