

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,

I am very proud to say that I am Principal of Tawonga PS. We have a lot to celebrate.

Our Twilight Festival on Saturday evening was an amazing show of community spirit and teamwork. What a great school we have, great students and great families. There was an amazing turn out of people and a lot of positive feedback. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the evening the success it was. Parents Group raised approx \$2700.



Tonight we have 3 students Sam, Mitchell and Will playing in the Mt Beauty Schools Band concert. The boys have been rehearsing hard under the supervising of Jarrod Polisha from the Secondary College. Their performance starts at 7.30pm this evening at the Country Club.

Our Hooptime basketballers travelled to Melbourne last Friday to compete in the State Grand Final. Our students made it to the top 16 teams in the state out of 732 who competed in the competition. They were 1 of only 2 rural schools to compete. What an amazing effort. Thank you to all the parents who have

supported our team, especially Mark and Kelly Roffey.

Our Prep/1s went to the Angelini's farm last Thursday to see firsthand how to harvest tea. It is wonderful to be able to access learning opportunities within our local community. It makes the work we do in the classroom more meaningful.

The Kinder held an Open Day on Wednesday for new and interested families; it was a great turn out. We have good enrolments for next year. There are still places so if you know anyone with 3&4 Year old children please spread the word.

Our 0-5 Years Storytime has been a huge success with attendance from between 15-25 children each week. The last session for the year will be next Friday 14th. We will be running the session again next year as well.

All students have been down to the hall for production practise. There is a fun vibe in the school at the moment with singing dancing and costume preparation. Everyone is working hard.

Our teachers have almost finished testing students in Literacy and Numeracy and we have seen wonderful growth. Our teachers work hard each day to provide individualised learning opportunities for each and every one of our students and it is rewarding to see and reflect on this growth at the end of the year.

These successes are a great reminder that size doesn't matter. We can offer our students a wide variety of opportunities both academic and social. We are privileged to be able to come to work each day and spend time with these wonderful students.

SCHOOLGROUNDS for LEARNING

Planning for 2013 –

Our Teaching staff for next year will be as follows.

Literacy and Numeracy
Prep/1 Kellie Rutherford
2/3 Kim Franzke
4/5/6 Ellen Gorham

Individual & small group intervention in Literacy and Numeracy Sue Kovacs 2 mornings per week

PE and Sport – Sue Kovacs

Music – Conrad

Art – Jo

Library – Mr Collins

We will also be offering Indonesian however this teacher has not yet been finalised.

During our integrated inquiry time in the afternoons Sue will also assist 1 afternoon a week with 3-6.

Kim Franzke
Principal

All welcome to attend our first meeting Wednesday 12th December 7pm in the staffroom. Our plan is to start the ball rolling on developing a 3-5 year masterplan for school grounds improvements. If you have any ideas please come along.



CALENDAR 2012

DECEMBER	2012	
Friday	7	Swimming Whole School 1pm – 3pm
Monday	10	3 rd Performance practice at Tawonga Hall P-6
Tuesday	11	Statewide Transition Day (all students move up a year level) Kinder Students are included in this day. Year 6s at Secondary Colleges
Wednesday	12	Swimming 10am to 12pm – Mt Beauty School Concert from 1pm
Wednesday	12	Schoolgrounds for Learning – First meeting – 7pm staffroom – All welcome – initial 3-5 year masterplan
Thursday	13	Parent morning tea
Friday	14	4 th Performance Practice at Tawonga Hall P-6. Swimming 1pm-3pm
Monday	17	5 th Performance Practice at Tawonga Hall P-6.
Tuesday	18	Full Dress rehearsal – Tawonga Hall
Wednesday	19	End of Year Performance – Tawonga Hall 7.00pm start
Thursday	20	Year 6 Breakfast – Treats. Pool Fun Day Whole School 10am to 12pm.
Friday	21	Last Day of School 2012
JANUARY	2013	
Tuesday	29	First day of school for Staff. Student Free Day
Wednesday	30	First day of school for students (No Preps this day)
Thursday	31	First day of school for Prep Students

TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

Happy Ever After

Tawonga Hall: Matinee Tuesday 18th December 11.00am. Free Admission to matinee.

Evening Show: Wednesday 19th December 7.00pm sharp!

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket. Primary School students Free.

TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Please find attached to this Newsletter a book of 10 raffle tickets for families to sell.

The price for tickets is \$1.00 each or 5 for \$3.00. Please return ticket stubs and money to the school office ASAP. More books are available if required.

This raffle will be drawn at the End of Year Concert with some fantastic prizes available including:

Food Hamper

* \$100 Sassy Road voucher*	\$50 NE Home Improvement voucher	* Toy Hamper
* \$30 Foodworks voucher	\$20 McDonalds Meat voucher	* Hearty Eats Breakfast and juice for 2 x 2
* Mt Beauty Bakery 10 x coffee voucher x 2		
Trutree Care 2 cubic metres of mulch	* Cheeky Bits shellac	mani & pedi *
Alpine Green Tea Package		

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Prep 1 Update

What a busy time of the year and the students are doing an awesome job with the excitement of our school play and the start of the Christmas celebrations.

Green Tea Excursion

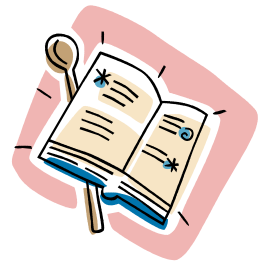
The students had an excellent time at the Angelini's Farm, looking at how the tea is harvested, dried and packaged. The machine that harvested the tea is really out of this world. What a great Day! On behalf of the students I would like to say thank you Dave for the opportunity to see how green tea is harvested. I would like to thank Lee for the wonderfully refreshing ice-blocks (we really needed them) and to Yvette for the great help with crowd control.



FOR SALE

Recipe Books from the Twilight Market.

If anyone would like a copy of this wonderful book please purchase one from the school office. They are only \$12.00.



year 5,6 Report

As week 6 comes to an end, there are a few important reminders for parents and students.

- With the fast ride into the end of the year, it is essential for all students to keep on top of their reading/spelling/weekly homework.
 - Students involved in the Future Stars State Basketball Final in Melbourne on Friday Nov 30th have been given some extra coaching tips from Jill this week. Great to see! Please return the forms as soon as possible. I will hand out uniforms on the Wednesday prior to the competition.
 - Costumes for the production are now being considered/made.....please make sure you have a conversation with Sharon and know what is required to avoid last minute "stress!"
 - Backdrops will be painted shortly. Please see Ann Stanmore if you can offer some time on the paint brush.
 - We have Emelia's Drew Story this week, along with the Year 6 reports. It makes for entertaining reading.
 - Any questions, feel free to ask! ☺
- Cheers Sue Kovacs

WHOAMI?

This person lives in Tawonga.

This person is in the older grade.

This person is in the hoop time team that went to Melbourne.

This person loves to play basketball.

This person is reading The Amber Spyglass.

This person has a sister in primary school.



LIAM VICKERS



Student Profile

Name: Mike Read.

Favourite food: Nachos.

Least favourite food: silverside.

Favourite book: Skulduggery Pleasant.

Favourite Movie: Alien vs. Predator series.

Favourite game: Alien vs. Predator.

Family: Brother (Rick), Mum (Michelle) and Dad (Kelvin).

Pets: 1 dog (turbo) and 1 cat (dark knight).

Hobbies: fishing and video games.

Favourite sport: basketball.

Favourite subject: science.



Will Bloom



Pet Of The Week

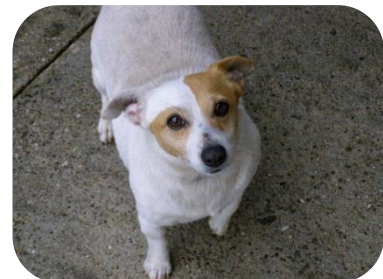
Name: Lollie

Owner: Madison Ryder

Breed: Jack Rustle

Description: Short, fat, stubby, she also has white with a sort of gingery colour patches on her fur.

Funny Moments: One day Lollie was dehydrated so she tried to run into their old blow up pool. But she could not get in because she was too short. She kept trying to get in but when she was finally successful, she sunk to the bottom and Nikki her mum had to get her out. It was very funny and also not very fair on Lollie, says Madison.



Emily Barnes



Movie, Song and Book of the week

The song of the week

The song is Radioactive by Imagine Dragons. Radioactive is one of the best song's I've heard.

The movie of the week

The movie is Nitro circus: the movie 3D. Nitro circus is full daring and risky tricks performed by professionals on motorbikes, bmx's, wheel chairs, bodies and other crazy stuff.

The book of the week

The book is Master crooks. The book is about a master that has made an academy for beginners of burglary. It is a great book for middle aged primary students.

Clay Dillon



Student Awards



This week my first award goes to **Emily Barnes** for excellent improvement in her acting skills, outstanding work **Em!**

The next award goes to **Billy Hanley** for extreme improvement in projecting his voice in production! Great job **Billy!**

My last award goes to **Bo Hanley** for being able to jump into his character really well in production. Amazing job **Bo!**



Madison Ryder



Comedy Corner

Q. why did the sheep go to the movies

A. *to get some snaaahcks*

Q. What did the math book say to the

other math book?

A. *Boy do I have problems.*

Q. Why did the Oreo go to the dentist?

A. *because he lost his filling*

Q. Why did the monkey say to his little brother?

A. *you're driving me bananas!*

Q. What has a head, a tail, and no body?

A. *A coin!*

Q. Why did Mickey mouse go to outer space?

A. *Because he wanted to see Pluto*

Colour in competition of Bugs Bunny at



the beach. There will be 1, 2 and 3 prize.

It will be announced at the next assembly. GOOD LUCK!!!

Liam Hood



Community event

If you didn't hear, the year five/sixes went into hoop time basketball competition earlier in the year and the Tawonga tigers got through to the regional finals without losing one game. In the regional finals they lost two games and won the rest so they got into the state finals,. So last Friday most of the year five/sixes went down to Melbourne for the state finals in hoop time basketball. Only 32 teams got in the state finals out of 732 schools and Tawonga was one of the 32. They lost two games, won the third, but were knocked out of the competition in the 4th game against the Cougars. Tawonga PS all together, they got to the top sixteen out of the 732 teams.



Mike Read



My Busy Day At The Reads

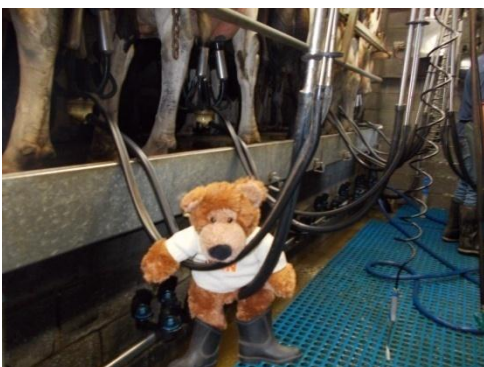
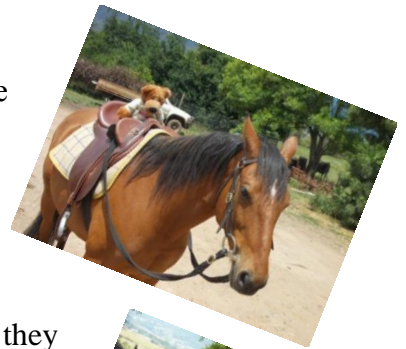
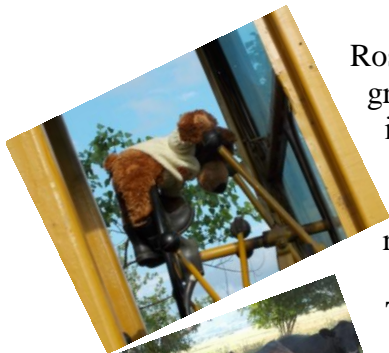
I had to get up nice and early at 5:15am. I struggled to get out of bed but I dragged myself out. We did not have time to have a big breakfast so I had one piece of toast. Then we went out in the freezing cold to get the cows in. It took a while but we did get them into the yard. Then we had to put on the cups and spray the teats. It took us about two hours to milk all the cows but we got there eventually.

Then we went home to have a proper breakfast. I was allowed to ride Michelle's horse. His name is Arkle to get the dairy cows off the hill to drench them. It was pretty tricky to get them to swallow the drench, but Michelle and Kelvin knew what they were doing so they did it easily. Next we had to put them in another paddock and then we went home to have lunch.

Ross Wilkinson was kind enough to let me have a go of the grader. It was very complicated. It took me a while but I got it. I helped grade the Read's new road he was making to the dairy. I think he did a good job of it but I would not like doing a job like that because all the big equipment is really hard to use.

Then we checked the beef cows. They looked alright. They were all black, not like the dairy cows. Michelle said that they were going up the back hill tomorrow. Anyway after that we went to do milking again. It was easier this time because I knew what I was doing and then we got home and had tea.

Yours truly Drew Bear



COMMUNITY NEWS



All current and prospective players along with our volunteers and supporters, are welcome to come to the Dederang Mount Beauty Football/Netball Club Christmas Party on Sunday 9th December at 12MD at the Dederang Hotel. Free Bar-B-Q and drinks at bar prices.

Ivory Rooms

*The Ivory Rooms will be open again this summer / autumn from **Friday 4 January 2013**.*

We are open by appointment throughout the year for functions, dinner parties & all your catering needs.

This year, together with our delicious new menus for 2013 we will also be hosting:

***Sunday night Curry night** (curry & a beer / glass of wine \$25); and*

***Sunday High Tea** on the 3rd Sunday of each month, call us for further details.*

We look forward to your company again this year.

Tan, Stan, Kerry & Julie

181 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga

Phone: 03 57 54 1026

Open Fri - Sun 6pm 'til late

Bookings essential

DERERANG CRICKET CLUB

PARTY PLAN DAY!

Saturday 8th December 2012

Dederang Multi Purpose Building

1pm -5pm

Come along and finish off (or start!) your Christmas Shopping!

Gold Coin Entry to be donated to Relay for Life

Champagne and nibbles provided.

**For further information please contact Lisa Perri
0428360250 or Meryn Deans 0438544196**



Would you like to be a part of the

Total Girl Soccer Tournament

To be held March 23rd & 24th 2013.

Mt Beauty Football Club would like to send a High School aged and Primary School aged team to this fantastic event in Ballarat.

Coaching will commence early next year (day to be determined).

The club will assist with: training, uniforms, boots if required, transport and accommodation.

Be part of a fun filled team for this special event by registering your interest by 7th Dec.

Contact:

Ron Crawford: 0413339570

Andrea Moorman: 57545399

MOUNT BEAUTY SCHOOLS' BAND

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Featuring performers from Mt Beauty Primary School, Tawonga Primary School and Mt Beauty Secondary College playing a variety of styles of music in a number of ensembles including Junior and Senior Concert Bands and Jazz Band.

Date: Thursday December 6th

Venue: Mt Beauty Country Club

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation