



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

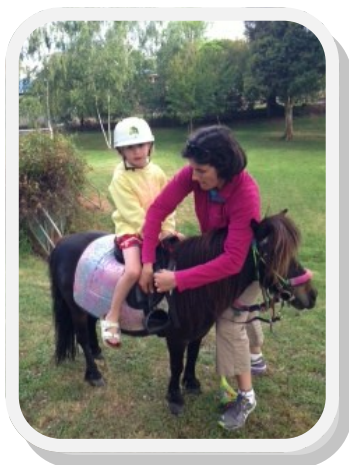
Striving to be the best we can be.

Message from the Principal:

Dear Families,

TWILIGHT FESTIVAL

A huge thank you to all the parents and students who helped to make the Festival a big success. A total of \$1,300 was raised for the night. A special thanks also goes to the local businesses in Tawonga and Mt Beauty who donated goods for this event. Without the help of families and the community these events would not be viable to run.

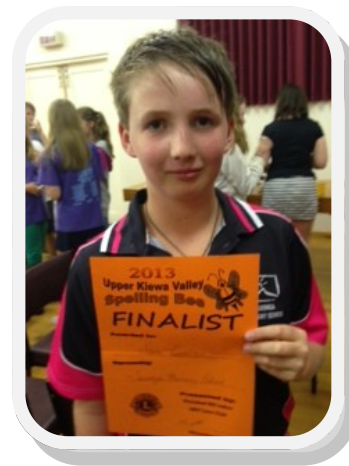


All involved should feel very proud, I have received a lot of positive comments from community members who appreciate the effort that goes into putting on an event like this.

For a school our size to see so many active and involved families is very encouraging. This event could not have been a success if it wasn't for the team effort of all involved. A special thank you to Anne Stanmore for her leadership this year with the Parent Group.



We have had 3 successful days of our Bike Education program for all students. The focus has been on skills, riding around a small course which included a traffic light, roundabout, balance beam, slalom and slow riding. The students have been very responsible and trustworthy and have enjoyed doing extra practise at lunchtime.



Well done to Sam Cariss who came 5th in the UKV Lions Club Annual Spelling Bee on Monday night. It was a suspenseful process waiting for the outcome of each round.

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We ask families to make a donation to the Annual Christmas Raffle. This will be drawn at the end of year Production. Anything to do with Christmas would be great. Some suggestions are: Mince Tarts, Cards, Wrapping Paper, Chocolate, Wine and lollies. Your assistance would be appreciated.

2014 Planning

With the end of year fast approaching we need to be sure of our final numbers so that class structures and staffing can be confirmed for 2014. Small changes make a bigger difference than you may think. If you know of new families please let me know. I encourage you to come and talk with me sooner rather than later. When I am confident that our numbers are accurate I will let you know of our class break down.

Swimming

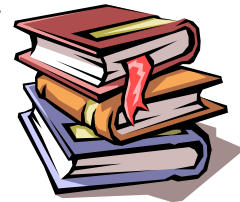
Swimming began today and will continue on Thursdays and Fridays until our Pool Party on Thursday 19th December. Students are reminded to bring bathers, rash top, towel, sunscreen, hat and goggles each swimming day. Students with long hair are also asked to have it tied back during lessons.

Swim bags are still available at the office for \$10.



Library books at home

Please have a look for any Tawonga PS library books at your place. It is concerning that so many books are missing. We would appreciate parents and students to look in bookcases, under beds in old school bags and anywhere else books may be hiding. The Year 4-6 room has quite a number unaccounted for.



Prep Late Night. Year 1&2 Sleepover

Extra forms have been sent home today to students who have not returned theirs for the Late Night/Sleepover. **Preps will need to be collected by 8.00pm on Friday evening. Year 1&2 to be collected at 9.00am on Saturday morning. If you have any questions please see Kim.**



Veggie Garden Update

It was a nice surprise to discover some large broccoli plants growing in our raised boxes this week.

Cucumber seedlings have been planted and pumpkin seeds are in.

The students are been eating our strawberries which are ripen well.

If any one is after silver beet it seems to just grow all by itself. Please come and help yourself.

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

Term 4, Week 6.

With only 4 weeks to go until the big production its "all hands on deck" so to speak. Students are required to practice their lines and dances. Rehearsals began at the hall this week. Please ensure your child knows what costumes they require and what needs to be supplied from home. If any parents have any questions please speak with Ellen or Sue.

TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS.....

Pirates Of The Curry Bean

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT TAWONGA HALL.

7PM START.

TICKETS \$5.00 PER ADULT

SECONDARY STUDENTS \$2.00

SCHOOL CHILDREN - FREE.

A performance will also be held on Tuesday morning at 11.00am for anyone who wishes to attend. This performance is Free of Charge.



TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Kate Blanks has kindly offered her time at lunchtime on Mondays and Wednesdays to practice singing carols for a presentation at Carols By Candlelight. Any students who are interested are welcome and encouraged to join in.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			21 Swimming 1-3pm	22 Swimming 1-3pm	23/24
25	26	27 Yr 3-6 Hall Practise	28 Swimming 1-3pm	29 2014 Prep Transition 2-3.30pm Prep Late Night Year 1&2 sleepover Preps pick up time 8pm	30/DEC 1 Pickup 9am Year 1&2.
2 Yr 3-6 Hall Practise	3 Statewide Transition Day	4 Yr 3-6 Hall Practise School Council Break Up Dinner/Meeting	5 Swimming 1-3pm	6 Swimming 1-3pm CRE Xmas	7/8
9	10	11 Yr 3-6 Hall Practise	12 Swimming 1-3pm	13 Swimming 1-3pm	14/15
16	17 Production Matinee	18 Production Evening	19 Year 6 Breakfast Pool Party	20 Last Day of Term Finish 2.30pm	21/22

REMINDERS

Prep Late night/Yr 1-2 Sleepover - Forms were sent home last week if you need another one there are some available at the office. Please return ASAP.

THANKYOU, THANKYOU, THANKYOU

A huge thankyou to Sonja Irving who has been spending her days off here at school cataloguing our library. This is a big job. We appreciate your work!!

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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Buildings & Grounds	Davide Angelini 03 57541 192
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DEECD BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER



School procedures for the bushfire season

Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red.

Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email, letter sent home with your child or phone/SMS with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- ☐ No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- ☐ School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

What can parents do?

- ☐ Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.
- ☐ Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- ☐ If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.
- ☐ You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/emergencies.aspx>



Community News

Mt Beauty Pool

Now open daily.

Weekdays: 3.30pm to 7.00pm

Weekends: 1.00pm to 7.00pm.

Learn to swim and swim club enrolments

Come and try Aqua Fit, Flipper and Swimming Programs

03 5754 1181

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.

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 try-bon@bigpond.com or M 0418 607 759) should you have any questions in relation to the SGM or proposed changes.

MILO CRICKET

Milo Cricket registrations are now open. Milo cricket is for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years. This will be run on Saturday mornings between 9am and 10am, commencing on 23rd November.

Cost is \$70 with a kit – recommended for first timers – or \$15 if you don't require a kit. Kit includes bat, ball, shirt, hat, bag, drink bottle.

Register online at <http://www.in2cricket.com.au/>.

Enquiries to Mick Grace on 0447 349 088.

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.



YEAR 3 AND 4 CAMP—HOWMANS GAP

