



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,

Class Structures 2014

Next year we will once again have 3 classes for core subjects in Literacy and Numeracy. Due to our large number of Year 1s & 3s we have decided on the following break down.

P/1 Kellie , 1/3 Kim , 3/6 Ellen. Students have been allocated to classes . I have endeavoured to speak to all Year 1&3 families prior to this newsletter to discuss individual students.

After consultation with staff and school council we all agreed that maintaining 3 classes is a priority, minimizing splitting of my classes on some afternoons should be avoided and providing small class sizes in our Early Years classrooms would allow for more personalised learning in these critical years.

Next Tuesday is our formal Transition Day when Year 6s head to Secondary School and our new Preps join us. Students will work in their new classes for part of the day.

I strongly encourage all parents to come and discuss any concerns or questions you have in relation to this structure.

I believe that this structure will be a positive outcome. Students have been carefully placed into classes based on academic, social and emotional needs.

I would also like to confirm that we will be offering Japanese taught by an experience language teacher. Keiko is a long time resident of Mt Beauty. We will also be having Conrad back to teach music in Term 2&3.

Kim Franzke

Best of luck to Madeline and Sam Cariss and Isabella Casey who will be performing tonight in the annual end of year school bands performance starting at 7.30pm at the Mount Beauty Community Centre. Thank you to Jarrod Policha and staff at Mt Beauty Secondary College for their continued support with our schools aspiring musicians.



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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.

Today we are sending home 10 raffle tickets for each family to sell for our Christmas Raffle. Ticket price is \$1.00 each. There will be four exciting prizes in total, including our Christmas Hamper and Fresh Fruit Box.



Swimming

Please note that there is no swimming this Friday. Our next swimming days will be next Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child/ren have their swimmers, rash top, goggles, towel, sunscreen, hat and a jumper if the weather is a bit cool. The bus will leave school at 1.00pm and return at 3.00pm.

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

The students are very excited with planning already begun for our Cardboard World creations.

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 and Kellie.

Thank you to David and Yvette who have volunteered to sleep overnight.

Tiqbiz App for School

Here at Tawonga Primary School we are always looking for ways to be more sustainable and energy efficient. One way of doing this is to reduce the amount of paper we use. We are currently trialling an App which can be downloaded onto Phones, Ipads and Computers. Attached to this newsletter is the information families will need to if you wish to try this. We are able to notify you when newsletters are ready to be read. You can also notify the school if your child is away for any reason. We may also be able to send text messages to remind families of events rather than send home paper reminders.

We would appreciate families to give this a go and provide feedback to Kim or Lisa. We are trialling it free until the end of the year then if it seems successful and sustainable we will continue it on into next year.

REMINDER FOR YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS

Year 3-6 students are reminded that they need to bring their costumes along in a cloth shopping bag from Monday next week. Also PLEASE keep practicing your lines. Only 3 weeks to go.

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.

WE ASK FAMILIES TO BRING ALONG A PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE FOR AFTER THE SHOW.



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:

DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			28 Swimming 1-3pm Schools Band Performance Evening 7.30pm	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 Production Yr 3-6 Hall Practise	3 Statewide Transition Day 2014 Preps at school until 1pm	4 Yr 3-6 Hall Practise School Council Break Up Dinner/Meeting 6pm Finance 6.30pm general then dinner.	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 Full Dress Rehearsal Raffle Tickets Due back	17 Production Matinee 11am	18 Production Evening 7pm	19 Year 6 Breakfast Pool Party 10am to 12pm	20 Last Day of Term Finish 2.30pm	21/22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
		28 JANUARY 2014 First day for Teachers	29 First Day for Students	30	31/1

REMINDERS

SCHOOL FEES 2014.

Each family will receive information next week regarding our fee structure for 2014. Please read through the information carefully and contact us if you require further explanation or information. EMA applications will also be attached. If you are eligible we ask that these be returned completed with your payment contract so we can enter them accordingly.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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Community News

MOUNT BEAUTY BASKETBALL PRESENTATION & CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Spit Roast, Salad & Dessert

\$10.00 per adult & \$5.00 per child \$30.00 per family

Drinks at Bar Prices (NO BYO)

DATE

Sunday 1st December 2013

1:00 PM

VENUE

Mt Beauty Sports Pavilion

Mt Beauty Schools' Band

End-Of-Year Concert

2013

Featuring students from Mt Beauty Primary School, Tawonga Primary School and Mt Beauty Secondary College performing a range of pieces for concert and jazz ensembles.

Date: Thursday November 28th

Venue: Mt Beauty Community Centre

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

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.

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.

