



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,

Our Parent Teacher meetings on Tuesday were a great success. Student Individual Learning Plans will be sent home shortly. Having 20 minutes to talk was great as our conversations were not rushed. If you would like to talk further with your child's teacher please make a time with them in advance.

Next week I will be away for 3 days. Sue Kovacs will be here in my absence. I will be attending some professional learning. 1 day in Benalla learning about how to set goals for our Annual Implementation Plan and 4 Year Strategic Plan which we will be writing next term. The next 2 days in Melbourne attending a program run by the Victorian Principals Association call Principals as Literacy Leaders.

A reminder to parents that we are looking to fill a couple of vacancies on school council. Nominations close Friday.

Pupil Free Day - School Council last night approved our next Pupil Free Day for Monday 31st March - Please mark this in your diary.

SCHOOL POLICIES

At our first School Council meeting last night, 5 draft policies were tabled for comment. These policies are: Mandatory Reporting, Individual Learning Plans, Duty of Care, Leave and Parent/Carer Concerns & Complaints. These draft are available from the school office for parents to read and make comment on. These policies will be presented at our next meeting to ratify.

HEAD LICE

We have had reports that Headlice is once again doing the rounds at school. We ask parents to check children's hair and treat if appropriate. If parents are unsure at what they are looking for we are able to make an inspection at school. Please let Kim know if you wish for this to happen. Students are not permitted to attend school if they have head lice until a treatment has occurred.

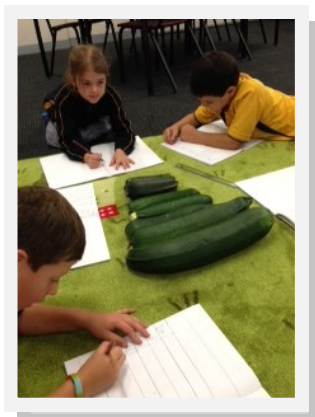
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Fun with zucchinis. Ordering and measuring in Maths.

Twilight Sports

Monday 24th Feb

5-7pm

All welcome

Meat provided

BYO salad/dessert to share

The students will be cooking and preparing some food with our tomatoes and zucchinis in the morning.



Community Twilight Sports

Next Monday is the date of our **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. Sports to include egg and spoon, 3 legged race, giant parachute, novelty races etc. Please bring along a salad or sweet to share on the night. The school will provide meat and bread for a BBQ. If anyone wishes to volunteer to cook the BBQ this would be appreciated. There will not be a meal deal as mentioned in last weeks newsletter. We hope to see all families here.

School Council

Nominations for School Council are due back at school tomorrow Friday 21st February. If anyone is interested in sitting on school council we would really love to have you on board. School council meets 8 times a year (twice a term). This is a great way to be involved in the running of the school. If you have any questions regarding School Council please don't hesitate to speak with Kim.

Library books at home

Hi to all students and parents. We look forward to tons of interesting library lessons and opportunities to borrow books this year (every 2 weeks—check the school calendar to stay up to date.)

HOWEVER—it is SOOOOO important that each family chase up any overdue library books. AS current caretaker of the MARC van, I'm very concerned that there are many, many overdue books spread throughout the cluster of schools currently accessing the van. The sad part is that most of these overdue books are the new books. It means other kids do not get to access them. I am aiming to do a mammoth chase up of these overdue books and ask families to do a serious look at home for any requested books, then report back to their class teacher. At Tawonga—I believe we are chasing near to 200 books from our school. So please do your bit to make this task all the more successful. The bottom line is we want the books in the van for all kids to access.

Thanks for your support. Mrs K at Tawonga Primary School



Parent Group

Parent Group meet last Friday to discuss their timetable for the upcoming year. Events which will be held throughout the year are:

Meal Deal—one each term. Dates to be advised.

Music Festival BBQ—This will be Sunday 27th April.

Twilight Festival—Usually November, date will be advised

Other school based events will also be supported such as the annual Fun Run BBQ, Mothers Day Luncheon and Fathers Day Breakfast. If anyone is interested in assisting with any activities or would like further information regarding Parent Group please see Katrina, Davide, Yvette or Ann.



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SWIMMING SPORTS

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, Years 3-6.

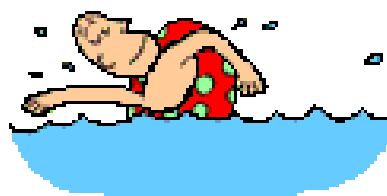
Time: The first event will be underway at 9:30, so we are asking everyone to arrive by 9am. School bus travellers will stay on the buses and be met by teachers at the Mount Beauty end. These students will also travel home on the buses if parents are not present to pick them up. Non bus travellers will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



We ask that students do not bring any money on the day. Icy Poles will be given to each student at lunch time.

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.

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.

HELPERS NEEDED: Parent helpers are required on the day. If anyone is able to lend a hand on the day it would be much appreciated.

INDIGO—BLUE

Isabella Casey
Riva Sabra
Henri-Jack Mariethoz
Ebony Boote
Lachlan Stripeikis

KIEWA GREEN

Madeline Cariss
Phoebe Roffey
Thomas Stanmore
Katelan Stanmore
Joshua Angelini

MITTA—RED

Billy Hanley
Bo Hanley
Heath Niedzwiedzki
Braidy Obrien
Sienna Brewer
Tarn Dwyer

MURRAY—YELLOW

Sid Williams
Jacob Barbour
Elina Passant
Sarah Attrill
Erin Gorham
Isaac Gorham
Clint Irving



BOUNCING BACK YEAR 3-6

In Bouncing Back today the year 3,4,5,6 students shared their ideas about-

fairness, sharing and being equal. We talked about being fair and sharing in the home, at school, our community and the world.

Here are 2 examples of some great speed writing (writing quickly for 5 minutes) on 2 of the topics. Students wrote about possible outcomes and ways to solve the problem.

Written by Henri Mariethoz

Two wild ducks become homeless when their dam is drained by the farmer.

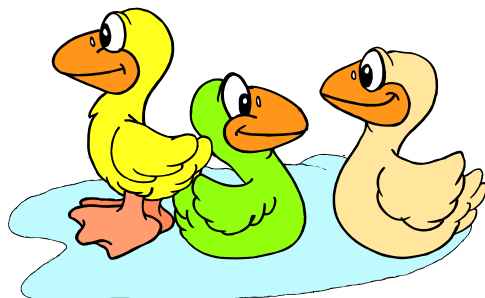
It is grey and dark for the ducks. The rain falls. The clouds go grey as it rains. There is thunder and lightning flashes. The ducks are starving and soaked. They have no home. The ducks are left. They have no hope as they walk and walk. One is gone because of starvation. The other duck is attacked by a cat. It tries to escape its jaws. It is wounded.....

John lives in Africa. They have had years of drought. His family has very little food. He eats one bowl of rice each day.

It is sad for John as the dust kicks up. The sunlight shines down. The ground is dry. John is skinny down to the bones, only having a bowl of rice. He is sad. He has no smile, just sadness. No water. He has no hope for his future. There are no birds and the heat is strong. There are no plants. No rain.

John is still alive. A miracle has happened. There is rain. The first time John has ever seen rain. Today John smiles. He has shelter. He has food and water. He will always smile now.

Mrs K



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
			20 Lunch Order Day	21	22/23
24 Speech Path 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 School Clean Up Day	1/2March
3	4 Library Parent Reading Session 3- 3.30pm.	5 Preps attend	6	7	8/9
10 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	11 Art	12	13	14	15/16
17	18	19 School Council AGM Ride to School Day	20	21 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.	22/23

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.

Pupil Free Day - Monday 31st March

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

TAWONGA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

PARTY PLAN/MARKET NIGHT

Friday 28th February 6-8pm.

Ladies, leave the family at home and grab your girlfriends for an evening of retail therapy at the TAWONGA HALL.

Loads of Party Planners and Market Stalls with all proceeds going to help our local volunteers purchase new equipment.

A \$2 Entry fee gives you the chance to win one of MANY lucky door prizes.

In true country style bring a plate of supper to share.

A great chance to catch up and meet friends both old and new.

At 8pm our amazing Summer Raffle will be drawn. Raffle Tickets are on sale now at the Tawonga Store.

AgVet Chemical User Course—Full Course

It's about safe and effective use of agricultural chemicals. This nationally Accredited course is a must for all land managers and farmers (applicable to both NSW and Victorian farmers) and is run over two days. Training provided by: Australian Safe Training Pty Ltd.

In Victoria, having an AgVet Chemical Users Certificate allows the holder to apply for the Agricultural Chemical Users Permit (ACUP).

The ACUP lets the holder purchase and/or use any Schedule 7 Agricultural Chemical, as well as atrazine, metham sodium, Pindone concentrate and Ester formulations of MCPA or 2,4-D, 4-DB or triclopyr (Grazon and Garlon).

Monday 24th March & Tuesday 25th March.

Time 9am to 3.30pm.

Course Fee: \$250.00 Manual: \$20.00

Amenities \$10.00. Total cost \$280.00

Contact: 57541166 . Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre.

MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB

Mt Beauty Soccer Club are excited to offer 2 great weekends away to play soccer, have fun and build team skills.

All "Girls FC" tournament in Melbourne at the State Soccer Centre.

U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.

March 22nd & 23rd 2014.

This tournament is same format as Total Girl - 7 aside teams.

All "Boys FC" tournament in Bendigo.

U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.

March 28th & 29th 2014.

7 a side and plenty of games over 2 days.

Mt Beauty Soccer Club is looking for girls and boys to register for these 2 great opportunities.

The club will arrange transport, accommodation and most food for the trip away.

Training will start Mid Feb. day and time to be determined.

Please register asap with Ron 57544886, or Andrea 57545399. Or phone for any enquiries.

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.



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

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

The next step! This course is suitable for beginners.

You will learn about:

- Accessing programs
- Saving and retrieving your files,
- Connecting digital cameras and other USB devices.
- What type of internet connection best suits your needs
- Staying safe online
- Sending and receiving email
- Setting up an email account if required
- Sending and receiving attachments

Participants are welcome to bring their own laptop.

5 Sessions:

Date: Friday 4th March. Time: 2.30pm—5.30pm.

Course Fee \$25.00

Amenities \$10.00

Manual \$35.00

Total Cost: \$70.00 ACFE subsidised Fee. Full Fee \$228.90.

Contact: 57541166 or email:

info@mountbeauty.org.au