



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 Parents

Please mark **Monday 24th February** in your diary as we have a **Community Twilight Sports and Picnic planned from 5pm – 7pm**. This will be a great way for us to welcome our new families and to enjoy our wonderful small school community. Some of our 5/6 parents will be organising a meal deal for families. Please see the attached form to be returned by Friday. Sports to include egg and spoon, 3 legged race, giant parachute, novelty races etc.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

You will find in this newsletter nomination forms for school council. Nominations, including self-nominations open today and close on Friday Feb 21. Being a school council member is a great way for parents to become involved in school affairs, and I would recommend you give it some thought. If there are more nominations than positions and election process will be undertaken.

Tawonga Primary School Council for 2014 will consist of 6 parents, 2 Department Reps and 1 community member. The following councillors have 1 more year to service.

Davide Angelini, Graham Boote and Katrina Vazzoler.

Therefore we have the following vacancies:

3 parent and 1 DEECD Rep. The DEECD rep will be filled by Kellie Rutherford.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 18th February 1-5pm FOR Kellie and Kim and 9-5 for Ellen. Time has been set aside for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their individual needs. Please fill in the form attached with your preferred availability. If you are unable to make it during this time please discuss alternative arrangements with your child's teacher.

JAPANESE

We welcome Keiko as our Japanese teacher. All students will have 1 1/2 hours of Japanese each Friday.



Kim Franzke

BOUNCE BACK

This year our school is beginning the Emotional Learning Program named 'Bounce Back'. It is a Wellbeing and Resilience Program for all year levels. The school aims to look at Core Values first and then move into other units, including 'People bouncing back', 'Emotions', 'Relationships' and 'No bullying', amongst many others. This program came highly recommended and will become part of becoming a Kids Matter School.

This week in 'Core Values' teachers are looking at '**Honesty**'. This means having the courage to own up for your mistakes. In the 3-6 room we will be using poetry, circle time, making posters and simple writing tasks to explore this topic. The P-3 class have enjoyed circle time and the story of Pinocchio.

Mrs Gorham

Kim Franzke

Principal

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Just a reminder to families who are eligible for EMA that applications need to be lodged at school by Friday 28th February. Forms are available from Lisa in the office if you require another one.

SWIMMING SPORTS

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, Years 3-6.

Time: The first event will be underway at 9:30, so we are asking everyone to arrive by 9am. School bus travellers will stay on the buses and be met by teachers at the Mount Beauty end. These students will also travel home on the buses if parents are not present to pick them up. Non bus travellers will need to be dropped off and picked up from the pool. We encourage all parents to stay and participate in the day.

Dress: Be sure to dress up in your house colours. Start with a tee-shirt of the right colour, and add ribbons, bands, pants, anything really! We will be making special hats at school.

Parent/teacher/coach novelty event: There will be a novelty race for adults to spice up the program somewhere in the middle of the day. If you can swim a couple of strokes, and don't mind donning flippers, shower cap snorkel, etc please bring your swimmers and join in the fun.

Please ensure that the following items are brought to the swimming sports to ensure you are protected if the weather is cool (check the forecast.)

- School Polar Fleece, Tracksuit bottom or pants, socks and track shoes
- Along with the usual:
- Towel, bathers
- Goggles
- Sun Top
- Sunscreen
- Sun Hat
- Drink
- Healthy Snacks and Lunch



Optional: Money to buy one icy pole or drink at lunchtime. No other items are to be purchased.

Please Note: Students being picked up from the pool, should be picked up by 3.15pm at the latest, otherwise students will be put on bus to go back to school/home.

House information will be provided next week.

PLEASE NOTE: The divisional (zone) swimming sports will be the following day. Friday 28th February in Albury. Entries for this day will be entered by the Cluster the week before. If you are interested in your child taking part please discuss this with Kim asap. Some students have already indicated their interest. Parents will be required to transport and supervise students on this day. Students need to be able to competently swim 50metres.

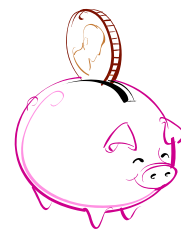


SCHOOL BANKING

Students have today brought home an envelope from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. This program is a fantastic way for children to learn the skills of saving and banking. All your child needs is a Youthsaver account.

School Banking day is Thursday and there are some great rewards for students who save regularly.

Please refer to the information in the envelope for more information about opening accounts and how the program works.



TIQBIZ



We are now using the Tiqbiz App permanently here at Tawonga Primary School. This system allows us to instantly send through messages and notices to families. It is easy to use and all that is required is for families to download the Tiqbiz App. You then search for Tawonga Primary School.

As we are also subscribed for the 'Two Way' component families can also send through to the school absent notices and questions from the app. For more information please see Lisa at the office.

LUNCH ORDERS

Just a reminder to parents that Lunch Order day is now Thursday. If anyone requires additional menus please see Lisa in the office. Lunch orders need to be placed in the red box near the office. Students who forget to place their lunch order in the box early enough will get a sandwich (vegemite or jam) made for them by staff at school.



ICY POLES

Icy Poles will be on sale each day except for swimming Mondays during Term 1.

TAWONGA KINDER

There are a few vacancies available in the 3 & 4 Year old Kinder program. Days are Monday & Wednesdays.

Contact CEYC (Community Early Years Childcare) 02 6056 4399

TAWONGA KINDER GRANT

In December we were successful in gaining a grant of \$8500 for the Kindergarten. This grant will be spent on erecting a shade sail outside so the children can use the area for longer periods of time during the day. A trough and benches will also be built inside for the use of cleaning up after art projects. This area will also be used by the School's students when they have Art.



MT BEAUTY SCHOOLS BAND

Applications are now open for the Mt Beauty Schools' Band. Membership is open to all students from grade 4 onwards and is a fun and challenging way for students to build friendships, self-confidence, creativity and generally boost performance at school. Applications have been sent home this week but please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Jarrod Policha at Mt Beauty Secondary College on (03) 5754 4005 if you require any more information.

YEAR P-1 NEWS - KELLIE

The Preps have settled in at school extremely well. Congratulations parents – you’ve done a great job of preparing them. We’ve had no tears and there is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for all activities. The class will be involved in informal activities for the first few weeks as they get used to the classroom routines. An integral part of the routine is the bringing and taking home their “home book covers”. These need to be returned to school each day. I encourage the children to put their bags in the bag box and get out the home covers as soon as they arrive each morning. They are then placed at the top of each child’s table, ready for any worksheets, notices etc to go home that day. The theme for integrated studies this term is “Family”. We will focus on this subject for some of our literacy activities. With science we will be focusing on the “Weather”, so stay tuned to hear your new weather reporter.

YEAR 1-3 NEWS - MRS FRANZKE

The Year 1-3 class are learning quickly our morning routine. It is expected that before the 9am bell is rung that they have got their table ready for learning with reader out, fruit snack on tables and books ready for the morning. Our Literacy tasks are being introduced one by one before we begin working in our groups. We have been discussing the quote, “We are all different and that’s OK”. Our spelling homework will begin next week. The Year 3 students have been fantastic role models for the younger students when we combine with Kellie’s class for PE and in the afternoons.

YEAR 3-6 NEWS - MRS GORHAM

We have settled in well and many routines are being established. Each morning students are expected to get their tables ready, with their books for the day. Year three students are quickly rising to the occasion and this is fabulous to see. 4-6 students are asked to do Typequick, our touch type program, each morning. Year 3 students only need to do it twice a week, just to get the hang of it. Homework will be marked, so please look at their past homework sheets, as well as helpful hints for future sheets. At this stage year 3 students are not required to do extra homework.

Wicked Wednesdays: As part of creating a positive and united group, we are having ‘Wicked Wednesdays’. Students share their fruit, or bring something to share for morning tea. I do not expect this to add pressure. Dip and crackers are fabulous options, while some kids like to make delicious treats, such as muffins or pikelets. Whatever you bring is appreciated, but as I said, an apple is just fine too. I cut it up and everyone shares!

Cheers, Mrs G

Current School Timetable

Tuesdays - Art / Library fortnightly

Friday - Assembly, Buddy Reading, Singing, Japanese

Other - P-3 PE daily

Thursday—3-6 PE

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Tawonga Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 21/02/2014. Please lodge in Red Box in School Office.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 07/03/2014

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY TERM OF OFFICE NUMBER OF POSITIONS

Parent member From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016

DEECD employee member from the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Kim Franzke

PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 57544468.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

School Council Elections

Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the Tawonga Primary School Council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in

work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator Date / /

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

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School Council Elections 2014

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FEBRUARY/MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			6 First Lunch Order Day	7	8/9
10 Swimming 1-3	11 Art	12 No Preps	13 Lunch Order Day	14	15/16
17 Swimming 1-3	18 Library Parent/Teacher Meetings	19 No Preps 1st School Council meeting for 2014	20 Lunch Order Day	21	22/23
24 Swimming 1-3 Community Twilight Sports & Picnic 5-7pm	25 Art	26 No Preps	27 Lunch Order Day Cluster Swim Sports Day Year 3-6	28 Zone Swimming	1/2March
3	4 Library	5 Preps attend	6	7	8/9

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.

Parent Group- Parent Group will be meeting for the first time this year on Friday 14th February after school drop off. All welcome to attend. Will be held at Old Tawonga Store. This will be a casual catch up and welcome to new families. If anyone is keen to help out please come along.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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





Community News

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Junior Player Registration Day

16th 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

Conrad Forrer is able to provide students with private Ukelele Lessons during school hours. Please contact Conrad on 0400 821 250 or 57541 722.

Dederang Mount Beauty Bombers under 14 Football training commences on Wednesday 19th 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.



ALPINE BLUE LIGHT

POOL PARTY DAY

\$10
PARENTS FREE!

19TH JAN & 16TH FEB
3PM - 6PM

MOUNT BEAUTY SWIMMING POOL

POOL RULES APPLY | CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
POOL INFLATABLE, BBQ, MUSIC AND PRIZES
WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU

How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by end of day Wednesday for inclusion in Community News.





WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Please support our student Lachlan who is going for the shave March 15th with Sybrena Pahina who works at Lakeview Children's Centre.

Until this date there will be a piggy bank at the office for any loose change for people if they wish to donate.

Money raised will go toward helping people who have been diagnosed with blood cancers such as Lymphoma, Leukaemia and Myeloma.

Photo Editing for Beginners



Learn all about Photoshop.

You will be amazed at what you can do with those forgotten photos!

Through this course you will learn

- ⇒ Photo and Negative scanning
- ⇒ Edit your photos to remove unwanted marks.
- ⇒ Adjust your photos to enhance colour.
- ⇒ Saving files for email and print
- ⇒ Colourize your images to create special effects

Book now and don't miss out!

4 Weekly Sessions:

Date: Tuesday 11th February

Expressions of interest taken for Saturdays

Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm

Course Fee \$21.60

Amenities \$15.00

Manual \$23.40

Total Cost: \$60.00 ACFE subsidised Fee

I pads & Tablets for Beginners

Can you operate your I pad or phone? If not we can help.

Do you want to know how to apply applications (apps) to your device?

What else would you like to know about your electronic mobile device?

Register for this 2 hour session by 14th February and link up with the world or maybe just your friends to start with!

Date: Saturday 15th February

Time: 10.00am -12.00pm. Cost: \$20.00

MOUNT BEAUTY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Starts this Friday 7th February at the Les Peart Oval.



POSITION VACANT

Mt Beauty Primary School

Casual Canteen Manager

Mount Beauty Primary School has a position vacant for a Casual Canteen Manager. The position is for 10 hours a week working on a Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

The position is a 12-month contract.

All applicants must have a current Working With Children Check. Cooking experience essential.

For position description and duty statement phone Briony Bullers-Knight on 03 57544354.

Applications close 21st February, 2014.