



# 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,

What a busy week we have this week.

Today the Year 6 students are at Bogong Outdoor Education Centre participating in Buddy Day with students from the Mt Beauty Secondary College. The students are paired with students from the Secondary College for the day participating in challenges such as Rock Climbing, High Ropes, Abseiling etc.

Tomorrow our Year 3 and 4 students are heading off to Beechworth for two days with the Year 3 /4 students from Dederang. The students will be visiting the Woolshed Falls for a Bushwalk, the Burke Museum, Powder Magazine, Courthouse, seeing a Blacksmith demonstration as well as the Beechworth Bakery and making some yummy bread to bring home.

On Friday the Prep, 1, 2 students will be visiting Bunnings in Wodonga before heading to Wooragee Primary School to have a look around and have lunch in their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.

We hope that all students enjoy their travels and come home with some exciting stories to tell.

I was very pleased with the turn up at last Thursday's Parent Information Night. Thank you to those who attended. If any parents were unable to attend but require further information please contact me and arrange a meeting. I am only too happy to guide parents through our structures for 2013.

School Production practice is in full swing with students learning their lines and practicing their moves. By now student know their role in the play. Please start thinking about your children's costume needs.



## CALENDAR 2012

NOVEMBER	2012	
Thursday/Friday	8 & 9	Year 3/4 Beechworth Camp
Friday	9	P/1/2 Excursion to Wooragee Primary School
Sunday	11	Remembrance Day
Friday	16	Kinder Transition 2 – 3.30pm. Spelling Bee Heats Tawonga Hall 5/6. 9.30am
Monday	19	Spelling Bee Finals Tawonga Hall 7.30pm
Friday	23	P/1/2 Late Night Event
Tuesday	27	School Council 6.30pm Finance. 7.00 General Meeting
Friday	30	Kinder Transition 2 – 3.30pm. Hooptime Basketball State Grand Final - Dandenong
DECEMBER	2012	
Saturday	1	<b>Twilight Festival – Please note change of date</b>
Tuesday	11	Statewide Transition Day (all students move up a year level)
Tuesday	18	Full Dress rehearsal – Tawonga Hall
Wednesday	19	Year 6 Graduation Concert – Tawonga Hall
Thursday	20	Year 6 Breakfast - Treats
Friday	21	Last Day of School 2012

## **70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND**

### **Tawonga Rural Fire Brigade 1942 – 2012.**

Tawonga Fire Brigade was formed as a Bush Fire Brigade on November 13<sup>th</sup> 1942.  
Come along and catch up with friends and fellow members of your community as we celebrate this achievement.



### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

**7.00pm Tawonga Hall - \$10 per person includes supper.**

#### **‘Tawonga Remembers’**

The earlier years of this community and brigade in a picture show. Does anyone have old slides or photos that we could scan for our display?

If so they could be dropped in to the Tawonga Store.

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

**From 11am equipment & demonstrations in the park. Followed by afternoon tea and presentations of awards at the Tawonga Hall.**



## TWILIGHT FESTIVAL - Saturday 1st December **Please note change of date. 4-late (8ish)**

This year we are planning the twilight festival to be more of a fun community event which will include food, lots of games, music, loads of activities for the children and market stalls. To ensure the success of this event we need the support of the school community and need to know fairly soon how much support we are going to be able to get in the way of helpers during the event.

The help we will need will include the following: manning stalls; help with craft activities, supervising, cooking etc.

**We know it's early, but we would like to get an idea of who would be willing to help out in some capacity by filling in the form below and returning it to school asap. This will help us to know just how much we can commit to so we really need a response by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

Name : .....phone:.....

- ☐ yes, I can help out in any way you need
- ☐ yes, I can help out from .....pm to .....pm
- ☐ I would like to be involved in the pre-preparation rather than the actual market
- ☐ I have some ideas that I would like to present (which we would be delighted to hear about!)

By filling out this form you are not committed; just expressing your interest.

**\*\*\*Please note change of date for this event. Helpers are still required and without your help we may need to cancel the event. If you can give an hour or so on the day it would be much appreciated.**

## **NATIONAL WORD MANIA CHALLENGE**

As some of you may know, some kids have been competing in the Word Mania Competition. The National Word mania Challenge encourages students to race against the clock, using 15 random letters to create as many words as possible within 3 minutes. Each word will score points based on its length and the letters used. The highest scoring students will advance into further rounds. All students from year 2-6 competed in the Word Mania Challenge. 5 students made it through to the semi finals, Emily B, Riva, Isabella C, Madeline C and Elina! So Congratulations to those 5 students, you did an amazing job!

# Community Activities

As most of you know, most of the 5/6's have done extremely well in the Hoop time basketball competition. We won the grand final in Wodonga and then we went to Regional's in Melbourne just recently. You wouldn't have guessed it... but we won the grand final there too! The final score being 20-7.

Throughout the day our skills improved, also our cooperation and team strategies. It helped when we were hassling for the ball and others were at the base line getting the rebounds and were shooting.

They were all intense games and we all took a spill. We may have hurt ourselves a bit but we put the pain aside and kept going. So on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November we are off down to the State finals in Dandenong Melbourne again!



Thanks so much to Mark Roffey for his coaching and enthusiasm.

Go Tawonga Tigers!

**Emily Barnes**





# Pet of the Week: Buster

Owner: Rick Read, Mike's brother

Breed: Miniature Dachshund

Funny moment: One day Buster ate so much that he looked like he was about to burst! Another time Buster was being clumsy and he fell off the back of the Ute.

Age: About 5 years old

Habits: Always pinching the other dog's food and always eating.

Favorite Food: Tin food

Favorite activities: eating and fetching

Buster is a lovable fun dog and is lots of fun to be around.



**Madison Ryder**



# Student Awards

The awards for this week go to :-



Lox - He is finding his division easier now. He was finding it hard going at the start, but now he is getting better each week.

Mitchell - He is finding tables easier to do. He is much more enthusiastic and faster at tackling times tables.



Braidy is an independent worker in the Year 2,3,4 classroom and a great all-round helper in his classroom.

Great job guys! Keep up the good work.

**Clay Cambridge-Dillon**



# Student Profile, Liam V

DOB: 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2000.

Favorite food: Pork Ribs.

Favorite color: Green.

Favorite sport: Basketball and cricket.

Friends: Every one.

Nickname: Rowdy

Hobbies: Sport and fishing

Achievements: getting a sponsorship of \$1400. Getting into the state finals in basketball, in the Tawonga primary school team. Getting to the third round of state try outs in football.

Family: Connor, his older brother. Lisa, his wonderful mum and Jason his Dad.



Mike Read



## Who am I?

*This person is in the year 5/6.*

*He has brown hair and blue eyes.*

*He also has freckles on his nose and under his eyes.*

*His favorite sports are tennis, basketball, swimming and cricket.*

*This boy is in the Tawonga hoop time team.*

*He has no pets at all.*

*At home he loves playing the Wii and watching TV.*

*He is friends with everyone in the class and others.*

*At school his strengths are sport, maths, SOSE, spelling, science and cooking.*

*This boy is playing a big role in the play.*

*Guess who!*



Liam Hood



# Drews Day at The Dairy

I started off the day excited knowing I was going to help Grant out on the farm, but it wasn't the best experience getting a rude awakening at 5:30am in the morning! Grant

told me this was the time he woke up every morning so that he could milk the cows. It was still very dark but Jess, Grant's lovely

work dog she just jumped onto the back of the ute and waited until he was ready to leave for the dairy.

I arrived at the dairy ready to milk the cows but they weren't there! I asked Grant where they were, but he said we were going to round them up. I was so excited to finally be able to ride on a real horse. But when I asked Grant what the pony's name was he just laughed and said that we will be using a motorbike. Soon we were zooming down the dusty, rocky dirt track looking for paddock number 4. We

soon found it. Grant said to open the gate so I ran up to it and swang it open. Grant drove through the gateway and asked if I wanted to drive the bike, so I jumped on. I honked the horn and drove

around the cows making sure that all the cows went through the gate. As Grant and I were riding through the paddock we noticed that part of the fence was broken, he told me to remember that paddock's number and to remind him at the end of the day. Soon we had all the cows at the dairy and it was time to milk them. Grant slipped the suction device on the first cows' udders and then told me that's

what I'd be doing to the other cows. At first I nearly fainted knowing I had to milk hundreds of cows on my own,

but Grant was only joking! I asked him if the cow was going to do his business on me but Grant said not to worry. I popped the

suction cups on the cow and stood back. Suddenly one cow kicked off the device. I ran over to put it back on but Grant stopped me. He said that's a way the cows say they have no more milk left.

We were about to go home when I remembered that paddock 4 had a broken fence, so I turned around and reminded Grant. We raced down the track again and drove into paddock 4. Grant told me to stay on the motorbike whilst

he grabbed the gear. He placed it on the ground and went to get more, but I was too eager so I raced off and tried to take

off the fencing when all of a sudden, I felt a huge zap of electricity shoot through my body. I fell to the ground, I was knocked out. When I woke up Grant said he had fixed the fence and that you needed to turn off the fence before you could touch it.

At the end of the day I learned how to milk a cow, ride a motorbike, round up cattle, how not to put up a fence and how to have fun!

Madison Ryder



# Drew bear at childcare

Finally I get to childcare with Anne. I'm not quite sure what time it is but I think it is about 9am. We had to go to meet some staff and children before starting our work in the kitchen; we have to make yummy food for all the kids today and im helping.

First of all we went into the office and the girls were wanting to meet me and hear all about me and what I will do today, then I got to have a go on the computer but my fingers were a bit big for the keyboard, everyone thought it was funny.

Anne showed me the kitchen where I will be working today with her and got me to read the food safety book, I had to wear blue gloves when I work with the food.

Anne cut up the food and I watched, I tried to help but im a bear and bears like to eat honey all day. I was able to stir the pot a bit and everyone kept saying 'what a good job I was doing'.

At lunchtime when all the food was ready, Anne and I served it up for the children, it was delicious and Anne is a good chef, I helped to push the trolley of food into the rooms for the carers to give to the children.

They all wanted me and I was very popular so I sat with the little kids and ate dinner then I went into the big room and ate dinner again, I was so full I had a bit of a tummy ache, then I had to help Anne clean up and make a huge huge carrot cake. We are only allowed to give healthy food choices for the children.

After lunch we had to do some paper work and we write down all the temperatures and other important information.

I was so full and tired from my busy day I snuck into the room and had a lie down and little nap in one of the beds, Anne was looking for me and found me asleep. When I woke up all the work was finished and it was time to head home. I had a lovely day at childcare and I want to go back soon and now I want to grow up and be a chef because they are awesome!!.

By Phillip Hobbs yr 5





## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Albury Wodonga** **Doll & Bear Hobby Show 2012**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012  
10am to 4pm - Mirambeena, Martha Mews  
NORTH ALBURY NSW

DOLL HOUSE COMPETITION NEW THIS YEAR  
Admission: \$5.00 Adults \$2.00 Children  
Children under 3 Free

Morning, Afternoon Tea and Lunch available

Booth Holders and Competition entries welcome.  
For further details contact Sue Pringle  
Phone: 02 6024 3411/ 0402 827 813

### **MOUNT BEAUTY SWIMMING CLUB**

Please note that Swimming Club Training will commence next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the pool.

5pm to 6pm – Juniors (Tues and Thurs)  
6pm to 7-7.30pm – Intermediates and Seniors.(Tues and Thurs.).

If you are interested in joining please come along on the night.



1 Tennis Court Avenue. Mt Beauty

### **Morning Tea with a Professional**

Come and enjoy our famous scones & Apple cakes over a cuppa while we bring you some up to date information.

- **Morning tea with a Lawyer –**  
**Andrea**  
**Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: 10.30 - 12.30pm**

**Topic: Life Planning**

All those interesting things that we don't really want to think about like Wills, Power of Attorney and Estates. Andrea gave us fabulous resources with her last presentation on neighbours

- **Morning Tea with HESS**  
**Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**  
**Time: 11.00am - 12 noon**  
**Topic: Home energy Tips**

We may think we know all there is to know about energy saving but HESS (home energy saving scheme) have got some super tips.

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**1 Tennis Court Avenue. Mt Beauty**  
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