



# Tawonga Newsletter

Primary School

"Happy, Healthy Children...Learning to Live"

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## Our Vision:

*To educate the students with the life skills necessary to achieve academic, social and emotional success.*

## 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,**

Welcome back to another school year. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holidays with your children. I have heard a lot of exciting stories already about many of the students adventures. Personally this is an exciting day for me as a Mum with Alec starting school today in Prep. This year we have 6 Preps who have all had a great first day of school today with Kellie.



We welcome back Sarah and her family after their adventures last year in Cambodia. We look forward to you sharing your life changing experiences.



We also welcome the Niedzwiedzki family with Evelyn Prep, Eric Yr 2 & Heath Yr 3. A big welcome also to the Ryder and Randell families who have Emily and Lily starting with us in Prep this year.



Congratulations to ex Tawonga student Ashley Tonn who has top-scored for the Upper Kiewa valley in VCE with an ATAR score in the nineties. Ashley will have the choice of many careers and is interested in sports science.

In the first two weeks of school the teachers will be focusing on a 'Learning How to Learn Program'. The main goal is for students to develop lifelong love of learning. We will be developing strong routines, understandings ourselves and others better, learning cooperatively and working through our school values.

We have had a lot of work completed over the holidays on our new playground by Davide Angelini, Mal Lee and team. It is estimated that the playground will be officially finished and ready for students to play on in 4-5 weeks. I have enjoyed watching it grow over the weeks and I look forward to watching the students explore and learn to use it. We are very lucky.

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL

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## LUNCH ORDERS—2014



Please make a note that lunch orders for 2014 will be on Thursdays, not Mondays as they have been previously. Please see attached for menu. We ask that students bring their lunch orders in a brown paper bag with money inside and place in the red box at the office before school starts.

## EMA AND SCHOOL FEES

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28th February 2014 for instalment 1 and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

Application forms were sent home at the end of 2013, however if you require additional forms please see Lisa in the office. Forms are to be received at school no later than 28th February 2014.

For those families who have not returned their school fee contribution forms we would appreciate these to be returned to the office as soon as possible. If any families have any questions regarding the new fee structure please don't hesitate to speak to Lisa or Kim.

## SWIMMING

Swimming Lessons will begin next Monday 3rd February for all students. Falls Creek Coaches will pick students up at 1pm and will return to school by 3.15pm. Please ensure students have their bathers, rash top, goggles, sunscreen, hat and a towel. Students need to bring these items to school in a separate bag. Swim Bags are available from the office for \$10.00, if required. If any parents are able to assist with changing and organising the younger students it would be appreciated.



Just a reminder to families that during Term 1 and 4 students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat when outside.

Hats are available from the office for \$12. We also have a few second hand ones if required. We also have a variety of second hand polo tops, jumpers, dresses and pants if anyone would like to take a look. They are located in the sick bay under the bed. There is no cost for these.

## UNIFORMS

## CODE RED DAYS

### BARR school—Bushfire attack registry

On Designated Code Red Days the school will be closed including no bus travel. Our school emergency management plan was updated last year. We will be having a practise evacuation drill in the first few weeks. Please talk to your children about this further at home and ensure that your family has a bushfire plan.



## WEARY DUNLOP AWARD

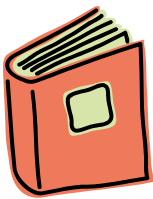
At the end of 2013 Mr Bill Sykes, came to school to award Riva Sabra with the Weary Dunlop 'You've Got What It Takes' Award. Mr Sykes has been awarding students around our electorate for many years with the award which recognises students who have demonstrated persistence and resilience in overcoming challenges to achieve either personally, socially, academically, on the sporting arena or in some other field of endeavour.

We congratulate Riva on her award.

Riva is pictured here with Mr Sykes, her father Souhail and Mrs Franzke.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



As most of you will know, during the year we send home book brochures with the students from Scholastic Book Club. We are asking if there are any parents out there who wouldn't mind taking on the task of issuing the catalogues to students. This is a relatively easy job which would require an hour or two once a month. If anyone is interested please see Lisa or Kim.

## LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

Fridays from 10am to 11am for the beginning of term Sue Kovacs will be running a leadership session for year 5 and 6 students. This program will help students be more confident with their leadership skills. More details will be available in weeks to come.

## ICY POLES

Icy Poles will be on sale Tuesdays for \$1.00 each at Lunchtime. These are Berri 99% Fruit Juice. We ask that students bring correct change.

## LUNCH BOXES

Just a reminder to parents regarding the contents of Lunchboxes. We ask that no chocolate or lollies are included. We recommend items such as fruit, yogurt, muesli bars and chopped vegetables and dips. We are aiming to focus on Healthy Eating at our school.



## BOOK COVERING

We are looking for someone to do some book covering for us. We have some lovely new books for the library waiting to be covered. If you have a little spare time to give please see Lisa or Kim.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

# JANUARY/FEBRUARY

| MON  | TUES          | WED            | THURS                               | FRI | SAT/SUN  |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----|----------|
|  |               |                | 30<br>First Day of school for Preps | 31  | 1/2 FEB  |
| 3<br>Swimming 1-3  | 4<br>Library  | 5<br>No Preps  | 6<br>First Lunch Order Day          | 7   | 8/9      |
| 10<br>Swimming 1-3<br>Community Twilight Sports & Picnic 5-7pm | 11<br>Art     | 12<br>No Preps | 13<br>Lunch Order Day               | 14  | 15/16    |
| 17<br>Swimming 1-3   | 18<br>Library | 19<br>No Preps | 20<br>Lunch Order Day               | 21  | 22/23    |
| 24<br>Swimming 1-3   | 25<br>Art     | 26<br>No Preps | 27<br>Lunch Order Day               | 28  | 1/2March |

## 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.

**Swim Forms** are due back tomorrow with \$40 per child enclosed with forms. Swimming will begin next Monday 3rd February.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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|---------------------|---|
| President           | Mark Roffey<br>0437 131 778<br>roffey.mark.m@edumail.vic.gov.au |
| Vice President      | Katrina Vazzoler<br>0438 310 068                                |
| Buildings & Grounds | Davide Angelini<br>03 57541 192                                 |
| Other Councillors   | Yvette Hind, Graham Boote, Ellen Gorham, Jane Zagorski          |





# Community News

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

## **Junior Player Registration Day**

16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 from 10AM till Noon.

At the Dederang Multi-purpose building.

All past, current and future players welcome to attend

Merchandise will be on sale and orders taken.

For more information call Monica (Netball Operations Mgr) 04162 37434

Or Luke (Football Operations Mgr) 04155 04316

## **FOR SALE**

New in box Samsung Galaxy S4 phone. Unlocked to use with any provider.

Brought for \$570 will sell for \$450. For enquiries please contact Lisa at the school office or call 0418 162 619.

## **UKELELE LESSONS**

Any students interested in taking Private Ukelele Lessons please call Conrad Forrer on 57541 722 or 0400 821 250.

## **LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Little Athletics will resume on Friday 7th February. Not this Friday due to the extreme weather.

Dederang Mount Beauty Bombers under 14 Football training commences on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. We will initially be training on the Mount Beauty town oval, starting at 5.00pm sharp.

All are welcome, even if you have never played or trained before. Any queries call Roger on 0417202578.



## *How to Submit Community News:*

Articles can be sent to [tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) by end of day Wednesday for inclusion in Community News.

