



# 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,

### NAPLAN

All Year 3 and 5 students will be completing the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May. The assessments include Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Writing (persuasive or narrative text) and Numeracy. These assessments are only one tool in which teacher use to measure student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy.

An information sheet has been included in the newsletter for Year 3 and 5 families.

The students have been preparing in a number of different ways and may bring home some practise tests they have completed in class. I have been impressed with the writing that the students have completed over the past few weeks.

If you would like any further information about this testing please speak to myself or Sue.

### LIFE EDUCATION

The van will be at school next Thursday. All classes will have a different program.

P-2s Mystery Tour - inside the human body and safety in different places.

3-4s Mind Your Medicine - Safe use of medicines, managing conflict and bullying, exploring feelings.

5-6s Be Cyberwise - Cyber safety, building positive relationships, Cyber bullying.

### FUN RUN

Please find enclosed a slip to be returned requesting assistance with setting up, time keeping on the day and for the Parent Club BBQ Meal Deal.

Some new plants were planted by students last week in our raised garden beds, using some of our winning garden vouchers from last years School Garden Awards.

Assembly Change - Now 3pm on Fridays

### PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The younger students were very excited to watch the playground soft fall be delivered last week. The playground will not be opened until after the Fun Run until School Council has met and students have had time to learn in small groups how to use it safely.



### LATENESS TO SCHOOL

Being late to school is disruptive, not only to your child but the whole class. All classes have Literacy in the first 2 hour block. Research shows that students learn best and are more productive in the mornings. Please work hard to ensure that you arrive at school on time.

A reminder that any student at school before 8.45am without a parent will be placed on the Out of School Hours Care roll.

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## RUBBISH FREE LUNCHES

Dear Parents

Tip number 2 on how we can help our environment written by Ebony. Each class will have a bin for their lunchbox rubbish bin for the term. At the end of each week this will be weighed and counted. More information will be given next week.. Kellie.

### Why we should have rubbish free lunches

We should be having rubbish free lunches because it helps the environment by making sure that the ocean doesn't get a lot of rubbish in it. That's where a lot of rubbish ends up.

It takes about 700 years for plastic to break down.

It would be great if our school could have a rubbish free lunch day for term 2.

As you can see it's important to have rubbish free lunches so if you have rubbish **please** can you stop bringing it to school.



Written by Ebony Year 3.

## SKIING PROGRAM

Year 3-6 students who will be participating in this years ski program will have the information sent home with them after our school council meeting next Wednesday. We ask that parents read through the information carefully then fill out the applicable forms and return to school as soon as possible. Due date for payment is before the end of term. If parents have any questions in relation to the ski program please speak with either Sue or Kim. Our first ski day weather and snow conditions permitting will be Thursday 26th June which is the last Thursday of Term 2.



## FUN RUN

Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek, Dederang and Tawonga Primary Schools will come together to take part in the High Country Fun Run event. The course, which the children can **walk or run**, is graded according to age. Your child can choose to be competitive or enjoy a stroll and the sights as befits their level of fitness and interest. The main aim is participation. Parents too are invited to join in if they like.

**10.15am** Children from Mt Beauty, Falls Creek and Dederang arrive at Tawonga. Social playtime with all schools.

**10.45am approx.** – Marshalling and instructions for the Fun Event. Staggered starting of the events in the following order: 12 year olds, 11 year olds, 10 year olds, 8/9 year olds, then Year 2's, Year 1's and Preps.

**12.45 onwards** – Lunch (Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal or bring your own). Presentations.

Completion at 2.00pm.

### CHILDREN SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

Drink bottle

Wear a Gold Tawonga PS polo shirt

Hat

A warm jumper

Morning Snack

Running gear and shoes and change of socks (grass will be wet).

Bring own lunch if not ordering a meal deal

Asthma puffer (if appropriate).

A Big Smile!!



**Please note:** Any child with a medical condition preventing them from taking part should bring a note from their parents.

**MEAL DEALS ARE DUE TO BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 13TH MAY. PLEASE ORDER ON PAPER BAG AND PUT IN RED BOX.**

**MEAL DEAL: 1 Sausage in Bread, Drink and Icy Pole \$5.00. Extra sausage in bread \$2.00**

**Extra Drinks \$2.00 Extra Icy Pole \$1.00**

### FUN RUN HELPERS

**Fun Run helpers—Please return this slip to school if you can help.**

I will be able to help with the Fun Run at the following times:

\_\_\_\_\_ Set up on Wednesday 14th May between 1pm onwards

\_\_\_\_\_ 10.30am—12.00pm Timing or Course Marshall

\_\_\_\_\_ 11.00am—1.30pm Sausage Sizzle

\_\_\_\_\_ 1.00pm—2.00pm Pack Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## HOOPTIME BASKETBALL

Attached to today's newsletter is the Hooptime Basketball Expression of Interest form. This event is run each year for students in Years 3-6. Participation is not compulsory. Please return forms by Thursday 15th May if your child is interested in playing and/or you are able to assist with this program.

## NEWS FROM MRS K

### CLASS REPORT—MRS K

Lots of great things are happening in the classroom and the pace is very fast.

It's that time of the year where it is *really* important that your child is *well* organised and prepared.

Please ensure they have sufficient time to get organised each school day, before the bell. Late arrival makes it extremely difficult for them to catch up, is a disadvantage to them and it is a disruption on the rest of the class.

Please support them with their nightly reading. I encourage you to ask them to read aloud to you. This should be followed by some questions, so that there is some discussion about what they are reading. This will tell you if they *understand* what is happening in the story. This is very important.

In general nightly reading records and spelling are progressing well.

Much of the class work has focused on NAPLAN practice.

Our humanities unit is based on Caring for our Environment. We are looking at animals and plants in varying habitats—how they live and survive.

With the NAPLAN tests next week—I strongly encourage students to get a good night's sleep!

At the end of next week, there is our annual Fun Run here at the school. I have a few volunteers, but am still in need of a few parents to stand on the course to encourage the children. Can you help me?

### **VOLUNTEER READING MUMS OR DADS OR GRANDMAS OR GRANDPAS OF FRIENDS?**

Can you volunteer to hear children read in our classroom?

I am looking for 1 person for each day of the school week, from 9-9.30am to help hear students read.

If you could offer to do one day per week, that would be awesome.

Please let me know. Mrs K.

Here is a fabulous and powerful example of some persuasive writing from yesterday—Great work Sienna! (and what a credit to your mum Katrina!)

### **MY HERO**

I know a hero but it's not Superman or Batman, it's my Mum. She can do many things. She is a great parent to have. By the end of this writing I'm sure that I can convince you.

My first reason is that she's a hard working girl. Always on track and very organised. She can do things that some people can't do. She's creative and I love her dearly for who she is and you can't change personalities.

My second reason is that she's full of talents like...she is loving and caring, helpful and don't forget her fantastic cooking skills!

My third reason is that she's a great help for the community and for the school! She has a lot of jobs and she helps the school with things like cooking for the Mothers Day lunch and she's a great person to have in the community.

Ok now I'm summing up. I've told you all I can about my hero (Mum) and I always award her at the end of the day with a great big cuddle. Sienna Year 3.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

# MAY/JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
				9 Assembly 3pm	10/11
12	13 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	14 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN School Council Meeting 5pm.	15 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Life Education Van	16 Cluster Fun Run (Cross Country) at Tawonga whole school	17/18
19 Speech Pathology	20	21	22	23 Upper Hume Cross Country  Walk/Ride safely to school.	24/25
26	27	28 GRIP Leadership Conference Year 5/6.	29	30 Transition day for Year 5/6 at Mt Beauty SC	31
2 JUNE Book Fair Open Day	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7/8

## 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.

**Fun Run**—Meal Deal to be in by Tuesday. Helpers are still required if you can assist.

**Music Forms**—If anyone still has not returned forms and money please do ASAP with \$30 per person.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

President	To be confirmed @edumail.vic.gov.au
Vice President	Katrina Vazzoler 0438 310 068
Buildings & Grounds	Davide Angelini 03 57541 192
Other Councillors	Yvette Hind, Graham Boote, Kelly Roffey, Kellie Rutherford, Kate Blanks, Jane Zagorski







# Community News

## PACTS-Parents As Career Transition Support

Want to know how to help your teenager with career ideas?

What is VCE, VCAL & VET?

What sort of jobs are out there?

What is an Apprenticeship?

What are the path-ways after Year 10?

Where to go for more information?

Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Hurry, places are limited! Registration is essential.

Contact: Joanna Macklan 02 6056 0966

Email: [jmacklan@nellen.org.au](mailto:jmacklan@nellen.org.au)

Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

This project is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Making Career Connections Initiative.



Wangaratta will host a **Dryland SSA Futures Cross Country Ski Camp** on the weekend of the 10/11 May.

Futures is a Ski & Snowboard Australia athlete development and talent identification program. SSA Futures has a vision to further develop the opportunities and resources for athletes involved in the SSA athlete pathway. These camps are open to skiers of **all abilities between the ages of 12-18** although younger skiers may be considered.

Athletes will benefit from expert coaching from national level coaches and athletes.

Following the Futures Camp, athletes will be provided with information on how to join the NSW Cross Country Programs and the Victorian Junior Team and Victorian Development Team.

*Fast and Female Australia* will be running a power hour for female athletes who are part of the SSA Future Camps in Wangaratta as well.

Wangaratta parents are happy to host any kids who would like to stay overnight in Wangaratta, if that helps rather than travel from Mt Beauty and other parts of the Kiewa Valley.

For more information on SSA Future Cross Country Ski Camps and to sign up please go to [www.skiandsnowboard.org.au](http://www.skiandsnowboard.org.au) and follow the links to the SSA Futures Page by clicking on the 'Futures' tab on the main menu bar.

Alternatively, contact **Nick Grimmer** — Mob: 0458185 485 and Email: [grimmer.nick@yahoo.com](mailto:grimmer.nick@yahoo.com)

**Registrations close—** 5pm 9th May 2014.

**IF YOU ARE A PARENT....YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.**

### EXPANDING PARENTING TOOLBOX!

Thursday 22nd May 2014

7.15pm Registration. 7.30pm start.

Education Myrtleford Performing Arts Centre, Prince Street, Myrtleford.

\$10 pp includes light supper. Tickets are available at Alpine View Children's Centre, Mountain View Children's Centre and Lake View Children's Centre. Concession cardholders free.

For more information call 57501367.

## Responsible Service of Alcohol



Undertaking an approved Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) program gives participants the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to a safe, enjoyable environment in licensed premises. Face-to-face RSA training is mandatory for licensees and staff selling, offering or serving liquor for general, on-premises, late night and packaged liquor licences.

The RSA program covers a range of topics including: problems associated with excessive consumption, alcohol and the law, the question of who is responsible for RSA, facts about alcohol, improving the atmosphere of your premises, handling difficult customers.

1 Session:

Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Fee: \$85.00

Payment Due before commencement of course

**Places are limited, call 03 5754 1166 to secure your place.**

**MBNCI reserves the right to cancel or defer this course if sufficient paid enrolments are not received prior to the commencement of the course. No refund will be issued for non-attendance.**



Saturday 24th May.

21km, 10km and 3km events.

Please register at:

[www.mtbeauty.com/mt-beauty-half-marathon](http://www.mtbeauty.com/mt-beauty-half-marathon)

**10am Start at the Secondary College.**

## Produce to Preserve & Share

Do you have produce that you want to savour and fill the cupboards?

Maybe you would like to share your crops or give as gifts.

This is always a good time to buy excess vegies while they are cheap and preserve them.

Stock the freezer and the pantry.

**Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm**

Course Fee \$25.00

Amenities \$10.00

Ingredients \$25.00

Manual \$10.00

Total Cost: \$70.00 ACFE subsidised Fee

Plus extra ingredients if needed.

Full Fee 228.90

Payment must be received before commencement of the course.

## BARISTA BASICS

We have qualified Baristas to teach you how to select the right coffee, choose the right grind and texturize the milk to produce the perfect coffee

Book any time on....

Phone 5754 1166 or email

[info@mountbeauty.org.au](mailto:info@mountbeauty.org.au) to register

**1 Session. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Time 9.00am – 1.00pm.**

**Cost \$99.00 .**

**Enquire about skills set for discount, four courses for \$90.00.**

**ACFE Substituted. Full fee \$330.00**