Dear families and extended community members,

Tomorrow we are having a pancake breakfast to raise money for Uniting Care to support their work with people in need. It begins at 8.15am. If you have forgotten to return your catering sheet, please come along anyway as we have plenty of mix! In the past we have charged $1 per pancake but tomorrow we will have a donation bucket on the table so please donate whatever you are able to. All donations will be forwarded to Uniting Care. It is always a lovely chance to catch up with others so we look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

School Council elections will be held early this term and nomination forms were sent home last Monday. We hope to have a full quota of eight parent reps on our council. School Council is a great way to find out more about how schools run “behind the scenes,” e.g. budgets, policy making, strategic directions etc. We have four parent vacancies all for a 2 year term so please return your nomination forms by Monday 22nd of February. If we have more nominations than vacancies then a confidential vote of our parent community will be held. Our current school council is

Bruce Mitchell (term ends March 2017); Franca Schmidt (term ends March 2017); Steve Jones (term ends March 2016); Vicki Swinnerton (term ends March 2016); Peter Arkins (term ends 2017); Melanie Carmody (term ends March 2017).

I am sure that any of these council members would be very happy to answer any questions you may have or give me a call at school.

We are pleased to announce that a grant we applied for through FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) was successful and we have received $5000 to go towards additional music at school. Whilst this will not be enough to have Miriam with us for a whole day each week it will be possible to employ her for a whole day for at least two terms out of the year and Miriam’s usual three hours for the remaining terms.

Cathryn began Blaerth last Wednesday much to the delight of our students. Cathryn will provide the traditional Blaerth program for our F-2 students whilst the program for years 3-6 will have more of a leadership skills focus. The language and philosophy of Blaerth fits beautifully with our emotional intelligence focus under the guidance of the “Play is the Way program.”

Last Wednesday we revised the Golden Rule (treat people the way you want to be treated,) and asked our students if treating people the way they treat you is the same? Overwhelmingly our students recognised the later as the “broken rule,” Discussion then led to bystanders and how we have a role to play if we see the broken rule being used and explored some strategies to assist us. We are very proud of the development of the strong thinking and language used by our students and will continue to embed this across the school.

Shops have sprung up in various parts of the school ground and whilst these provide a fantastic release of imagination and problem solving sometimes conflict can occur when some shopkeepers become very territorial about their wares. We have spoken as a school about some basic rules for our shops and they are listed later in the newsletter. We love the fact that we can have shops and cubbies at school but we are expecting our students to be self-governing and self umpiring otherwise the shops may have to close if staff are spending too much time mediating and being hijacked from our important yard duty obligations across the whole school.

Have an amazing week.
A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS......

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: In next week's newsletter.

Shop Rules:
1. Items must remain in their original shop and not be removed
2. Be your own boss. Don’t boss others
3. Remember, it is more about “we” and less about “me”

A message from Jen:

please remember to pay your excursion fees by the end of February.

Newsletter Attachments:
The following newsletter attachments were sent home last Monday and due back today!
1. Bus Travellers Agreement (yellow)
2. Head Lice Inspection permission form (pink)
3. Photo/Video/Website permission form (mauve)
4. Bethanga Walking Excursions permission form (light blue)
5. Uniform Order Form (red)
6. School Council Nomination forms (green)
7. Pancake Breakfast catering slip (peach)
8. Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) application form (orange) - If you hold a valid concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The benefit is $125.00 per child and is payable to the school to go towards excursion and camp costs.

Please ensure that all attachments are returned to school tomorrow.

A message from Mr Wright in the MARC Van......
Mobile Area Resource Centre (M.A.R.C)

Welcome to the 2016 school year, especially to all new families and staff who I am just getting to know.

The Mobile Area Resource Centre (M.A.R.C) is the mobile library service that visits your school every two weeks for library. Your children have the opportunity to borrow two books each visit. These books are in addition to books that are brought home from your child’s own school.

Each book from the Mobile Library is stamped with ‘Tawonga MARC’.

So your children have the opportunity to borrow and immerse themselves in a variety of literature, please remind them to return their books to school.

Books are a valuable resource in the information and literacy they provide, however are also valuable in the money they cost to purchase. If books do become damaged or misplaced, a request for payment will be sent home for book replacement.

Looking forward to seeing you again during the next library visit. Happy reading until then.

Mr Wright

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

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<td>LET'S MEET - INFORMAL CHAT ABOUT HOW YOUR CHILD HAS SETTLED INTO YEAR</td>
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<td>Deb at area Network meeting for Principals</td>
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<td>Red Balloon Day - last official day of summer. Fly a red balloon to say thanks to our fire fighters</td>
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<td>Deb at Corryon/Tallangatta Cluster principals' meeting at Tallangatta Secondary College.</td>
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<td>Sovereign Hill Camp for 5/6 students. Deposit paid last year to secure place</td>
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<td>Easter Saturday - 26th March</td>
<td>Traditionally we run a stall so please keep this date free</td>
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<td>ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT BETHANGA HALL</td>
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<td>Our students will sing and lay wreaths</td>
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All stages welcome.
Phone Nicola on 0417 575 777

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