

## 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 BBQ

We look forward to a casual welcome back to school BBQ this Friday evening from 5-7pm (see below for details). This will be a relaxed event which will give families a chance to chat and kids a chance to play. If you are able to make it, we would love to see you.

### School Values

Yesterday students discussed our new focus value of **OPPORTUNITY**. We strive to provide a broad range of opportunities for all our students to meet their varying needs. The students brainstormed yesterday what they could do to try and demonstrate this value.

"What can I say yes to?"

-putting my hand up to share an idea

-trying a new food in the kitchen

-trying a lunchtime club

-taking on a learning challenge

-practising a new word in Japanese

-attending an upcoming school event

-learning an instrument

Sometimes worries can accompany trying something new but this is a normal reaction. We encourage families to discuss this idea further at home.

### Attendance - Our Goal

Chronic absenteeism 3 students = 5% (20= days)

At risk = 7 students 15% (10-19 days)

Satisfactory = 39 students 80% (max 10 days)

### How we are tracking as at 14th Feb

Chronic absenteeism = 9 students 18% (1+ days absent)

At risk = 11 students 22% (1 day absent)

Satisfactory = 29 students 60% (0-1/2 day absent)

**ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY**

**28th February - 3.00pm Sharp**

### Bully Bull Ring Performance Incursion

We are very excited and lucky to have secured this highly quality performance at our school. The show will start promptly at 9am so please mark this in your diaries.

### Compass

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.

### Events / Course Contributions

Please regularly check Compass for actions required in the Events and School Contributions tabs.

### 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 casual event. BYO picnic rug and chairs if you wish. We look forward to seeing as many kinder and school families as possible.

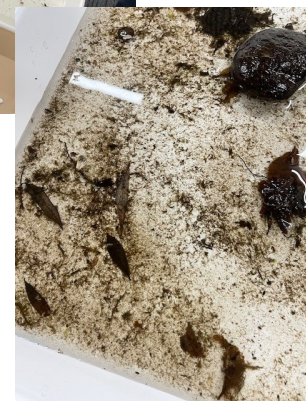
## Making Day

Each Thursday the school is divided into multi age P-6 groups to complete a variety of hands on learning activities.

This week in the kitchen students learnt about fractions through a variety of cutting activities. While also making some tomato salsa and pita bread.

The garden group completed many many jobs around the school including checking on our giant pumpkins, harvesting produce (tomatoes and herbs) for the kitchen and tidying some of our composting bays.

The Living Green /Making Group completed some of our annual River Detectives water monitor tasks including checking on the health of the water by counting and identifying bugs.



## Swimming Program

Our last lesson is on Monday. Thank you to all families for your cooperation and organisation with our pick up arrangements.

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

### SHEET ATTACHED TO LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

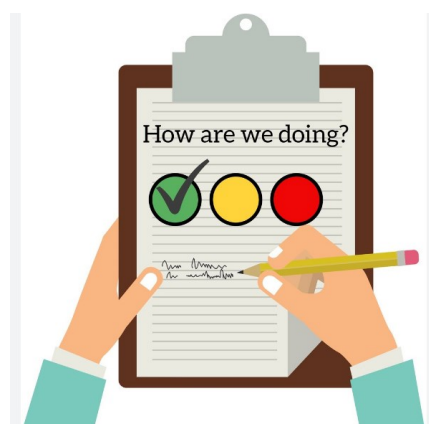
This year our school will be completing our 4 yearly strategic plan review. To assist us in writing our prereview self-assessment we are interested in gathering some thoughts from parents.

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 us. 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 - or contact Yvette if you are having trouble.

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



## First Week

A huge welcome to all our kinder children who began their first week at our kinder this week. They have been settling in beautifully.

A big thank you to Dale and Danelle who joined some staff at Saturdays working bee. The garden has been weeded with new mulch spread. The sandpit has been dug over and some minor maintenance in the yard was completed.

A highlight of the week for some of the children was painting. This can be a challenging activity at home. Thank you to Peta for coordinating the making of a paint easel. The Men's Shed kindly donated their time to make this project.

We looking forward to meeting kinder families at the Welcome BBQ this Friday.

Kinder families will be introduced to the Storypark App which will be used to communication kinder specific items. The school newsletter will give a broader overview.



## Lunchtime Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music and Dance	Game	Wheels	Books & Board Games	None
Inside	Outside	Outside	Inside	
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.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			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 Excursion	8/9
10 <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	11 Art	12 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Writing	13 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Catch up	14	15/16
17 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Reading and Lang Conventions	18 Library Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Catch up	19 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Numeracy	20	21 Optional Yr3-6 Falls Creek Interschool Mountain Bike Event	22/23

**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



**Mavis**  
The Little Plane Spotter

**BOOK LAUNCH**

WITH LOCAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR  
**ANGELA TONIOLO**  
FOR HER DEBUT PICTURE BOOK  
'MAVIS, THE LITTLE PLANE SPOTTER'

**SATURDAY 1ST MARCH**  
10AM - 12PM  
AT MT BEAUTY LIBRARY  
(03) 5754 4305

Be the first to hear this beautiful book read by the author, and join in the party as we celebrate with morning tea, games and prizes!

COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY (CASH ONLY)

ALPINE High Country Library Network



## 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](https://bit.ly/feb-carers)

Questions? Email us or follow us on Facebook  
[AlpineValleysAutismCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:AlpineValleysAutismCommunity@gmail.com)



## Mt Beauty - Carer Connect

P:03 90004600

Email:  
[caregatewayenquiries@vt.uniting.org](mailto: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](mailto:tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

