

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 **RESPONSIBILITY**. Students discussed what this mean as a student, a friend and as part of a group.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who successful navigated the four NAPLAN tests over the past week. Results will be available to parents and schools in July/August.

Attendance

Today was another school day with 100% attendance.

Why does attendance matter?

- regular attendance creates an uninterrupted learning experience, allowing students to build on prior knowledge and stay on track with the curriculum.
- school attendance fosters essential life skills like discipline, punctuality and accountability.
- It provides opportunities for social interactions, and the development of interpersonal skills. Regular attendance is strongly correlated with positive mental health and well-being
- School attendance is a legal requirement for children of compulsory school age. Parents/ carers have a responsibility to ensure their children attend school.

1st April

Our Eagle Room students will be organising some fun surprises for the whole school on Tuesday 1st April. As part of their weekly leadership lesson with me they have been planning a way to spend the profits from the sale of icy poles this term. On this day we will also be having a Free Dress Day. Please look out for more information from the Eagle Room students after their next lesson tomorrow.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

28th March - 3.00pm Sharp

Falls Creek Interschool Mountain Bike

Best of luck to students who will be attending this event in Falls Creek tomorrow. Rhys, Monty, Max and Connor.

Leave

I will be taking four days long service leave at the end of this term to watch my two boys competing in the National Athletics Championships in Perth. Juliette Oddoux will be Acting Principal in my absence.

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.

Future dates for your diary

To assist families with future planning, please take note of some upcoming events in Term 2.

Friday 2nd May - Year 3-6 Cluster Athletics

Thursday 8th May - Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 9th May - School/Kinder Photos

Friday 16th May - P-6 Cluster Cross Country

20th, 21st & 28th May - School Review

Thursday 5th June - Japanese Speech Contest

Friday 6th June - Pupil Free Day

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PRINCIPAL



Don't forget to register your Giant Pumpkin. We only have 1 week to go until weigh in.

Making Day

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

The gardening group have continued to look after our giant pumpkin by watering, mulching and feeding it. They have also planted some seeds, which we hope to transplant into our raised garden beds at a later date.

The cooking group have made play dough for the kinder, naan bread with cherry tomatoes and sage butter.

In Living Green they have continued to talk about what living things need to survive. Students have continued their observations of what plants need to survive through their mini science experiment of seeds in plastic bags; which you will have seen hanging up around the school.



Agri-tech Roadshow

Last Thursday students were highly engaged in our incursion with Agri-Tech Education.

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

A highlight was learning about how remotes can help on farms. Students used mini battery operated robots to simulate a real farm scenario.

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

School and Kinder Photos

Our school photo day is **Friday 9th May**. Please note that this is different to schools in Mount Beauty. Families wishing to get family photos with secondary college siblings are asked to wait until our date.

Photo booking information will be available on Compass in the coming weeks.

This year our Kinder families will be able to get photos taken. A hard copy order form will be made available.

Please mark this date in your diary (and book in haircuts).



Tawonga Primary School

Photo Day 2025

Date: Friday 9th May

To Order Photos:

Order via the Compass Portal.

Order your School Photos before midnight 15th of May.

Late Orders can be accepted after 16th of May by ordering online via the Compass Portal or by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos - Please order online prior to photo day using the Compass Portal.



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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?



News



Settling into routines

Families will be able to access Storypark for updates regarding individual children's learning outcomes and messages from educators and the school. Staff are still learning how to use the program so please be patient as we work through this.

The children have enjoyed playing in the sandpit and exploring the yard. They have also enjoyed the new climbing equipment.

Thanks to the Uniting Care Op Shop for a donation of \$13 which will go toward the purchase of outdoor notch blocks (see pic). We expect delivery of these in Term 2.

This week the kinder children have continued to enjoy painting as well as pasting on alphabet letters.

Children have also been practising our procedures for an emergency evacuation.

Kinder families are encouraged to join the school students with Ride to School Day next Wednesday 26th March. Bikes and scooters will not be ridden during the day, however can be left in the bike shelter at the front of the school.

Kinder photos will be available with the school on Friday 9th May. Unfortunately we are unable to make this on a kinder day due to the availability of the photographers. Hard copy ordering forms will be handed out in the coming weeks.



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 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 FREE DRESS DAY	2	3	4 Last day of Term Early dismissal 2.15pm	5/6
Integrated Week - Values, Laws and Democracy					
School Holidays					
21 EASTER MONDAY	22 Art	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26/27

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 12th May, 5.15pm Finance, 5.30pm General Meeting

BOOK CLUB DUE -

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, Simone Dowel & Daniel Lynch
DET Rep	Juliette Oddoux





Community News



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!



MT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB

**SEASON COMMENCEMENT
WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL**

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Trial matches & Gala Days

Parent helpers and community volunteers needed.
A current WWCC required.

U5/6, U7, U9, U11 & U12's
Training starts 4pm

Registration at
registration.playfootball.com.au

Further enquiries please email
mtbeautysoccerclub@gmail.com

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>

COME & TRY BASEBALL

Junior Mixed Come and Try days
Ages 7 and up
Sunday March 30th, April 6th & 13th
11am

Mixed Seniors Preseason
Friday March 21st & 28th 6pm
Regular mixed senior training starts Wednesday
April 2nd 6pm
Gayview Park Serpentine Ave
West Wodonga.

WODONGA Warriors BASEBALL CLUB

Contact: Michael (Bill) Clear 0427594947

How to Submit Community News:

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

