



## 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 are a group of people with a common interest.*

### EXCELLENCE

*Striving to be the best we can be.*

## Message from the Principal:

Dear Families,

### FINAL NEWSLETTER

This will be our final newsletter for 2016. A big thank you to all our families for their support during 2016. Please take the time to relax and enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff, school council, students and parents for their support throughout my term at Tawonga Primary School. You have a great school here with so much energy and passion for learning. I wish the school every success for the future and look forward to bumping into you when I visit the area.

**First day for ALL students including Preps is Tuesday 31st January 2017. Prep students will then have each Wednesday off during February.**

### REMINDERS

We ask families to take the time to read Page 2 of this newsletter as there are many reminders for next weeks busy program.

We really need donations for our Xmas raffle. If you are able to donate a Xmas food item or two please drop them into the office by Monday.

### BAND CONCERT

Congratulations to Jarrod and our band participant for the wonderful band concert last Thursday evening. It is wonderful to see the students participate in activities in the community.

### YEAR 2/3/4 TEACHER 2017.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Bridget O'Sullivan was the successful applicant for the position of Classroom Teacher for 2017. Bridget is excited to be joining our team and is looking forward to meeting her students and their families next year.

Assembly Friday 9am

### HEADLICE

We have had a confirmed case of headlice this week. We ask parents to please check their child/rens hair for any signs. If you need assistance please ask one of our staff members.

### TRANSITION DAY

On Tuesday all students participated in transition day. All students were very excited about the day. All classrooms worked really well. We also 7 new Preps and Seen and Roman in years 3 and 5.

### YEAR 6S

This year we lose Ethan Bower and Thomas Stanmore as they transition to secondary school. Good luck, boys and enjoy your next adventure in learning.

### Why eSmart?

<https://www.esmart.org.au/who-we-are/>

### THANK YOU to:

- Mark, Davide, Erin and David Franzke for assisting with the Tour of Bright race.
- Nadia for covering all our new books.
- Shane for the wonderful prop for the production.
- Jess for her work with the Prep 1s on production dancing.
- Yvette and Michelle for sewing costumes and making ears.
- Aleesha and Yasmin Khan for their dance instruction for the production.
- Emelia Roffey for her assistance with the production.

Sue Manning.  
ACTING PRINCIPAL.

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## END OF YEAR REMINDERS

- **COSTUMES**—All costumes should now be finalised and at school ready for next weeks productions. Full Dress rehearsal is next **MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER** at the Tawonga Hall.
- **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS TUESDAY 13TH**— Singing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer with AUSLAN and Aussie Jingle Bells. Students to wear school yellow top and whatever other clothes they choose and accessorise in a Christmas fashion.
- **MATINEE PRODUCTION WEDNESDAY 14TH**—Matinee starts at 11.30am at Tawonga Hall. This is a free event.
- **PRODUCTION THURSDAY 15TH**— Our full Production/Year 6 Graduation will be held starting at 7.00pm sharp. Students are asked to arrive by **6.15pm**. Adults \$5.00 Secondary Students \$2.00. Primary and under FREE. Drinks, snacks and raffle tickets will be available at the door.
- **FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER**
- **Year 6 Farewell Breakfast—8.30am**. Parents are invited to stay.
- **Pool Party**—10am to 12 noon Fun games and free swim—bring fruit snack and recess.
- **Lunch**— Children will be offered: Sausage in bread (2 each), an Icy Pole and Fruit.
- **Kris Kringle**— We will be running a Kris Kringle this year for the students. Your child/ren will bring home a name which they are responsible for purchasing a no more than \$5.00 gift for. These can be placed under the Xmas tree in the project space. We will run the Kris Kringle after the Pool party.
- **Reports**—Reports will be sent home on this day.
- **MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER**
- **Pupil Free Day**— No students are required at school on this day. Teachers will be working on 2017 programming.
- **TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**
- This is the final day of term for 2016. Any students attending are not required to wear uniform. This will be a cleanup day and early finish at 2.30pm.

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDS TEACHER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.**

**WE WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY! SEE YOU IN 2017.**



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### OPPORTUNITY

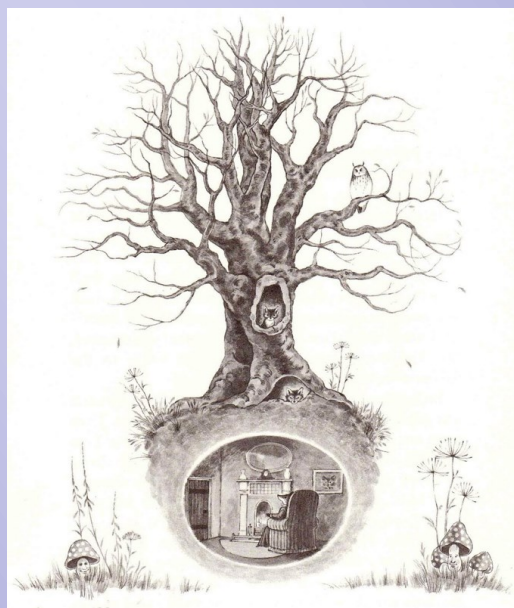
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TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS.....  
THE SCRUMDIDLYUMPTIOUS SITUATION OF THE  
FANTASTIC FOXES.



Please come and join us at the Tawonga Hall on:

Thursday 15th December starting at 7.00pm.

Adults \$5.00. Secondary Students \$2.00. Primary Students and under: FREE

Refreshments will be available at the door.

Based on the stories of Roald Dahl. Inspired by the adaptations by Sally Reid; Fantastic Mr Fox: A Play and Richard George; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			8 School Banking Production Rehearsal	9 <b>Swimming Day 7</b>	10/11
12 Full Dress Rehearsal	13 Art	14 School Production Matinee	15 School Banking <b>School Production 7.00pm</b>	16 Pool Party 10am to 12pm. Kris Kringle Reports sent home	17/18
19 Pupil Free Day	20 Last Day Term 4 School finishes 2.30pm				
<b>School Holidays</b>					
30 JAN 2017 1st Day for teachers. No students this day	31 JAN First Day for ALL STUDENTS	1 FEB Prep students don't attend Wednesday during February.	2 FEB		

**REMINDERS**

**Facebook** - You can keep in touch with us on the official Tawonga Primary School page and the Tawonga Primary School Family and Friends page.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FAMILIES. STAY SAFE!**

**SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

President	Mark Lucey 0417 056 228 lucey.mark.g@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Other Councillors	Graham Boote, Michelle Niedzwiedzki, Janet Kay, Andrew Macklan, Jane Zagorski (community Rep)



# Three steps to protecting your kids online

You can help keep your kids safe online using these three basic strategies.

## 1. Communicate openly with your kids

It's not possible to supervise your kids 24/7 so finding ways to establish and maintain trust is really valuable.

- Talk to them about their online activities, from chatting about their favourite websites to asking who they are talking to and if they are having any online issues.
- Give them strategies to deal with upsetting online content, from turning off the screen, telling a trusted adult, and showing them how to block and report people.
- Research the age ratings for the games and apps your child uses so you can determine age appropriateness and suitability.
- Explore the sites and apps your kids love, play online games together and consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they frequent. This will help you familiarise yourself with the operation of those sites and potential risks. Ask your kids to show you how they work—they'll love teaching you something!

Set age appropriate rules for using the internet and devices and, where practicable. Seek your child's input—this will help your child understand risks. As they get older you can review your rules to align with their maturity level.

## 2. Use technology tools to keep them safe

There are so many technological advances that can enhance the experience for your child online and help keep them safe, both within the site or app and for their devices.

- Use parental controls and install filtering software to help block unwanted content and pop-ups and to restrict access to specific content and pages.
- Help your child to set up the privacy settings on all sites and devices they use.
- Locate the computer in an area of your home that can be supervised. Parents of older children may have an 'open door' policy when devices are used in bedrooms and to ensure that screens are facing outward. And make sure you check in regularly to see what they're viewing.
- Consider rules for internet-enabled handheld devices—where and when.
- Install and update anti-virus and other e-security software to restrict unauthorised access to data on the home computer. Ensure all security features are turned on and set to automatic scan and regular updates to protect against the latest risks.
- Activate safety features on web browsers to protect your devices and personal information.

Show your child how to block and report users or pages on the sites they use.

## 3. Encourage safe and responsible behaviour

Setting rules for your child's internet use and establishing clear boundaries and expectations is imperative. Your rules will depend on the age of your kids and the level of responsibility you are willing to give but is underpinned by conversation, education and trust.

Consider a family online safety contract as a tool to negotiate agreement about rules and renegotiate as required. It could cover the type of websites that can be visited, time spent online and acceptable online behaviour. This example from [ThinkUKnow](#) Australia can be a good starting point for your own family contract.

- Educate your kids about safe and positive online behaviour and encourage them to think before they post, text or share; be respectful online; avoid posting things that may upset others; and understand that content can remain online forever and can be shared by others without permission.
- Help them keep their personal information private. This means avoiding using full names, phone numbers, home address, school name and date of birth.
- Set their online profiles to the maximum privacy settings. Online conversations, images and videos might be viewed by others and can't always be removed.
- Ensure your child uses strong passwords on devices and explain the importance of not sharing passwords, even with friends.

Talk to them about cyberbullying behaviour and how to report and manage it. You can get some great advice and resources about [cyberbullying](#) on our website.

- Explain the dangers of meeting face to face with someone they have only chatted with online.
- Encourage your child to talk to a trusted adult if any content they view or if contact with someone online makes them feel uncomfortable.

# Community News



## TAWONGA BUSH DANCE.

Family bush dance, Tawonga Hall, 10 December, come at 6.30 ready for 7pm start. BYO drinks and nibbles, and later in the evening we shall serve tea, coffee and cake for all.

Music will be by **Squidjig**, so a wonderful night of dancing, fun, jigs and reels. lucky door prize!!

see you there, or be square!! 10 December, family bush dance Tawonga Hall.



## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Proudly presented by Upper Kiewa Valley Lions Club**



**Tuesday 13th December 2016**

**Venue:** Mount Beauty Secondary College, outside the Jessie Hollonds Studio Building.

**6.00pm –**

BBQ and soft drinks, snow cones, popcorn and fairy floss all available from 6.00pm.

**8.00pm –**

Carols by Candlelight with local artists, community band and community carols, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Santa will give out bags of lollies for all the children under 12 years of age.

## SANTA PHOTOS

Due to Santas health we are taking bookings for Santa photos along with days you can just show up.

There are spots available for this Thursday 8th Dec please see Santa Photos Kiewa Valley Facebook page for details or contact Amanda on 0408798510.

The days we will be taking photos will be

8th Dec—4pm to 6pm—bookings required

12th Dec—11am to 1pm—NO booking required.

15th Dec—4pm to 6pm—bookings required.

16th Dec—4pm to 6pm—bookings required.

18th Dec—10am—12pm—NO booking required.

19th Dec—4pm to 6pm—booking required.

21st Dec—11am to 1pm—NO booking required.

22nd Dec—11am to 1pm- booking required.

23rd Dec - 3pm to 5pm—NO booking required.

Pet photos @ 7 Fairway Ave,  
Mount Beauty

