



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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All the staff at Tawonga Primary School would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. See you in 2013

Dear Families,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2012. This is the time of year we sadly farewell our Year 6 students. They all survived their transition day at secondary school from what I heard.

Included in this newsletter is a farewell piece of writing from each student. They are a great reflective piece on their time at primary school and especially the times spent at Tawonga. Well worth the read.

Welcome to the Kossak family who have moved from Pakenham in Victoria to Tawonga. Daniel who is in year 6 will move onto Secondary College next year and Aaron will be in year 4.

Farewell: Emily Barnes, Will Bloom, Clay Cambridge-Dillon, Liam Hood, Mike Read, Madison Ryder, Liam Vickers and Daniel Kossak.



Our end of year production "Happy After All" is coming together. We are on the home straight now where we need to think about all the final touches. Sharon and her crew have been doing a fantastic job. We have had a lot of past students here to help out with all the numerous tasks as well as busy parents making costumes and painting props. Thank you to everyone. I can't wait to see the final show.



Over the holidays there are some jobs that we will need assistance with including removing some concrete in preparation for the rock work to be done around the new stairs. We also plan to do more work on our new vegetable garden and clean up our art/music room. Stay tuned on Facebook to hear when we will be meeting at school.

Sharon Lidden will be leaving us at the end of the year as she has been successful in gaining a position at the secondary college in an administration role. Sharon has been at Tawonga for 9 years and has helped many students over those years. She will be missed. We wish her well in her new endeavour.

A reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 21st December. Enjoy the time away from school with your families. I hope Santa finds you well. I look forward to hearing about all the adventures everyone gets up to when school resumes next year.

Well done to Mitchell, Will and Sam who participated in the Mt Beauty Schools Band concert last Thursday night. If you attended you would agree that this was a fantastic concert.

Kim Franzke
Principal



CALENDAR 2012

DECEMBER	2012	
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 After All

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 and Preschool students Free.

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.

We will also have these on sale at the Production!!



A HELPFUL REMINDER CHECKLIST - FOR OUR BUSY FINAL WEEK AT SCHOOL.

To Parents/ Students - if unsure please ask your teacher.

MONDAY DEC 17TH

9am Leave for hall Full dress rehearsal.

Afternoon at school

TUESDAY DEC 18th

10am leave for hall

11am Matinee Performance at hall – start time

Afternoon at school.

WEDNESDAY DEC 19th

Day at school.

6.30pm ALL students need to be at the hall.

** Families are asked to bring a plate to share for supper*

7pm Performance and Year 6 Graduation commences

THURSDAY DEC 20th

8.30 am onwards. Year 6 breakfast at Treats

10-12pm Pool Party for all students

12.15pm onwards class party at school

** Students need to bring a plate to share for lunch*

* Year 6 Awards

* Kris Kringle for Preps to Year 6

FRIDAY DEC 21st

Clean up day

School closes 2.30pm





What can I say what an amazing event the Twilight Festival was. I am so proud of our school but even more of the people that gave so selflessly to make sure the night was a success.

If I try to mention names I know I will miss someone so.....here's a big

THANK YOU

to everyone that put their hand up to help.

We raised approx \$2,500 after all the bills were paid and the parent group account is now sitting in a healthy position....ready to pay for Conrad to come back for a few additional terms next year.....tablets/iPad's for the teachers/students and the kitchen and garden for the children to use....just as a starter.

The evening could not have been possible without the support of parents, teachers and students. Thank you all for giving your time to help out. It was hard on some of the families that had mum and dad helping with little ones running around and I'm grateful to those that stepped in where necessary to make sure children were cared for.

In 2013 we are hoping that some of the new parents will step up and help with the Parent Group. I, for one, am planning to participate but can no longer take the role I have taken over the past 2 years. It is not a huge time taker....especially if we get more people involved. Early in 2013 there will be a notice come around announcing the first meeting and we hope that there will be many people come along. The Twilight Festival is our biggest fundraiser but doesn't need to be a lot of work if many are involved. Am I repeating myself??? ☺. Many, many thanks to the parents who have formed the Parent Group this year - you have been an amazing group and a delight to work along side of.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and joy filled Christmas. Enjoy watching the sheer delight of Christmas on your children's faces.....in the blink of an eye the magic will be a thing of the past. We need to make the most of these precious innocent years of primary school before they disappear! I'm sure some year 6 parents would be saying 'here here'!

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

at our end of year concert

2 PEOPLE NEEDED TO HELP

FROM 10-11AM TUESDAY

and 2 PEOPLE FROM

6-7PM WEDNESDAY

Please contact Jen on 0425 750 802

or email jen@elevationmtbeauty.com.au

or leave a message at the school and someone will let Jen know.

Farewell Tawonga

I've been at this school since I was in prep and every school day I woke happy knowing that I would be able to come to school..... Well except when I knew there was a test that day, I don't like tests very much! As a cute, young, prep girl I was stuck in a grade full of boys (Hoody, Rowdy and Will). When we reached grade 4 another boy just had to join the crew. It was when I was in grade 5 that I was finally blessed with the gift of another girl in my grade, Emily. For joining me in these years, I thank you.

The highlights of my school years have been the camps, the people I have met, the teachers, the production, the special guest performances, the twilight festivals, the new building and the excursions! All of which created awesome memories that have shaped my school years.

I have had what feels like hundreds of teachers over the years. There were Rachel, Mr. Murray, Mr. White and Mrs Franzke, my sport teachers, Mr Flower, Mrs Franzke and Ms Hayes, my principals, Mrs Scott, Mrs Gallagher, Mr Wright and Jackie my substitutes, Mrs Barry, Mrs Retra, Mrs Flower and Mrs K my main teachers, Jo and Jackie, my Art teachers, Mrs Gorham and Sharon, the Drama teachers, Mr Mason and Mr Collins, my Library teachers and Kelly my EI teacher.

Over the years we have been on so many camps such as Harrierville Camp, Beechworth camp, Howmans Gap, Queenscliff camp, Canberra camp and I was lucky enough to go on the BOEC camp. I have many memories from each and every one of the camps, like the time at BOEC where Zoe, Emily, Sophie and I were pretending to be Ninjas and running around the buildings at night time but when I went to do my pose I kneed myself in the eye! On Canberra camp, sadly my suitcase wasn't very neat and whilst I was in the shower Emily and Mrs K decided to take photos of the case!

Some of my memorable moments have been the time I was accepted to be an actress in the Hot House Theatre, I had to drive to Wodonga every Thursday but it was definitely worth it. I also managed to make it into the top 16 in the Hoop Time Basketball competition, which I think is a very impressive thing considering that we are only a small country group.

In productions I have always been happy to be any character, from a wicked witch to a talent show host or even a genie! I really appreciated Sharon as she did so much hard work and helped me become the actress I am today.

I really am going miss the school and all the people in it. If there was a word to sum up my time here at Tawonga, it would be extraordinary!!!

Xoxo Madison Ryder.



Farewell Tawonga P.S



Besides the fact that I haven't been here as long as some of the others in Year 6, I have experienced a lot of special memorable times and made some lifetime friends. I guess it is just that time when new kids come, old ones leave. I wish I could stay here to enjoy some more special moments and more friends. Tawonga Primary school will always be in my memories, as well as all of the wonderful people I met here.

I have so many thankyou's to make to everyone, mainly my teachers in particular, Mr. Collins, Mr Mason, our Library teachers, Jo, our Art teacher, Rachel, our old Sport teacher, Kelly, our Cooking teacher, Mrs Gorham, Sharon, Production teachers, Mrs Franzke, Mr Flower, principals and most of all thanks to Mrs K, my general teacher. I have had so many funny and memorable moments with her, such as when we do some testing; we always make some sort of joke in there somewhere and have a bit of a laugh.

There have been a lot of changes in the past 2 years I have been here. We have an amazing new building, a new principal and new friends. I have also seen a big change in all of my work, because I have improved so much!

The productions have also been delightful, even if this year is my second and last play, it was fun. Last year with "Wonderings in the Westend," I had some laughs in that play and so far in this play I have had some to. So a big thanks to Sharon and all of her hard work she has put in to making them work.

Camps, well, the good times we had on them. I don't know where to start, last year at Canberra, Maddy and I were in a room with Mrs K and one night Madison was in the shower and you should have seen her suitcase! It was like a pig's pen. Mrs K took a photo of it but, it was at the wrong time! Madison was just coming out of the shower, so, Mrs K took a photo of her suitcase and when Madison came out screaming and pointing to her bag! This year's camp too, well that was another story especially with the camp concert/ T.P.S Got Talent.

Tawonga Primary school also gives you a wide opportunity in sport such as swimming, footy, skiing (lots of funny moments there too) and athletics. I have done so many things and have also improved in all types of sport such as in swimming when I made it to Shepparton and shot put.

So for my last final goodbye, I would just like to give everyone a massive thanks again for my time here. (: Emily Barnes

Farewell Tawonga Primary School

As I have been here for all of my Primary School years I have made a lot of memorable moments with everybody here. I came to this school every day from Prep being happy because all of the students and teachers are awesome. I have made a lot of friends at this school especially with the teachers. I wish I could stay here as long as I could, but we all have to move on.

One of the best things at this school are the teachers. I would have to say that this school wouldn't be the same without them. They are all kind, happy, caring, funny, respectful, imaginative, creative and awesome to be around. I have liked all the teachers at this school. They have taught me heaps. Teachers like Mr White, Mrs Kovacs, Mrs Franzke, Sharon, Mrs Gorham, Mr Collins, Mr Flower, Mrs Flower, Jackie, Mrs Retra, Mrs Barry, Mrs McGuinness, Mr Knight, Joe, Rachel, Ms Hays, Mrs Galliga, Kelley and so many more. I hope they enjoyed teaching me as much as I enjoyed being taught by them.

My favourite bit at school is sport because it is a highlight of my day. I love getting out in the sun or rain playing sport. Over the years there have been so many sports teachers such as Mr White, Mrs Franzke, Rachel, Mr Murray and Kelly. They all made sport fun. I enjoyed it soooooooooo much.

I have so much fun with all the students and everything we do things that are funny. There are heaps of funny moments at camps and school plays. At school I normally like doing pranks on my friends or with my friends.

I have enjoyed all of the camps I have been on. All of the camps have been filled with laughter and great fun. The camps I have attended are Beechworth, Harrierville, Howmans Gap, Canberra and Queenscliff. They all taught me a lot about heaps of different things.

All of the productions have been awesome! I have been here since Prep so I remember a lot. When I was in Prep there was no production for us so we sang songs. Such as the Whale song, French Flower song, Funky Monkey and heaps more. When I stepped up I loved being in the big kids play. I was so happy! I think this year's play is going to be the best one we have made.

I have had a great time at this school and I am proud I came to this school. Farewell Tawonga primary school I love you so much!

Liam Hood



Farewell Tawonga P.S

It is time for the year six's to move on from primary school. I have had a great time at this school and had learnt a lot from the wonderful teachers. I haven't been here for long, but it still felt like a long time stuck with the strict Mrs. K, making me do heaps of work!

Mrs. K wasn't actually that bad, she was an awesome teacher. She taught me heaps that I didn't actually know before I came to this school. She is probably the best teacher I've had in my life. Thank you Mrs. K!

Once we all leave Tawonga we will all miss the opportunities we have had at this school. At Tawonga I was able to go to awesome camps like Canberra and Queenscliff and I also got to do sport days and athletics for school. Another awesome opportunity was our fun skiing program. I had so many funny moments at skiing. I've learnt how to ski, crashed heaps of times and had heaps of fun with friends.

I have also had heaps other teachers I'd like to thank them. I've had Mrs. Franzke 1, Mrs. Franzke 2, Sharon, Rachel, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Gorham, Kelly, Jo and any other teachers I haven't mentioned.

Also the productions were awesome. Sharon has put so much effort into them to make them the best they can be. I loved my role as Bjorn last year and I can't wait for this year's because I'm an ugly step sister.

FAREWELL TAWONGA P.S THANKYOU!

From Clay Cambridge Dillon



Farewell TPs

I have finally reached the end of primary school. Seven years of learning the easy stuff and now all the year 6's are going to high school ready to start the hard work.

There are some good things about leaving, and there are some bad. Now I will be with my brother again. Also another bad thing is that I will be going to a different school to all the other year 6's.

The thing I will remember the most is the Queenscliff camp. It was the best camp I have ever gone to. It was the funniest camp ever.



Teachers I have had in my primary school years at Tawonga.

Mrs K, my year 6 teacher, Mr Flower the old principal Mrs Franzke the new principal. Kelly the prep, one teacher. Mrs G 2, 3, 4. Mr Collins the library teacher. Mr Mason the fill in library teacher. Jo our art teacher and Sharon our production/ play writer.

It was good here at Tawonga because I was not the only kid in my year level. The work here is good too because at my old school there were barely any kids,

so we all did the same work and most of the time it was really easy. But here at Tawonga you actually get a challenge when you work.

I am looking forward to Tallangatta S.C.

Mike Read



FAREWELL T.P.S

I can finally say goodbye to such a lovely school with lovely teachers. I will leave so many awesome friends behind and some great moments as well. I have had some amazing teachers on the way to Year six and they have made all the year sixes great students. My most favourite teacher from all these years has been Mrs Barry. She was grouchy at the start and then she got along with the students.



The school these past 7 years has changed in a crazy way. We have had the new buildings that we are in now and the kinder in the old 5/6 classroom. We have had a whole range of new students who have arrived in this amazing school. Mrs K is an amazing teacher. She has almost got all of the Year 6s ready for Secondary school and almost got the school concert ready. The past 7 years I have seen some amazing school concerts. Sharon is the best at making school concerts and I hope that this year we will surprise all of the students and parents. One of the most amazing concerts I have seen is probably last years. We had a ball. All of the students were happy about the idea and in the end it was great.

This school is fantastic when it comes to sport. We have a whole range of equipment and most of it we don't use it. The school gives all students a chance to go skiing and on great camps. I have been on some amazing camps to Harrietville, Canberra, Beechworth, Howman's Gap, and Queenscliff. Leaving this school will be awesome because I will be starting a new era of school and lots of different routines.



I am finally saying goodbye to a great school. See you soon!

By Liam Vickers

Farewell

I have always gone to this school since Prep I have never changed schools and there would be no reason to because the teachers here are some of the best and since there are less people you get more quality one on one teaching than you would with a school of 160. I came to school every day feeling great because of the great work of the staff. I have made many friends at this school and many to carry on for longer in my life I hope. This school has treated me well and I do not wish to leave but I must.

The best thing in the school is the teachers. Without them the school would not exist. There have been so many teachers since the school started but I will only name the ones that have been here since I was in prep to now. Mr White, Mrs Kovacs, Mrs Franzke, Sharon, Mrs Gorham, Mr Collins, Mr Flower, Mrs Flower, Jackie, Mrs Retra, Mrs Barry, Mrs Mc Guinness, Mr Knight, Joe, Rachel, Mrs Hays, Mrs Galliga, Mr Murray and Kelly. Hopefully they had a great time teaching me.

I don't really enjoy sports it isn't really the type of thing that I do that much. But the teachers were great at motivating everyone and ensuring that they do well and play fair.

All the camps have been great to be on with all the great teachers and students enjoying the activities that we were doing. One of my favourite camps was howman's it has this massive swing that you get strapped to and everyone else pulls you up to the top and then you pull this pin and you fall and then swing around.

The productions are the best part of the year where we all dress up and act out a character that Sharon picks out and gives us lines to learn we have usually about seven weeks. Then there is the big night where we perform in front of a lot of people.

It has always been great to go to this school but we must all move on. Will Bloom.



DREW BEAR By Lox



On Tuesday Drew went to help at the Mount Beauty library.

First I unpacked the books from other libraries. They were very heavy. “They were ordered in from other libraries for people in Mount Beauty to read,” said Drew.

Then I got all the books from the drop box. I nearly got my hand stuck in the box -I had to put a bandaid on.

Then I put some books away on the shelves. I couldn’t reach the top shelf and Cassie the librarian had to carry me. I had to keep going ‘abc...abc’ over and over just to find the right place for the books so they wouldn’t get lost.

Next I read to the preschool kids who came to the library for me to read to them. They really liked it. They liked it so much they made me read it five times.

Then I went and scanned some books for the people who wanted to borrow them. I thought I was getting paid but I wasn’t. I was sad ☹️ I really enjoyed my day, but I’m still sad about not getting paid, but I’ll deal with it for now.”



Drew goes to the hospital

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Wow! I think everything is so white, as I walk through the double doors with Amy into the

Mt Beauty hospital. She walks over to the desk and checks in with the nurse.

Soon we are in the main part of the hospital and as soon as we walk in we are assigned to a job. So it's time for us to get working. Our job is to dose out medications to the people who are here.

The next job we are given is checking the blood pressures of the patients. All of them are ok. It's then time for lunch.

Ok time for the afternoon jobs. First we have to talk to the patients and say how they are doing and then we do the change of the drips. Wow that was tiring. Now it's time to go home. SEE YOU LATER !



I'm with a Santa decoration

to make the hospital look bright for Christmas.



I'm in a humidi crib where premature babies are placed until they are able to get stronger.



I'm sitting on the hospital sign at the end of my day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

MOUNT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB

Mt.Beauty Soccer Club Total Girl Tournament Ballarat 23rd – 24th March 2013.

We have had fantastic response from girls wanting to participate in this great girls only weekend,

So far we have enough for 2 x U15's, 1 x U11's & 1 x U12's teams.

We will need to have contact detail for all the girls interested so we can advise when training and other relevant club information can be sent out (family or parent email or phone),

Club contacts: President, Ron Crawford p: 57544886 or m: 0413 339 570 e: csigns01@bigpond.net.au

Andrea Moorman p: 57545399 e: kamoorman@bigpond.com

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET

New Years Day and Saturday 5th January 2013.

9am to 1pm.

Mount Beauty Community Centre Gardens.

Interested Stallholders please call Bev on 57544097.

Piano Exam Results 2012

The following piano students of Lorice Vine, 697 Mountain Creek Rd Tawonga were all successful in the exams

Ellie Robinson	1st grade practical	B+	Credit
Grace Shegog	1st grade practical	C+	Pass
Aidan Hunt	2nd grade practical	B	Credit
Aleesha Khan	2nd grade practical	A	Honours
Emily Robinson	2nd grade practical	B+	Credit
Alana Goznik	4th grade practical	B	Credit

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Christmas
Special
\$100 Deluxe Pamper
Includes a 1 hour massage,
facial, foot soak, scrub &
massage valued over \$200!
To order your voucher call
0357544118

POSITION VACANT

**Mt Beauty Primary School
Casual Canteen Manager**

Mount Beauty Primary School has a position vacant for a Casual Canteen Manager. The position is for 8 hours a week working on a Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

The position is a 12-month contract beginning 13th February 2013.

All applicants must have a current Working With Children Check. Cooking experience essential.

For position description and duty statement phone Briony Bullers-Knight on 03 57544354.

Applications close 25th January 2013.