

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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Pupil Free Day Thursday 27th June

Dear Families,

On Monday we had a very successful Open Day with tours of our Kinder and School. I was very impressed with the behaviour and work standard of all our students as I walked through showing families our school. We officially opened our new vegetable garden with Malcolm our youngest Prep student doing the honour of cutting the ribbon. The Preps and Year 1's then planted out 6 citrus trees which have been purchased by Parents Club.



A message that our Upper Kiewa Valley Cluster of schools wants to get across to our community is that all services Kindergarten and Schools are strongly encouraging new Prep and Kinder enrolments for 2014 to be made by the end of Term 3 so that sufficient planning can take place.

Teachers will spend the next two weeks writing student reports. A change to reports this year is the introduction of four National Curriculum (NC) subjects (English, Maths, Science and History). The National Curriculum is being rolled out over a few years with the interim name being AusVels. This means that staff will be working with the old Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) and the NC. Parents will see little difference in the final format and comment structure. Due to industrial action last year and into this year staff have had very little chance to work with the new documents. We will be spending Thursday 27th June doing professional learning around curriculum planning. This day will be a Pupil Free Day. I will notify you if OHSC will be available.

Thankyou to Lou for her hard work organising the Book Fair this week. It was very popular and it was great to see the students enthusiasm around the books on offer. As a result the school will be able to purchase some great resources for our own library.

Kim Franzke
Principal

CALENDAR 2013

JUNE	2013	
Monday	10	Queen's Birthday Holiday.
Tuesday	11	Year 3/4 Hooptime – Wodonga
Tuesday	18	Year 5/6 Hooptime – Wodonga
Wednesday	26	Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm – 5.30pm
Thursday	27	Pupil Free Day
Friday	28	Last Day of Term 2 – School finishes at 2.30pm.
JULY	2013	
Thursday	18	First Ski Day Years 3-6.
Thursday	25	Second Ski Day Year 3-6.

Contract Cleaner Required

Tawonga Primary School

Starting 1st July 2013

12 month contract

Part time - approx 10 hours a week

Application forms are available by phoning

Lisa Ranton 54754 4468 or

e-mail tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Closing date Friday 21st June 2013

School Concert Discussion

Next Wednesday 12th June 3.45 in the staffroom – all welcome

Staff invite interested parents to come and hear our initial ideas about our school concert this year. If you are willing to support staff with script writing, costumes, props etc we would love to hear your ideas. If you are unable to attend and wish your ideas to be heard please speak with Ellen.

3/4 Hooptime Basketball – Please see letter sent home with this newsletter final information

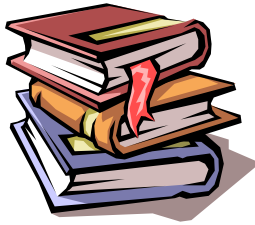
5/6 Hooptime Basketball – transport and final details will be sent home next Thursday.

Draft School Council Policies

The following draft policies are available at the school office for feedback from parents. These will be presented at the next school council meeting for ratification.

Policy Development Policy (New), Excursions and Camps Policy (Update), Consultation (New), Student Leadership (New).

HEADLICE – We have had a reported case of headlice so please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Please notify the school if you find lice so that we can inform others.



BOOK COVERING

With our great result with the Book Fair we will soon have a new collection of books which will need covering. If any parents would like to offer some of their time to cover some of these it would be appreciated. We do have a few a present which need covering. These cannot go into our library until this is done. These books can be taken home to be covered if that is more suitable to parents.

Please speak with one of the teachers if you have a little time to spare to help out with this task.



OUR NEW SIGNPOST

When you walk into the school yard these days you will find a signpost which gives you directions and distances to some of Australia's icons. We thank Davide, Erin and Yvette for their wonderful creation. Make sure you have a look if you haven't already.

SOME MORE TREE PLANTING SNAPS!



PREP 1 NEWS

What a fantastic couple of weeks for learning! The Prep 1 students have been hard at work and my goodness it is paying off.

Reading:

This week our focus has been on the letter Mm. We have been listening to stories that have a lot of Mm words in it, just trying to hear the sounds. All students are working well with their take home readers this is very noticeable by the huge improvement in their reading and working out of words. Well done parents!

Writing:

Everyday the students are working with the Thrass handwriting chart. All the students are improving remarkably with the formation of their letters. Every Wednesday Prep 1 students are writing a story and every Thursday they are typing them out. The students are able to turn the computer on and open a word document, type their story, find a picture and do a border. Great work!

Maths:

This week we will continue to work on counting and number. We will be looking at addition, subtraction and what the = sign means. Yesterday the students were working hard at measuring themselves. What a great job they did!

Art:



Artwork based on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. (Cocoons)

Thanks
Kellie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mt Beauty and District Amateur Swim Club

Annual General Meeting

Settlers Tavern Meeting Room 7pm 18th June 2013

New, Old and Existing members are invited to attend the Mount Beauty Swim Clubs annual general meeting.

Please come along and support your swim club.

Participate – Challenge - Achieve

MT BEAUTY WOMENS BASKETBALL

THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7.30PM AT THE
SPORTS STADIUM

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

INFO: [0411695546](tel:0411695546)

MOUNT BEAUTY PRIMARY SCHOOL SKI SALE



*Bag a bargain!
Fill your suitcase with super
second-hand ski stuff!*

Queen's Birthday Weekend
SATURDAY 8TH JUNE, 10^{AM} ~ 1^{PM}
MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY CENTRE

SELL your unused ski gear: Drop off at the Community Centre on the day of the sale from 8:30^{AM} ~ 10:00^{AM} OR telephone the school on 03 5754 4354

Gold Coin Entry • Lucky Door Prize • Barbecue • Cake Stall



Community Clubs

