



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 Families,

Year 3/4 students are having a fantastic time on camp at Howmans Gap, as you can see by the photos below. A full report will be given next week when they return.



POLICIES

An updated Parent/Guardian Complaints policy is available at the office for review /comment. This will be presented at our next School Council meeting for pass.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Staff participated in a Professional Learning day on Monday. This was a very productive day with further work done to document our curriculum in line with National Curriculum Standards.

PREP 1 2 LATE NIGHT/SLEEPOVER

We will be holding a Prep late night and Year 1 and 2 sleepover at school at the end of November. More information will be in next weeks newsletter.

KIDSMATTER PARENT SURVEYS

Thanks to those who have returned these surveys. We have had a look at the results with staff and our parent representative—Kelly Roffey. We will begin to think of ways to improve. Stay tuned for further information.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

A lovely day was had by all last Friday at our Annual Junior Sports Day. Parents should be very proud of the way the students here at Tawonga Primary School welcomed the students from Mt Beauty, Dederang and Falls Creek. A big thank you to all parents who assisted with the activities on the day.

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TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL TWILIGHT FESTIVAL.

Helpers are required to ensure this event runs smoothly. Roster is attached so families can see where help is needed. Even 1 hour would be appreciated to help the event be fun and successful.

CHILD RESILIENCE

Schools are resorting to banning games such as tiggy and skipping because many children either can't share or can't handle losing. Smaller families and over-protective parents are being blamed for a lack of resilience. The onus often falls on teachers to show children how to sort out their problems.

Greensborough Primary Principal Margaret Hirth, whose school temporarily banned tiggy late last year because of lack of fair play and a failure to sort out differences of opinion, said children often required adult support for games to run smoothly. The tiggy ban was lifted this term after the rules were reiterated at assembly. "Kids would be playing nicely until they got tagged and then they'd say, 'Well I'm not playing any more'," Mrs Hirth said. "Instead of it being their fun time, it ended up being that we were sorting out lots and lots of conflict. When I was a child, I had no memory of other people sorting out our tiggy—we just seemed to be able to do it ourselves". She said.

Parent information sessions and psychologist run resilience programs are among measures to help students weather life's ups and downs. "All kids at the moment need a little bit of extra support to be resilient and to manage it when things in a game don't go well or when life doesn't go well," Mrs Hirth said. Victorian Principals Association president Gabrielle Leigh said some schools had imposed bans on other games, like skipping and swapping collector cards, over problems sharing. Parenting ideas founder Michael Grose, who works with 1500 schools nationwide, said smaller families meant many children didn't experience the rigours of interacting with siblings. Adult-organised activities and children's problems being solved by over-protective parents were also factors.

We smooth the way for children so by the time they get to school and they have things that don't go their way, they have difficulty coping.

Taken from an article in The Herald Sun, Wednesday October 30, 2013.

MAKING YOUR CHILD MORE RESILIENT

- Look for 'teachable moments' rather than change a bad situation
- Help them work through disappointment
- Allow them to resolve some problems themselves
- Help them process what happens to them
- Let them develop self-help skills like making their bed
- Offer perspective. Kids can make minor incidents seem like a catastrophe



SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our Swimming Program will begin on Thursday 21st November between 1pm and 3pm. All dates are noted in the calendar.

This is a compulsory program for all students. All up there will be seven lessons then we will finish with a pool party.

Forms are attached to this newsletter for parents to complete and return to school prior to lessons starting. A reminder of things to bring will be in next week's newsletter. Swim Bags are available from the office for \$10.

For those who haven't paid the swimming levy for 2013, we ask that this be paid prior to swimming commencing.

EMA 2014

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child's schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child's education up to the age of 16.

Education Maintenance Allowance in 2014

In 2014, the EMA payments to eligible parents will be:

- \$117.50 to \$200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- \$117.50 to \$150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- \$235 to \$300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
- \$235 to \$250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

The EMA is paid in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August).

To be eligible for the EMA:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:

- be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
- be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
- be a temporary foster parent.

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- Submit your application to the school by the due date:
- 28 February 2014 for the first instalment*
- 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

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* Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

Twilight Festival Helpers

Our Twilight Festival is fast approaching. Bring your friends and family to this fun and social event. There will be Food, Drinks, Pony Rides, Showbags, Lucky Dips, Games, Jumping Castle, music, specialty stalls and much more. There will be an open mike for anyone who would like to come along and busk or show their talents.

A change of clothes is recommended as some of the games may include getting a little wet!!

We ask that families donate something "Christmasy" for the Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale between the Twilight Market and our End of Year Production.

Some raffle ideas: Shortbread biscuits, bon bons, wine, Mince Tarts, wrapping paper, cards, chocolates. This is just an example. The list is endless.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			7 3/4 Camp Howmans Gap Buddy Day Year 6 Bogong (BOEC)	8 3/4 Camp Howmans Gap	9/10
11 Yr 6 Spelling Bee 9.30am	12 Library Speech Pathology	13	14	15 TPS Twilight Festival 4pm– late 2014 Prep Transition 2-3.30pm	16/17
18 Bike Education Yr 6 Spelling Bee Grand Final Tawonga Hall	19 Bike Education	20 Bike Education	21 Swimming 1-3pm	22 Swimming 1-3pm	23/24
25	26	27	28 Swimming 1-3pm	29 2014 Prep Transition 2-3.30pm Prep Late Night Year 1&2 sleepover	30/DEC 1 Pickup 9am Year 1&2.
2	3 Statewide Transition Day	4 School Council	5 Swimming 1-3pm	6 Swimming 1-3pm	7/8

REMINDERS

PARENT GROUP - Meeting at Tawonga Store after School drop off Monday 11th November. Twilight Festival discussions. If you have an hour to spare your input and attendance would be most appreciated. Helpers are still required for this event.

SWIMMING FORMS - Please return forms as soon as possible so that swimming groups can be worked out. Forms are required by Friday 15th November. Additional forms are available from the office.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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





Community News

MOUNT BEAUTY TENNIS CLUB

Official opening of our resurfaced courts

10am Sunday 10th November

BBQ & drinks on sale.

Free Tennis.

Fun kids & adults games

Prizes

Fastest serve competitions with a 'speed radar'

Members and non members all welcome

Bring a friend or two.

At 1pm the Club President will officially open the new courts.

Officials from Tuff Turf, Alpine Shire and other government bodies

involved with the court resurfacing project will be present.

For queries please ring:

Rob Cabion – 0417 375 366

Andrea Moorman – 03 5754 5399

Carols by Candlelight 2013

Proudly presented by Upper Kiewa Valley Lions Club

Tuesday 17th December 2013

Venue: Mount Beauty Secondary College, outside the Jessie Hollonds Studio Building.

6.00pm – BBQ and soft drinks, snow cones, popcorn and fairy floss all available from 6.00pm.

8.00pm – Carols by Candlelight with local artists, community band and community carols, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Santa will give out bags of lollies for all the children under 12 years of age.

Parents, teachers, mark this in your diary to come along, bring the children and make this a fun night for all. We encourage all to bring your own blankets, rugs and chairs.

Please Note: UKV Lions encourages schools to perform an item, that is, participate in the Carols by Candlelight program on the night – if any students wish to put on an item during the program, please contact Ron Fensham 5754 4569.

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.



KIEWA VALLEY PHYSIOTHERAPY AND MOUNT BEAUTY
MEDICAL CENTRE

Young Athlete Sponsorship 2013-14

The Mount Beauty Medical Centre and Kiewa Valley Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy have teamed up again to offer the KVSSP/MBMC Young Athlete and Performer Sponsorships for 2013-14. Two sponsorships of \$500 will be awarded to youngsters aged 12-17 to help support their participation in their chosen sport or 'active' performing art. This is the third year that the sponsorships have been offered. Past winners include Sam Northey (hockey), Liam Hood (football), Jade Wilkinson (dance) and Jeremy Peacock (cricket). You don't need to be a world champ, you just need to love what you do and have a red-hot go! Further information and application forms can be picked up from the Mount Beauty Medical Centre or Kiewa Valley Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy or at www.kvphysio.com.au. Applications close Wednesday 13th November.

**Mount Beauty Kindergarten Association
Incorporated**

**Notice of Special General Meeting
Tuesday 26 November 2013**

The Mount Beauty Kindergarten Committee invites all members to attend a Special General Meeting (SGM) on Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 7.30pm to be held at the Mount Beauty Kindergarten, Lake View Children's Centre, Mount Beauty.

The purpose of the SGM is to ask members to vote in relation to winding up the Mount Beauty Kindergarten Association and forming the Lake View Children's Centre Family & Friends Group.

Please contact Julie Tryhorn (E tryj@bigpond.com or M 0418 607 759) should you have any questions in relation to the SGM or proposed changes.

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

Term 4, Week 5.

We only have 5 weeks to go! Next week will be scripts down. Just a reminder to practice, practice, practice.

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT TAWONGA HALL.

7PM START.

TICKETS \$5.00 PER ADULT

SECONDARY STUDENTS \$2.00

SCHOOL CHILDREN—FREE.



MOUNT BEAUTY SWIMMING CLUB

SWIMMING CLUB IS STARTING SOON!!

Can you swim one lap of the Pool?

If the answer is YES, then you can join.

Registration and come and try day is on Saturday 16th November from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

At the pool.

Free Sausage Sizzle.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Get Fit, Have Fun, Cool Down.



TWILIGHT FESTIVAL ROSTER.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN FILL ANY OF THE GAPS. YOU WON'T BE REQUIRED FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING BUT THE MORE HELP WE CAN GET WILL ENSURE EVERYONE HAS AN ENJOYABLE EVENT.

EVENT	NAMES	NAMES	NAMES	NAMES
BBQ, Drinks, Icy Poles	Leanne T & Brett W	Sonja I	Graham B	??
Donuts	Kate B	??	??	
Fairy Floss	Katrina	??	??	
Ponies	Erin A	Jill G	Yvette H	?? X 2
Lucky Dip Show bags etc	Anne S	??		
Ticket Sales, Raffle	Mary Anne C	Heather P	??	??
Games, Sponge Throw etc	Davide A	??	??	

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

