

# Tawonga Primary School Newsletter

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

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

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Dear Families,

Last week I was in Melbourne at the newly formed North Eastern Region Principal Conference. It was a great opportunity to network with fellow Principals. The presenters talked about inclusive education, integrating technology into schools and classroom teaching techniques. The main presentation focused on instructional leadership (teacher development).

It has often been said that the school principal wears many hats being manager, administrator, instructional leader and curriculum leader at different points in a day. It is a balancing act, having to juggle between these various roles. School leaders continue to seek a balance in their role as manager-administrator and instructional leader.

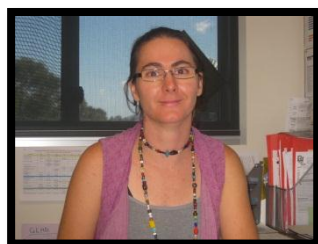
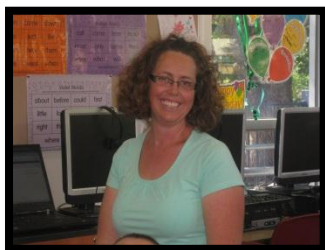


This is a challenge that I and other principals face each day. Research shows that the most important factor affecting student learning is the teacher. At Tawonga Primary School we are privileged to have knowledgeable and dedicated teachers who are focused on reflecting and improving their teaching practise. We put a lot of energy into improving what we do as teachers so that we can get the best outcomes for our students. Our school has had a long history of excellent academic results and successful outcomes for students.

The presenter discussed structural and organisational influences that effect student achievement. Research shows that class size has a large effect up to the age of 8 years. At Tawonga Primary School we value this highly with no grade over 20 students. For our students main learning time, Literacy and Numeracy we have a 1:10 ratio of staff to students.

My aim as Principal of our great little school is to get the balance right between manager, administrator and instructional leader. Attending such conferences is an excellent opportunity for me to reflect on how I am working towards this goal.

**Kim Franzke**  
Principal



**Our teaching staff –**  
Elle Gorham, Sue Kovacs, Kellie Rutherford  
and Kim Franzke.

## **CALENDAR 2013**

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2013</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Whole School Lunch and afternoon activities. Meal Deal Day 2
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>School Council AGM 7.00pm. Finance (6.30pm)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21</b>	Harmony Day
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Ride2School Day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Last Day Of Term 1. Crazy Hair Day.</b> Meal Deal Day 3 School dismissed at 2.30pm
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>2013</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	First Day of Term 2
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	Athletics Carnival – Years 3-6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	Anzac Day Holiday
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30</b>	School Photos

### **SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR LEARNING**

A meeting will be held tomorrow in the Staffroom at 8.00am with Mal Lee to look over the first draft of the Masterplan for School Grounds for Learning. Any parents who would like to be involved are welcome to attend.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

Just a reminder to families about our fantastic raffle we are holding at present. Extra tickets are available at the office if required. Tickets and money are due back at school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Proceeds will go towards the Year 5/6 camp to Canberra.

### **Woorabinda Camp**

Year 4 & 5 students took home an expressions of interest form for the Department run Woorabinda Camp run in conjunction with Somers Camp (for Year 5 & 6s). If families are interested in sending their child this forms needs to be returned no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March with successful students notified on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any questions please talk to Kim Franzke.

### **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE**

Today 4 of our Year 5 & 6 students Sam, Emelia, Phil and Sid are representing our school in Melbourne at a Student Leadership Conference. The Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW. We look forward to hearing about their ideas when they returning to school.

## CRAZY HAIR DAY

The Junior School Council presents.....

### **Tawonga Primary Schools Crazy Hair Day**

This will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Last Day of Term 1). Come to school with coloured, messy, Mohawk, whatever takes your fancy hair!! Get your thinking caps on and create your best Do.

A gold coin donation is required and will be donated to the Tawonga CFA.



## NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2013 - REMINDER

Friday 22 March 2013 marks the seventh National Ride2School Day, which is expected to see students from more than 1,500 Australian schools walk, ride, scoot or skate to school, many trying it for the first time.



Ride2School Day is about encouraging the school community to make active travel a normal part of their everyday lives. There are many benefits for children and the school community resulting from encouraging active travel as part of the school culture. Three great points that highlight the benefits active travel to parents and teachers are:



- Riding to school will reduce traffic around the school, making the school trip quicker
- Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
- Riding helps develop important life skills, in addition to increasing confidence.

**We encourage all students to take part in this activity.**

## A FEW REMINDERS

**Bookclub** – Due back at school by next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**Raffle Tickets** – Due back at school by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**School Banking** – Every Thursday at school. Anyone who wishes to have an account opening kit sent home please see Lisa.

**Points At Supermarket** – This is a fantastic initiative by Mt Beauty Foodworks. When buying groceries please give your points to **1020** – Tawonga Primary School.





## Coeliac Awareness Week

On Tuesday students were informed about Coeliac Disease which one of our students Lachlan suffers from. The students sampled some Gluten Free goodies during the day. As part of this the Year 2,3 students made Honey Joys using Gluten Free Cornflakes which are a delicious snack which don't contain gluten. Thank you to Lachlan's mum Aretha for her information and food provided.



## **MOUNT BEAUTY MUSIC FESTIVAL 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

Our school will once again be running a BBQ at the Mt Beauty Music Festival this year on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is one of the schools main fundraisers and we would appreciate having your help. If anyone has a spare couple of hours and would like to help out please place your name in the time you are available and return to the school. We will require 4 people for each time slot. If anyone has any questions in regards to this please speak with Anne Stanmore.

9am to 11am	11am to 1pm	1pm to 3pm

## **PARENT GROUP NEWS**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April (during School Holidays) the Parent Group will be holding a stall at the Dederang Mt Beauty Football and Netball Club “Launch on the Lawn” to be held at the Dederang Oval. They will be selling Fairy Floss and Donuts. If anyone is attending and can spare an hour to help please see Anne Stanmore.

## **UKV Lions Club Mt Bogong Conquestathon**

As you all may be aware the Annual Conquestathon took place last Sunday. Our staff member Lou was on top of Mount Bogong at a checkpoint during the day and found some familiar faces come through. Well done to anyone who conquered Victoria’s highest peak.



*Mitchell and Jeniffer on to of Mt Bogong.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS



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### **FIRST AID COURSES**

Anaphylaxis (1 Session): 6:30pm -  
8:30pm Tuesday 19 March 2013

### **Barista Basics**



Have qualified baristas teach you how to select the right coffee, choose the right grind and texturize the milk to produce the perfect coffee.

**1 Session: 9:00am – 1:00pm Tuesday 26**

**March 2013**

**Fee: \$150.00**

### **Coffee & Chocolates Anyone?**

Come and learn to make special chocolate treats for Easter with a Master Patisserie.

**2 x 2 sessions**

**Time, Date and Cost**

**To be advised upon show of interest.**

**@ Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre**

**Email: [info@mountbeauty.org.au](mailto:info@mountbeauty.org.au)**

**Phone: 03 5754 1166**

**Address:**

**1 Tennis Court Avenue Mt Beauty**

### **Dederang Mt Beauty Football Netball Club presents LAUNCH ON THE LAWN**

April 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Dederang Oval

Event starts at 6:30pm, straight after awards  
at the multipurpose building

**Live Entertainment**

Food and Drinks available to purchase

BYO Picnic Blanket and Chairs

**Adults: \$15 each Children: \$5 Family Pass: \$35**

**For further information, please contact:**

**Monika Hood: 0416 237 434 Amelia Connors:**

**0422 263 376**

### **AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS**

#### **TAWONGA UNIT**

Annual Luncheon.

Tawonga Hall - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

12.00 for 12.30pm.

\$15.00 per head Includes sherry/juice  
on arrival and Smorgasbord Lunch.

Lucky door prizes.

Trading tables... cakes, produce and  
more.

Make it a date - Bring your friends.

**ALL WELCOME**

### **Mt Beauty Tennis Club**

Junior Club Championships

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Commencing from 10am.

Cost \$5 includes lunch

Entries to Andrea Moorman 57545399

or add to list at the Clubhouse.

Players must be current financial members to  
be eligible to play.

Regular Sat. morning tennis this week 9am  
start.

**SASSY ROAD  
AND  
IVORY ROOMS  
ARE HAVING A  
"GIRLS NIGHT"...**  
*A night of late night shopping,  
champagne and giggles!*

When: **FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**MARCH 2013**

Time: 5.00pm – 8.30pm for  
shopping and champagne  
at

**SASSY ROAD**  
Time: 6.30pm til 10pm for  
dinner and  
relaxing drinks at the  
**IVORY ROOMS**,  
Tawonga ...

***\*\*If wanting to book dinner at the Ivory  
Rooms ...Please book with Tan or Stan on  
57541026.....see you  
there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!xx Moni***

**Thursday Basketball Roster for the  
remainder of the term.**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

5:00 – 5:45 pm Under 10's & Under 12's Training  
(return uniforms, bring a spare t-shirt)

6:10 – 6:50 pm Bulls vs Thunder (return uniforms,  
bring a spare t-shirt)

6:50 – 7:30 pm Lakers vs Heat (return uniforms,  
bring a spare t-shirt)

7:30 – 8:30 pm Women's Basketball

**\*Needed volunteers to collect and wash  
uniforms\***

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

5:00 – 5:45 pm Under 10's & Under 12's Training

6:00 – 7:30 pm Under 14's & Under 16's Training

7:30 – 8:30 pm Women's Basketball

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

5:00 – 5:45 pm Under 10's & Under 12's Training

6:00 – 7:30 pm Under 14's & Under 16's Training

7:30 – 8:30 pm Women's Basketball

Please contact Mark 0437 131 778 for further  
information.

**Mt.Beauty soccer club Registration**  
**Day for season 2013**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11am- 12noon at the  
Mt.Beauty Football Ground.

Boys & Girls age 6 – 15 years old.

**Mt.Beauty Soccer Club AGM**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at the football  
ground.

All welcome!!! “Come along and be part of  
our fantastic little club.”



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