

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,

Illness

We have had a large number of students and staff absent due to illness over the past two weeks. While we strongly encourage high attendance at school, please only send your child to school if they are well, and continue to use Compass to record any absences.

Kinder Open Day

Enrolments will be open on the 1st September for our kindergarten program in 2026. Next year we will be offering 20 hours of free kinder for 4 year olds and 15 hours for 3 year olds.

New families are encouraged to visit our Open Day sessions or to book at time if these times do not suit. Please help us spread the word.

Student Teacher

Welcome to Danielle who will be with us for the next four weeks. She will be working mainly with the Eagle Room students. Our students have made her feel very welcome. Having a student teacher benefits the school by bringing fresh ideas, providing extra support for students, and offering opportunities for our teachers to reflect on their practice.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

22nd August - 3.00pm Sharp

Whole School Production - The Pirates of Sandy Cove

Costume requirements have now been sent home. If you have not seen the sheet, there are extras on the office counter.

Costumes need to be ready by Friday 29th August and brought to school in a named bag. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to assist with making some of the more tricky costumes.

Principals Reading Challenge

Students, with family support, are encouraged to keep progressing in the Principal Reading Challenge, with the aim of completing their first challenge by next week as we approach the halfway point of the term.

Oranges

Over the past couple of weeks, students have thoroughly enjoyed fresh cut oranges, thanks to generous donations from a community member, a large box from the School Breakfast Club program, and even our very own school-grown harvest.

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL

The Pirates of Sandy Cove

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE MAIN SHOW

See attached flyer for details (there is no need to book for the matinee)

Seats will be allocated front to back in the hall based on first in best dressed. Doors will open at 5.00pm with the show starting at 5.30pm. A raffle will be run at the conclusion of the evening show.

All guests need to pre-book tickets via direct deposit (Tawonga Primary School BSB 063 645 ACC 1003 8284). Email tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au with details of all attendees i.e. name, number of tickets. For more info phone - 5754 4468

National Tree Day

Our Year 3-6 students showed great teamwork and resilience last week while helping our local Landcare volunteers plant native trees along the Pebble Beach walking track. Landcare is a community-led group that works to protect and restore our natural environment through activities such as revegetation, weed control, habitat restoration, and caring for local waterways, with the aim of planting over 1,000 trees along the Pebble Beach walking track this winter. Despite the light rain, students worked efficiently in groups of three to dig a hole, plant a tree, construct and install a tree guard, spread mulch, and water their plant.



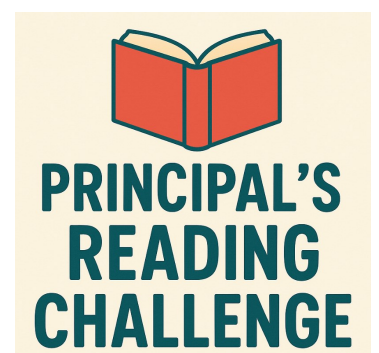
Principal's Reading Challenge

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. Please be ready for our dress up day on Wednesday 20th August. We will have a parade of costumes with the kinder children at 9.15am.

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.



RAP

Our School's Journey with Marrung and Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

At Tawonga Primary School, we believe that every culture should be respected, celebrated, and valued. The *Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan* guides us in ensuring that all Koorie learners can achieve their aspirations, while helping every student gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, and contributions.

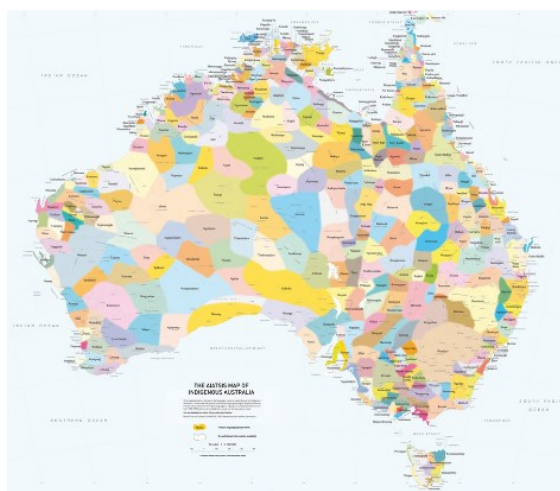
We've recently begun our journey towards creating a *Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)*—a roadmap for how we will build relationships, show respect, and create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within our school community. This work isn't just about policies and actions; it's about reflection, growth, and being willing to look at things differently.

Just last month, three of our Koorie students joined other young people from across the Alpine Shire in Bright for a special day focused on sharing culture, listening to stories, and deepening understanding. They came back with pride in who they are and excitement to share their experiences.

On this journey, we know that some of us may need to *uneducate* ourselves—letting go of outdated or incomplete ideas—so we can *re-educate* ourselves with knowledge that is accurate, respectful, and inclusive. That's how we build genuine reconciliation: by listening, learning, and sometimes relearning.

In the coming months, we'll be inviting staff, students, and families to contribute their ideas as we shape our RAP. We'll be celebrating what we already do well, but also challenging ourselves to grow. Reconciliation is not a one-off project—it's something we live every day.

If you'd like to know more or be part of these conversations, please speak with **Karen Crumpler**, our Marrung Lead Teacher. Together, we can make our school a place where everyone feels a deep sense of belonging and pride in who they are.



News



Update

Thanks to our grant from AGL and Gentile Steel for the construction, we now have a brand **new shed** for the storage of equipment. This will make set up and pack up more time efficient and will also mean that the children will be able to help.

The children will be conducting experiments this week for **National Science Week**.

They have participated in an emergency **evacuation drill** with the primary school which went smoothly.

Children have been learning that while many people talk about four **seasons**—spring, summer, autumn, and winter—Indigenous cultures often recognize six or seven seasons, showing how plants, animals, and weather change in more detailed and special ways.

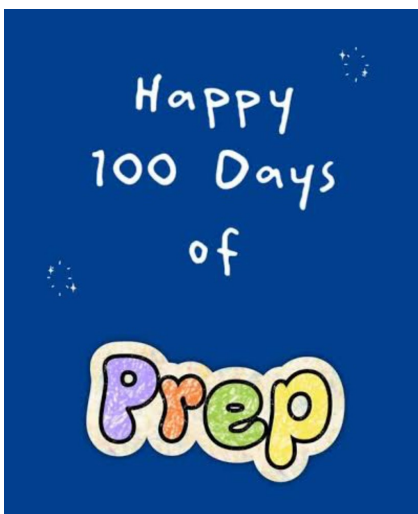
Book Week—dress up day with the school will be on Wednesday 20th August. Parents are invited to stay with a short parade at 9.15am. Children will then join the Prep/1 class for some joint activities in the classroom.

We have two **Open Day** sessions coming up. These are specifically for new families. Monday 25th August 3-4pm and Friday 29th August 9-10am. Enrolments for 2026 will open on Monday 1st September. Enrolment packs will be available shortly.

School Production - The kinder children will be joining the school students on stage for a short performance prior to the Matinee on Tuesday 9th September at 11.00am. More details to come.

100 Days of Prep

Last Friday, we celebrated 100 Days of Prep with plenty of smiles, laughter, and fantastic dress-ups that showed off the creativity of our students. It's amazing to see how much our Preps have grown in just six months—both in learning and confidence.



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
11	12 Art	13 Production tickets on sale	14	15	16/17
18	19 Library BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES	20 BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY Parade at 9.15am Families welcome	21	22 BOOK WEEK AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB with FAMILIES Assembly	23/24 Joey Hoppet 7km
25 <i>Kinder Open Day 3-4pm</i>	26 Art	27 Hall rehearsals start for production	28 Hall rehearsals	29 Hall rehearsals <i>Kinder Open Day 9- 10am</i>	30/31
1 Sept Hall rehearsals <i>Kinder 2026 enrolments open</i> School Council	2 Library	3 Hall rehearsals	4 Fathers Day Event 8.30 - 9.30am Hall Rehearsals	5 Hall rehearsals Assembly	6/7 FATHER'S DAY
8 Full Dress Rehearsal from 9am	9 MATINEE 11am with Kinder	10 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 6pm	11	12	13/14

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 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



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

