

## 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,

### Pumpkin Competition

Our pumpkin competition and community event will begin at 5pm with the announcement of the winner. There are a number of prizes to be won. Thank you to Farm to Fork Butchery for the donated meat tray and the loan on their scales.

A huge thank you to Juliette Oddoux for her non-stop enthusiasm for all thing pumpkins and for coordinating this event.

### 180th Tawonga Birthday Celebrations

Families are encouraged to support the TDCA's events this weekend starting at 6pm at the newly renovated Tawonga Hall.

### School Values

Our current school value focus is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Students discussed what this means as a student, a friend and as part of a group. It has been great to see students showing responsibility with getting ready in the morning with their belongings.

### Integrated Week

Next week will be an Integrated Studies Week. This means that literacy and maths classes will not run as normal.



### ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

28th March - 3.00pm Sharp

### Falls Creek Interschool Mountain Bike

Well done to students Rhys, Monty, Max and Connor who participated in this event at Falls Creek last Friday.



### 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

*Kim Franzke*



**Giant Pumpkin weigh in today. What an impressive line-up of pumpkins**

## Free Dress Day & Surprise



The Eagle Room students have been working hard selling icy poles this term and have a surprise for the rest of the school. Each Friday morning students are involved in a leadership (student voice) class with Mrs Franzke. Next week they have organised a special day for students. Please look out for the flyers around the school



## 5/6 Canberra Camp

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This cost has already been deducted from camp costs.

## 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.



03 5482 3190  
admin.mrr@msp.com.au  
www.msp.com.au



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## Ride to School Day

Wednesday we had over 50% of kinder and school students ride or scoot to school. The students had the option of enjoying riding or scooting activities at lunch time.

The scooter riders enjoyed constructing a course out of cones while the bike riders had the option of fast laps around the bike track or the slow race with Mrs Vanderree on the oval. The slow race was definitely harder than the students first thought.



## 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?

I'm happy to report that after 37 days of school (as of 21st March) we have had an average of 2.4 absences days per student. If we continue at this rate we will have our best attendance data in many years. Teachers have been reporting that the flow of lessons has been less interrupted as the continuity of learning is able to be maintained.

At present we have 65% of students who have had 95% attendance. Our aim is for 80% of students.



# News



## Enjoying the sunny weather

Our educators this week have strengthened their connections with other school run kinder programs at Dederang and Harrietville Primary School. This cluster connections will continue to be a great support for us with program planning, resource borrowing and the sharing of staff expertise.

This week the kinder children have continued to enjoy the nice weather outside. The sandpit and slide is definitely getting a work out. The children enjoyed games played using the giant parachute.

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 available next week.

On Wednesday it was lovely to see families making the effort to ride or scoot to kinder, even if that meant driving part of the way first.



Tawonga & District Community Association presents

**A FAMILY FRIENDLY BUSH DANCE**

MUSIC BY SQUIDJIG  
PIZZA BY WOODFIRE DESIRE

FRIDAY MARCH 28  
DOOR & PIZZA 6PM  
DANCE 7PM

TAWONGA MEMORIAL HALL

**FREE ENTRY**

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL & THE KIEWA VALLEY FLOOD AND LANDSLIP COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25

**CELEBRATING 180 YEARS TAWONGA AND DISTRICT**  
**Saturday 29 March from 10:00am**  
**Tawonga Pioneer Memorial Park**

**Old Fashioned Games 10:00am**  
**Sausage Sizzle**  
**Historical Displays**  
**Cake Cutting 12:00pm**

**ANIMAL NURSERY** **CFA EXPO** **CLASSIC CARS**  
**BYGONE FARM EQUIPMENT** **FAIRY FLOSS**

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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
			27	28 Assembly 3pm Giant Pumpkin Comp 5-6pm	29/30 Tawonga 180th B'day
31	1 April Library <b>FREE DRESS DAY</b>	2	3	4	5/6
Integrated Week - Values, Laws and Democracy			Year 5/6 Canberra Camp		
				Last day of Term Early dismissal 2.15pm	
School Holidays					
21 <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	22 Art	23	24	25 <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	26/27
28	29 Library	30 Cluster Athletics Yr3- 6 TBC	1 May	2	3/4

**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




**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](mailto: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](http://registration.playfootball.com.au)

Further enquiries please email  
[mtbeautysoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:mtbeautysoccerclub@gmail.com)



JOIN US AGAIN FOR AN...  
**EPIC MORNING OF TRAIL RUNNING!!**  
26TH APRIL 2025 TRAIL FEST

18km @ 7am | 8km @ 8am | 3km @ 10am

[www.brightfunrun.com.au](http://www.brightfunrun.com.au)

*Register Now*

EARLY BIRD PRICES  
ENDING 31ST MARCH!  
REGISTER TODAY!

1 MONTH TO GO! SEE YOU THERE...



## COLOUR FUN RUN

**ALPINE PARK WANDILIGONG SATURDAY, 5 APRIL**  
**Free Event - All Ages Welcome!**

A colourful 3.5km run or walk along The Wandil Trail & Return  
**Join us from 9am.**

**Warm-up: 9.15am | Run starts: 9.30am**  
Meet near the Grandstand.

**Food, entertainment & FUN!**

**AI's Skate Co** Skateboarding Workshop  
from 11.30 at the Bright Skate Park.  
All abilities welcome!

**SIGN UP & MORE INFO** ➔ 

Prams & wheelchairs welcome. Bikes, scooters, skateboards and dogs are not permitted in the Colour Fun Run to keep the event safe for all participants. This is a drug, alcohol & smoke-free event.

Australian Government  
This Project is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

**ALPINE** SHIRE COUNCIL **VICTORIA** State Government

## How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to [tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tawonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

