

## 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,

### Curriculum Planning

Last Monday teachers used the Pupil Free Day to work on updating our integrated curriculum scope and sequence documents to reflect changes to the Victorian Curriculum. This was a large amount of work and involved looking in depth at all the curriculum areas excluding English and Maths.

Teachers have mapped out a two year plan to ensure that all areas are covered in our Making Day and Integrated Week units.



### Principals Reading Challenge

It has been lovely speaking with students who have begun their first reading challenge. This morning I even received a little present from a student who had read and followed a recipe and then brought me a yummy treat to show me she had read and followed that recipe properly.

### Lunchboxes

We encourage healthy rubbish free lunch box options as much as possible. At this time of year a small thermos is a popular option with pasta, noodles or soup.

**ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY**

**8th August - 3.00pm Sharp**

### 100 Days of Prep

On Friday 8th August we will be celebrating our 100th day of Prep. The 6 Preps will present some work they have done at the 3pm assembly. It would be lovely for parents to attend. Please see Compass or speak with Miss Oddoux for further details.

### Year 3-6 Ski Program

Our second last ski day is this Thursday. Dederang PS students will once again be joining us. 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 Pirates of Sandy Cove

Students who have lines have now been given their scripts. Students are strongly encouraged to start spending time learning their lines at home as we will begin rehearsing individual scenes this week. The older three classes spent time last week listening to the whole production and understanding the story line.

More information about costume requirements, help with props, and tickets will be shared very soon. Stay tuned.

*Kim Franzke*

**PRINCIPAL**



The fresh snow last Thursday made for great skiing. The weather was kind with partly cloudy skies and only a light breeze.



## National Tree Day

We have two exciting events planned to celebrate National Tree Day.

The first event will be this Wednesday 30th July at school in collaboration with the Alpine Shire Council. All students will listen to a short presentation and then the P-2s will be involved in tree planting around the school.

The following week our Yr 3-6s will travel to Mt Beauty to plant 1000 trees for Landcare along the Pebble Beach walk. Students will travel in staff cars (Mrs Franzke, Rachel Bradbury and Rachel Fallon).

All students should come prepared with appropriate footwear (gumboots) and raincoats.



Facebook post from the Alpine Shire Council explaining National Tree Day.



Alpine Shire Council

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Students across the Alpine Shire have once again rolled up their sleeves for Planet Ark's National Tree Day, which was celebrated nationally yesterday, on Sunday, 27 July! 🌱🌳🐦

In partnership with our Sustainability and Open Spaces teams, as well as Myrtleford and Upper Ovens Landcare groups, students from local schools have planted hundreds of native trees, shrubs, and grasses across Bright and Harrietville. Students in Dederang, Myrtleford, and Tawonga will join in with more planting this week.

Plantings have been carefully chosen to support local biodiversity and restore vital habitat - including for one of our region's most iconic (and now endangered) visitors, the Gang-gang Cockatoo. 🦋

With their distinctive crests and creaky-door call, these much-loved birds rely on mature trees and diverse understorey for nesting and food. They favour eucalypts, wattles and introduced hawthorns, and depend on old tree hollows for nesting - which can take decades to form. You can help by planting these species at home and protecting established trees wherever possible.

🌱 National Tree Day has been growing strong since 1996, and we've proudly supported it with Alpine Shire schools since 2015. A big thanks to all the students, teachers, parents, and volunteers who helped make this year's events a success!

For more information about planting all year round, see the following resources:

- 🟢 Join a local Landcare event: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au>
- 🟢 Learn more about National Tree Day: <https://treeday.planetark.org>
- 🟢 Discover more about the Gang-gang Cockatoo: <https://birdlife.org.au/bird-profiles/gang-gang-cockatoo/>

PLEASE BRING  
GUMBOOTS and a  
RAINCOAT on your  
TREE PLANTING  
DAY

Yr P-2  
Wednesday 30th  
July P-2  
Yr 3-6  
Wednesday  
6th August

## 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.
- 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.



### 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!





Thank you to our 4 year old families for completing school enrolment details on time. This helps with budget, staffing and curriculum planning for next year. This may seem early however the department asks schools to complete an August Census which they use for provisional school budget planning. Our final Come and Play is on Friday 8th August 9.30 - 10.30am. If families are aware of any families considering Tawonga PS in Prep next year, they are strongly encouraged to make contact with the school as soon as possible. School tours can be arranged.

## Lunchbox Planning

We encourage families to pack rubbish-free lunchboxes or use packaging that is easy for children to open. This helps promote independence and supports your child in managing their own mealtimes. Below are some suggestions. Fresh whole foods are a preference to packaged processed foods.

### Pick'n'Mix 1-6

**For a healthy lunchbox pick & mix something from each food group 1 – 6!**

The [Department of Health Pick & Mix 1-6 poster](#) provides a range of ideas and practical tips to inspire families to create healthy school lunchboxes

Pick and mix one tasty option from each of the five core food groups to create a healthy lunchbox every day:

1. Fruit (e.g. fresh, frozen, pureed and canned in natural juice)
2. Vegetables, legumes and beans
3. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and alternatives
4. Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds, and legumes/beans
5. Grain (cereal) foods
6. Plain water

**FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX  
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!**

**PICK & MIX**



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
	29 Art	30 Parent / Teacher Meetings  National Tree Day - Planting with Alpine Shire 2.15-3.15pm P-2s	31 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Day 5	1 August	2/3
4  School Council	5  Library	6  Yr3-6s Excursion - Landcare Tree Planting Pebble Beach 11.30-1.30	7  Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Day 6	8  Come and Play 4 year olds 9.30-10.30  <b>100 Days of Prep</b> Assembly	9/10
11	12 Art	13	14 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Back Up	15	16/17
18	19 Library  <b>BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES</b>	20  <b>BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY</b>	21 Yr 3-6 Skiing XC/DH Back Up	22  <b>BOOK WEEK AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB with FAMILIES</b>  Assembly	23/24  Joey Hoppet 7km
25	26 Art	27 Hall rehearsals start for production	28 Hall rehearsal	29 Hall rehearsal	30/31

## 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** - 8th August

**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 9<sup>TH</sup> 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

