

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,

Cluster Cross Country

Tomorrow we will be hosting the annual Cluster Cross Country at the Tawonga Pioneer Memorial Park. This event is the only event on the cluster calendar where all P-6 students from the 4 schools attend, therefore we are seeking family support on the day. If you are able to assist please let me know. Thank you to those who have already offered.

8.00am - help with set up at the park (Jase, Ben S)

9-10am - precooked sausages at school (Corey Ed, Simon)

10.30am - help staff walk students to the park (2)

12.30pm - serve Meal Deal lunch (6-8)

If you would like to come and spectate, the first event starts at 11.30. The races will be run from oldest to youngest. The 11 & 12/13 run 3km, 8/9 & 10 run 2km and the P-2s run 1km.

Mount Beauty Running Festival - Schools Marathon Challenge

We would love to get a team together for this challenge. Full details on the Community News Page. Mrs Crumpler and I will be entering and would love lots of our students to join us. \$250 is up for grabs (if we win you can help decide how we spend it). Points will be awarded to the top 5 overall finishers in each team. Please enter our school name when entering. (Tawonga PS).

Working Bee

This Sunday, 9am-12pm, is our working bee to finish getting our chicken coop ready. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible for a few hours. Please bring your own gardening gloves.

Japanese Speech Contest

We have 7 students who are busy learning their individual speeches for the annual North East Schools Speech Contest. Best of luck and thank you to Keiko and Kumi for all their work.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

23rd May - 3.00pm Sharp

Year 3-6 Ski Program

Information has now been handed out for our ski program. Please return the BLUE sheet on the back NOW. This will allow Yvette time to enter individual payments. Please remember that the School Saving Bonus can be used to assist with payment.

Year 3-6 Excursion—Madagascar

Next Thursday our Year 3-6 students will be attending The Scots School's Year 5/6 performance of Madagascar Jr - A Musical Adventure.

Consent and payment required on Compass.

This will be a great introduction to our own school production. Planning has already begun.

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL



日本語スピーチコンテスト

JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

Secondary - Wednesday 4 June 2025
Primary - Thursday 5 June 2025
Bright Community Centre

North East
Japanese Language
Teachers' Network

Logos: JLT, MONASH University, MONASH JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION CENTRE, Tawonga Primary School

Mothers Day

The weather was perfect for our Mothers Day Yarning Circle. It was lovely to see people relaxing and enjoying each others company around our fire circle.



School Review

Every 4 years schools are involved in a School Review process. Our review will be occurring over 3 days. Tuesday 20th May, Wednesday 21st May and Wednesday 28th May.

Parents are invited to a Parent Forum on Tuesday 20th May from 2.45 - 3.15pm.

We would love to see as many families as possible putting some time aside to provide feedback to the review panel.

If you would like anymore information please speak with Kim.

**HAVE YOUR SAY
PARENT FORUM
TUESDAY 20th
MAY
2.45 - 3.15pm**



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Working Bee Sunday 18th May

Families are invited to come and assist in a Working Bee.

Please put the morning of Sunday 18th May aside (9-12) to come and help us install our new chicken coop enclosure and other general tasks around the school.

A big thank you to Jason Gentile and Wes Dowel who have got us off to a HUGE head start with the chicken coop.



THIS SUNDAY 9-12



Thanks to MSP photography for their work with our kinder and school photos this year.

Our first whole school photo with our kinder children will be one to remember.





The kinder room is being transformed into an under the sea learning space. There are jelly fish appearing and fish. I wonder what will appear next week?

Children have enjoyed using cars to help with learning number recognition.

Today students were introduced to a new Social Story—Playing Safely Inside. This story has been written to help reinforce the rule of using walking feet inside and running feet for outside, also using quiet voices inside and sharing and taking turns.



Social Stories

Understanding Social Stories: Supporting Our Students Through Everyday Challenges

At Tawonga PS and Kinder we are always looking for ways to support the diverse learning and emotional needs of our students. One helpful tool we use, particularly in the early years and in our inclusive education settings, are **social stories**.

What Are Social Stories?

Social stories are short, simple stories written especially for children to help them understand and cope with different situations, skills, or expectations. They use clear language, often with pictures, to explain what a child might see, hear, or feel—and what they are expected to do.

How Are Social Stories Used?

Social stories are used to:

- Prepare children for new routines or experiences (e.g. going to the dentist, starting a new class)
- Teach social skills (e.g. taking turns, asking for help)
- Build confidence with challenging tasks (e.g. learning to write, managing big emotions)

Each story is written in a calm and positive tone, helping children understand not only what is happening but also why and how they can respond.

Why Are They Helpful?

Children, especially those with additional needs, can feel overwhelmed in unfamiliar or complex situations. Social stories reduce anxiety by providing structure and predictability. They also promote independence by giving children tools to manage everyday tasks and emotions.

If you'd like to learn more about how social stories are used at school—or how to create one for home—please feel free to contact Stephanie Vanderree.

To read more see - www.suelarkey.com.au



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			15	16 P-6 Cluster Cross Country - Tawonga to host	17/18 Sunday Working Bee - erect Chicken Coop etc
19	20 Art SCHOOL REVIEW Day 1 Parent Forum 2.45—3.15	21 SCHOOL REVIEW Day 2	22 Yr 3-6 Excursion - Scots School Albury Madagascar Production	23 Assembly	24/25
26	27	28 SCHOOL REVIEW Day 3	29	30 Upper Hume Cross Country	31/1 June
2	3 Principal Conference - Melb	4 Principal Conference - Melb	5 Japanese Speech Contest	6 PUPIL FREE DAY	7/8
9 KING's B'DAY	10	11	12	13	14/15

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

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY
(AS, PDA, ADHD, ODD etc)

VENUE: Albury/Wodonga Commercial Club
618 Dean Street Albury

DATE: Friday 23rd May 2025

TIME: 9:00am-3:00pm

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Teachers & Educators
- Education Support Staff
- Parents/ Carers
- Allied Health Professionals
- Support Workers

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Tips and Strategies with Sue Larkey

Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided!



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Schools Challenge Competition

\$250 for your school is up for grabs by entering the Mt Beauty Running Festival Schools Challenge Competition! Enter a team of students and staff in any of the four events, and points will be awarded to the top five overall finishers in each team. The team with the lowest average points wins. Schools must enter their school's name as the team's name upon registration.

The Scots School Albury Presents

DREAMWORKS



MADAGASCAR

A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR.™

Bookings via our website

Thursday 22 May • 7.00pm
Friday 23 May • 7.00pm

The Scots School Albury



How to Submit Community News:

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

