

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,

I have been super impressed by the work output, manners and general calmness we have had at school this past week. Students have settled back into their school routines really well.

Our prep students have been well supported and it is lovely to hear the great feedback from families regarding how prepared and calm they have been. This gives us confidence to know that our extended transition program has been meaningful.

Parent Teacher Meetings

If you missed a meeting time this week the teachers would still like to meet with you. Please make contact to let us know a suitable time.

Attendance

Establishing routines around strong school attendance is essential at the beginning of the year.

We know that many families have appointments that can not be scheduled during out of school hours. If you do have an appointment we strongly encourage students to attend for a part day. Please try not to have the whole day off if it can be avoided.

Compass

This year there is a new feature on Compass for school administrators. It shows us how many parents are accessing our posts. It is concerning that this number is sometimes only 50% of households. To ensure that you don't miss important updates please enable notifications on your phone. If you need assistance navigating the app please come and speak with myself or Yvette.

School Photos

Our school photos are booked in for Friday 9th May. Families with children at MtBSC looking to get family photos please note that our date is later than MtBSC, you will need to wait until May to get family shots taken.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

Next - 14th February - 3.00pm Sharp

Yard Supervision

Thank you to families who have been arriving at school at 8.50am. The 10 minute window before school starts is a valuable time to reconnect with friends, and school staff.

Pupil Free Days

Please note a change to the date previously advertised. Our next Pupil Free Day will be Friday 6th June. This will make an extra long weekend due to the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

5/6 Canberra Camp

Our Year 5/6s will be heading to Canberra at the end of the term. Please stay tuned for details under Events on Compass for consent and payment details.

Prep Nurse Program

Online or paper forms are due back ASAP so that our school nurse Helen can book in a time for a visit.

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BBQ

Friday 21st February

5-7pm

BYO BBQ meat

Bring a salad to share

School will provide dessert

This is a causal event. BYO picnic rug and chairs if you wish. We look forward to seeing as many kinder and school families as possible.

Instrumental Music Yr 4-6

Students in Year 4-5-6 have the opportunity to participate in instrumental music lessons and Junior Concert Band this year. Students will receive weekly lessons on an instrument and will be required to attend band rehearsals once a week after school.

This is an amazing opportunity to learn a great skill.

Students will have an in school introductory session this Friday at 2.15.

Please return the permission form tomorrow if you are interested.

Music

This year will have engaged with, 'Amplify Music' to assist us to deliver a regular music curriculum to all our students.

Students will participate in a fortnight music lesson (on a library week) with Mrs Crumpler.

The students were very engaged during their first lesson which focused on the importance of a beat in a song.



Swimming Program

We have two weeks remaining.

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 when the pool opens to the public, so families wishing to take advantage of this are welcome to come earlier 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.**

School Review - Parent Feedback

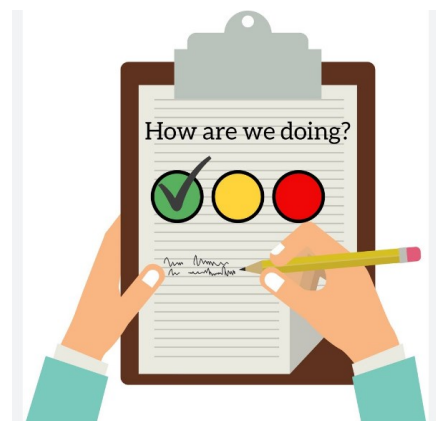
This year our school will be completing our 4 yearly strategic plan review. To assist us in writing our prereview self-assessment we are interested in gathering some thoughts from parents.

Please find attached a quick activity that we would like you to complete. You can complete this form anonymously and return it to the red box by Friday 21st February.

During Term 2 families will have an opportunity to be part of a parent forum with an external School Reviewer.

Further details will be shared next term.

If families have any questions regarding the school review process please speak with Kim or Andrew Macklan our School Council President.



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Bully Bull Ring - Performance Wednesday 26th February

We have organised an incursion to support our social and emotional learning curriculum. Our Friends from Falls Creek Primary School will also be joining. The show starts at 9am and runs for 45 minutes. There will be Q&A time afterwards. Parents are welcome to stay if they wish. Please provide consent and payment. The School Saving Bonus can be used if you have allocated money towards school events - select Credit.

The performance will take place in our open learning space (Billabong) on a portable stage. The show will be starting at 9am.

Unfortunately this is a non school day for our Preps (we were unable to secure an alternative date due to the popularity of the show) however Preps are welcome to attend with parental supervision.

About The Show

Bellamy the Bison lives in her enclosure at the zoo with her bullying brother Brutus, until one day she decides she can't take it any more and leaves to find new ways to cope with what's happening to her. Along the way, she meets 6 brand new friends who each impart some kindly wisdom and help her stand up for herself and anyone else being bullied.

Bully Bull Ring is written for students Prep – Grade 6 and is designed to impart the same wisdom the animal gives to Bellamy onto the students. Through a mixture of song, dance, and puppetry, each of the animals teaches Bellamy how to use her emotional intelligence and stand up for herself. Key topics we focus on include building respect, resilience, confidence and more, whilst always remaining upbeat and friendly. Our performers take on multiple roles throughout the piece, keeping the pace up and ensuring that the students never have an opportunity to get bored and zone out. We also have multiple opportunities for audience participation, keeping students engaged from the moment they enter the space.

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

Our whole school is aiming to have 80% of students with 95% attendance during 2025.

That is a maximum of 10 days of absences over the year.

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?



News



Grand Opening

Our kinder will be opening on Monday 17th February - WOOHOO. The hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.15 - 2.15pm.

Meet our educators

Eliza Carrie - Eliza holds a Bachelor of Early Childhood/Primary and is experienced in both a kinder and primary school setting.

Anne Stanmore - Anne is currently working towards her Certificate 111 in Early Childhood and Care. Anne has most recently worked in Education Support in a primary school setting. She is also a lady of many talents as she was previously a trained art and craft teacher.

Karen Crumpler - Emergency Relief Educator - Karen will be a back up educator and provide strong links to aid transition to school. Karen is primary trained with a strong background in outdoor education.

Cluster Swimming Sports Yrs 3-6

Congratulations to all our students who fully participated in last Fridays Cluster Swimming. We have 3 students who have now qualified for the Upper Hume event. Well done Monty, Matilda and Sam. Matilda also took out the 10 yr old age group champion and Sam the 12/13 year old age group champion and the Year 6 champion. It was super impressive to see all our students compete in at least 2 events.

Thank you to our parent volunteers on the day who assisted with lap timing.

Matt, Elyse, Jo, Ros and Tom.



Lunchtime Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music and Dance	Game	Wheels	Books & Board Games	
Inside	Outside	Outside	Inside	None
Mrs Crumpler	Mrs Maddison or Crumpler	Mrs Vanderree	Mrs Fallon	

Tawonga Primary School runs a 15 hour a week sessional 3 & 4 year old sessional kindergarten program on schoolgrounds.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY/MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			13	14 Yr 4-6 Instrumental Music Intro Assembly 3pm	15/16
17 <u>KINDER 1st DAY</u> Swimming 2-3pm	18 Library	19 No Preps	20	21 Welcome BBQ 5-7pm	22/23
24 Swimming 2-3pm	25 Art	26 No Preps P-6 Bully Bull Ring Production 9-10am	27 Prep - Speech Assessments	28 Assembly 3pm	1/2 March
3	4 Library	5	6	7 Yr 3-6 Interschool Lawn Bowls	8/9
10 LABOUR DAY	11 Art	12 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	13 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	14	15/16

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 17th March, 5.15pm Finance, 5.30pm General Meeting

BOOK CLUB DUE - 17th February

NEXT PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 6th June

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, 2 x vacancies
DET Rep	Juliette Oddoux





Community News



MOUNT BEAUTY TENNIS CLUB

Term 1 Tennis lessons

Mondays 3rd Feb-31st March

Groups (only guidelines)

***Red ball-** (age 5-8) , 5:30-6pm, 9 x 30 min lesson , \$90 (\$10/lesson)

Small courts and nets, low bounce ball. **First timer learning.**

***Orange ball-** (age 8-10), 6pm-6:45, 9 x 45 min lesson, \$126 (\$14/lesson)

Reduced courts , medium bounce balls. **Beginner but Improving**

***Green ball-** age (10 +), 6:45-7:30, 9 x 45 min lesson, \$126 (\$14/lesson)

Full courts , ¾ bounce balls. Kids possibly wanting to play section 4.

Building confidence & Consistency.

***Yellow ball -** More advanced , 7:30-8:30 , 9 x 1 hour lesson. \$135 (\$15/lesson)

possibly those kids wishing to play section 3 competition tennis

Focussing on individual needs while also working as a doubles team

To book a spot please email Andy directly on scribblesbyshuttsy@gmail.com

Or if you have a question feel free to text or phone Andy on 0409033920.

Private lessons also available on request (All ages) from \$50/hour.



FEELING OVERWHELMED IN YOUR CARING ROLE?

As a carer, you give so much of yourself to support your Autistic loved one.

But who's taking care of you?

Join us and special guest, self-compassion researcher Dr. Ru Ying Cai, to learn practical strategies to support your own wellbeing while continuing to be there for those who need you.

Autistic or know someone who is?

We also run monthly Autistic Peer Support Groups for Autistic adults in the Alpine Shire and surrounds, including those who self-identify.

Autism Carers Support Group

Sunday, February 23
1pm to 3pm
Bright Community Centre



bit.ly/feb-carers

Questions? Email us or follow us on Facebook
AlpineValleysAutismCommunity@gmail.com



Mt Beauty - Carer Connect

P:03 90004600

Email:
caregatewayenquiries@vt.uniting.org

Are you looking to connect with carers in or around the Mt Beauty area and learn more about carer support? We can help! Join our Carer Connect Program and gain support and information while meeting new people in a relaxed environment.

We will cover:

Thursday 27/02/2025: Boundaries and Communication

Thursday 27/03/2025: Dementia Australia

Thursday 24/04/2025: Carer Stress

Thursday 26/06/2025: Mindfulness Yoga

Where: Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
1 Tennis Court Avenue
Mt Beauty 3699 Vic

When: 10am-12pm

Sessions will include morning tea



How to Submit Community News:

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

