

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,

School Values

Yesterday students discussed our new focus value of **UNITY** (working together as a team). This can be demonstrated during Making Day lessons, PE or in the playground etc. The students brainstormed what they could do to try and demonstrate this value. Students are enjoying receiving Values Tickets from staff in acknowledgment of positive behaviour.

Regional Swimming

Sam represented the cluster in a freestyle relay team yesterday in Shepparton. The team came fourth. This is a fantastic opportunity for students from a small school like ours. Well done Sam.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 & 5 students will be completing the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy. All students in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be completing 4 assessments over the next fortnight. There will be some minor interruptions to some classes so that we can accommodate the testing requirements. If these students have headphones that they like to use, could these be brought in so that they can be tested.

Emergency Evacuation Drill

In the coming weeks we will be practising one of our emergency evacuation drills with the kinder. We do this once a term. We practise a variety of drills over the course of the year. With the events unfolding in Queensland at the moment it is a timely reminder to be prepared as a family for a variety of different scenarios.

Emergency Clothes

All students are encouraged to have a spare pair of underwear and shorts in their bag in case of an accident. These can be placed into a plastic bag in the front pocket of the bag. The school has a limited supply.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

14th March - 3.00pm Sharp

Yr 3-6 Interschool Lawn Bowls

Our Year 3-6 students are off for a fun day in Rutherglen this Friday 7th March competing in an interschools lawn bowls competition. A reminder that the bus will be leaving at 8.30am sharp, straight after the school buses arrive.

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.

Toys at School

Parents are asked to please monitor toys being brought to schools. While this can be fun for students it creates challenges when some students have toys and others don't. The school can not be responsible for lost or damaged items.

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

Making Day

Students in Making Day have been busy the last couple of weeks.

Students have harvested fruit and vegetables from the garden for a variety of projects. They have also been keeping an eye on the giant pumpkins.

In the kitchen students have peeled, cut and stewed some school grown apples and made them into apple turnovers. There has been a lot of Maths learning as well including discussions about fractions and 3D shapes.

In Living Green students observed some cool experiments to do with water surface tension and related these back to learning about water creatures found during their River Detectives work.



Thank you to Harriet for making Mrs Franzke her own beautiful apple turnover.

Agri-tech Roadshow

Next Thursday 13th March as part of our Making Day program we will be having an incursion. This is a free program.

RACE Victoria - Agriculture-Tech Roadshow will be presenting a half day workshop for students where they will participate in two hands-on activities that showcase science, technology, and business principles utilised in food and fibre production.

The aim of RACE is to raise awareness and increase motivation to pursue one of the vast range of careers across the agricultural field.

Students will work in one of two groups P-2 & 2-6 as part of our Making Day rotations.



Last Friday the whole school completed a clean up of our school grounds as part of the Clean Up Australia Day Schools initiative. Students did a great job working as part of a team. They were disappointed however to find sooooo much rubbish that could have been avoided i.e. lunch wrappers and icy poles. Students were very knowledgeable on the effects that pollution has on the environment. We discussed ways to minimise rubbish in lunchboxes.



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Bike riding at school

On Wednesdays Mrs Vanderree runs a lunchtime club where students are allowed to ride their bikes or scooters at school.

Parents are asked to ensure that bike helmets are fitted correctly, brakes are in good conditions and bar ends are in place. This will eliminate the disappointment of students. Safety is a priority.

On Wednesday 26th March students are encouraged to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school (note this day is different to the national day).

Mrs Vanderree will have some fun activities for students to participate in at lunchtime.



**TAWONGA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY
26th MARCH**

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?



Settling into routines

In the kindergarten, the children have been doing a great job of learning the routines of the kinder; routines around eating as a group, playing, packing up and applying sunscreen when going outside.

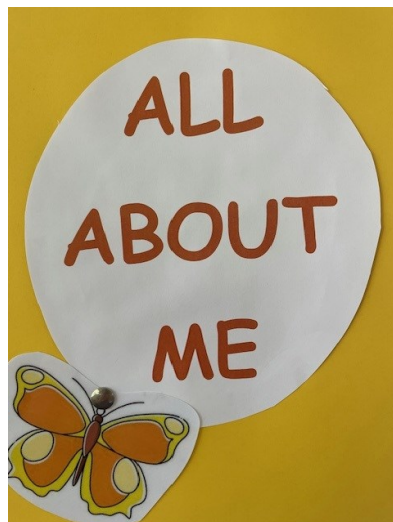
Children have enjoyed activities such as threading beads and making art pieces and decorations for the classroom. These can be viewed in the window.

This week the kinder children have taken advantage of the nice weather and have been busy in the sandpit with dinosaurs and their habitats as the centrepiece of their play. They have also been practising some fundamental motor skills of throwing using a target.

A huge thank you to our friends at Dederang Primary School who have loaned us some excellent outdoor equipment for climbing and balancing on.

A reminder that all children should be wearing sun smart clothing (shoulders covered).

Book Club - Children from kinder are able to purchase books that same as school families. These need to be paid for online and will be delivered to school for pick up.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			6	7 Yr 3-6 Interschool Lawn Bowls Excursion leaving at 8.30 sharp	8/9
10 LABOUR DAY	11 Art	12 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Writing	13 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Catch up Agri-tech Roadshow	14 Assembly 3pm	15/16
17 NAPLAN Reading and Lang Conventions School Council AGM	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
24	25 Art	26 Ride to School Day	27	28 Assembly 3pm Giant Pumpkin Comp 5-6pm	29/30 Tawonga 180 B'day
31	1 April Library	2	3	4 Last day of Term Early dismissal 2.15pm	5/6
Integrated Week - Values, Laws and Democracy			Year 5/6 Canberra Camp		

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



Tawonga
Primary School

Friday 28th March 2025
5-6pm @ Tawonga Primary



**Community Giant
Pumpkin Competition**

Sign up online using the link OR email
tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au
All entries welcome!

Tawonga Primary School would like to officially invite all giant pumpkin growers to our first Giant Pumpkin Competition!

Friday 28th March at 5-6pm.

Please sign up using the below link or email

tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Sign Up Link: <https://forms.gle/knojELE9xzvMq4fH8>



**Alpine Valleys
Autism Community**

**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@xt.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

