# Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Magpie Murmur

TERM 1 | WEEK 5 | THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026

## Coming Events

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| Wed 4 Mar | School Photos |
| Fri 6 Mar | Burger Lunch Day |
| 11-23 Mar | NAPLAN Y3, Y5 |
| Fri 13 Mar | Life Education |
| Fri 20 Mar | Deadly Science |
| Fri 27 Mar | Stage 2 AFL Gala |
| Wed 1 Apr | End of term assembly |
| Thurs 2 Apr | Last day of term 2 |

**Reminders**

**Attached:**

- swim photo page
- absence codes
- burger lunch flyer
- Life Education note
- Bebras note

We have reached hump week for Term 1 and with Week 5 nearly over, all the teachers wish we could pull on the brakes and slow the term down to get more teaching time. There never seems to be enough time to do all the great things we wish we could do. But as you can see in the 'Coming Events', there are still plenty of extra things going on around our learning this term.

This term we have been enjoying the reintroduction of our Learning Dispositions or Learning Superpowers. We have already focused on Optimism and Collaboration and this week's focus is Courage. We are reintroducing each of these superpowers this term to both remind the students and teach these to our new students. These learning dispositions also work very well in home life and we strongly encourage you to use this language with your children at home, as these are learning superpowers for life, not just school. If you have lost your poster of superpowers at home and would like another, we are happy to supply you with one, just ask at the office.

Attached to the newsletter today, for parents/carers of students in years 3-6, you will find a permission slip for an OPTIONAL maths assessment - Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. This competition is being run by the Australian Maths Trust and is a short, engaging assessment for students who want to challenge themselves. We would love for you to have a conversation with your child/children about this competition and see if they would like to participate. As there is an entry cost associated with this assessment, please ensure that your child/children WANT to participate, so that they give it their best effort. The school is covering the cost of entry, and we would love for some students to embrace this challenge. There is a very short term around on this note and we need it back tomorrow please, Friday 27 February. All that is required from you is a conversation with your child/children and to complete the form.

Yesterday I was off site to travel to Cooma for the first Principal Network meeting for the Eden Monaro, for 2026. As always, I am very grateful to the staff for covering my teaching and supervisions for the day to enable me to have this time with my principal colleagues. These meetings always offer 'food for thought' on a whole range of topics.

Finally today, thanks and appreciation goes to Jillian, Adrian and Esther who have set our 3-6 class up with 3 dozen fertilized eggs in an incubator, to support our unit of work on "Living Things". Their support and generosity is wonderful and we are now all eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first chick in about 2 weeks (with any luck). We are hoping to have a whole lot of happy chicks hatch out and if that happens, we will be offering the babies for sale as a fundraiser. We know better than to count our chickens before they hatch, so we will share more information about this, closer to the time. We are very lucky to have Bethany in the 3-6 class who has an enormous amount of knowledge and experience in all things chicken farming, and she is keeping a close eye on the project for us. Thanks Beth.

Ms Barrow

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**School Photos** **this Wednesday**

We are looking forward to Tara's visit next week for our 2026 photos. The photo package information was sent home last week, please ensure you have your order into Tara before photo day. Families can order and pay online at www.daisyhillphotography.com.au (or use the QR code for a shortcut) or send in an envelope with the order details, student name and cash before the day. Student portraits and the whole school photo will include everyone, regardless of orders, as student portraits are used for several school functions like student reports.

**2026 Updates**

Check the reminder box on the front page to see if we are waiting on any forms from your family. If you need help finding the forms on School Bytes please let us know and we can give you a tour of the School Bytes parent portal, and/or send you a direct link by email.

**Swimming Carnival**

It was a great day at the pool, and Towamba swimmers did a wonderful job of embracing the challenge! Thanks to all the parents and carers for their assistance and support on the day. Congratulations to all those awarded ribbons and special congratulations to Caelan for being awarded the 11 years boys champion. Caelan also qualified to represent the Small Schools Team at the next level but is unfortunately unable to go.

**New school psychologist**

Thanks to the parents submitting consent forms for their child to have a chat with Katie. If you'd like to get your name on the list check out the forms page on the School Bytes Parent portal. A reminder that this is a new form, so previous year's forms are no longer valid.

**Burger Lunch** **Friday 6 March**

We are looking forward to being totally spoilt when the P&C provide a special burger lunch for students and staff on Friday 6 March. Please note there will be no usual lunch orders that day.

**Life Education** **Friday 13 March**

Harold and the Life Ed van are back visiting Towamba next month. More information on the attached note. Consent forms are ready to go in School Bytes and a link will be emailed on Friday. Don't forget your child gets a fast notes wild card if consent forms are done by the following day. No cost to families as the wonderful P&C are covering it at a cost of $12 per student!

**Deadly Science** **Friday 20 March**

Deadly Science- a visiting educational program for the students in the Year 3-6 classroom has been changed from the 25th to the new date of Friday 20 March. Might need to change that date on your fridge calendar!

**AFL Gala Days** **Friday 27 March**

Thank you to the parents completing the EOI for being part of a combined team for the AFL Gala Days. At this stage we are going ahead with just the Stage 2 day on Friday 27 March, due to a lack of sufficient interest from Stage 3. A note with more information and consent details will go out very soon.

**Absences**

We have attached a page detailing the commonly used codes for absences, as mentioned last newsletter.

Daisy Hill PHOTOGRAPHY
SCHOOL PHOTO PACKAGES
*Order online at www.daisyhillphotography.com.au or place cash in an envelope with your childs name and order written on it*

**Digital Declarations**
Next week we will be emailing an invitation to all parents that we do not have a Digital Declaration from. If you wish to be involved in volunteering in our school in any way please complete this declaration.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN- a nation wide assessment for students in Year 3 and Year 5 starts in week 7 with the Writing assessment on Wednesday 11 March, followed by other assessments in Numeracy, Reading and Language Conventions over the following week or so. These tests provide useful information to help programming. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss these assessments.

**GRIP Student Leadership Day**
In week 2 next term, we are planning to take our 7 Year 6 students to Canberra for the GRIP Student Leadership conference that was enjoyed by our Year 6 students last year. Plans are underway and more information will be sent out soon as we will need to finalise plans before the end of term.

**End of Term Assembly**
It's not a joke but we have planned our end of term assembly for Wednesday 1 April. The day will start with an Easter Hat parade, followed by a BBQ lunch cooked by the P&C, and then the assembly. All welcome and encouraged to join us on the day. Details soon.

**School Bytes emails**
Please check your spam folder and ensure emails from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education are not marked as spam, to ensure you receive all school emails sent from School Bytes.

# P&C News

## FRIDAY Lunches

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| Plain pie | $4.00 |
| Thai Chicken Pie | $4.50 |
| Cheese & Bacon Pie | $4.50 |
| Cauliflower Blue Cheese | $4.50 |
| Vege Pastie | $4.00 |
| Sausage Roll | $3.50 |
| Pizza Pocket Ham & Cheese | $2.50 |
| Juice- orange/apple/apple & blackcurrant | $1.50 |
| Milk choc/strawberry | $1.50 |

- *Write your order on a paper bag*
- *Mark your payment total and payment method on the bag*
- *Correct money appreciated or pay online to P&C*
- *Place bag in tin on Friday morning*

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER

**Tomorrow: Bekie/Liz**

Fri 6 March- none (burger lunch)
Fri 13 March - Bekie/Karen
Fri 20 March - Steph
Fri 27 March- Bekie/Liz

**Lunch order changes**
Some of the previous special pies have made it onto our regular menu due to their popularity! Please note just one pizza pocket option now too, and the return of the plain chunky steak pie as a special option this term.

**School uniforms**
There's been a lot of interest in the new style jumpers! The new order of shirts and jumpers to boost the stock levels will be in soon. If you want something sooner check what we already have in stock to purchase now.

**Burger Lunch Friday 6 March**
If you can help out on this day please let the P&C know on our new email address towambapandc@outlook.com.

**Second Hand Clothing Pool**
Don't forget the second hand clothing pool is a great way to share uniforms around and reduce costs. Interested parents are welcome to call into the office for access to the MPR. We will also aim to put these out at the end of term assembly.

## P&C UNIFORM SALES

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $37.50

**Pay online Towamba P&C**

BSB: 062 647
Ac number: 0090 0797
Towamba P&C Assoc.

*Please check availability before making payment as new stock is being organised.*

EOI by end of the month please to Esther or the school office.

New school jumper option with logo is underway.
Zip front access, so easier for getting on. Expected to be the same price.

# Community News

## PAMBULA PANTHERS

**ALL GIRLS INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM!!**

GIRLS 4 – 12 YEARS OLD

USE VOUCHER CODE D9E7C14D (limited) TO RECEIVE $25 OFF REGO!

PAMBULA Panthers FOOTBALL CLUB

**2026 PAMBULA PANTHERS AUSKICK (4-7)**
**ALL GIRLS! ALL GIRLS!**
**When:** Friday 6th March – Friday 27th March
**TIMES:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm
**Where:** Pambula Public School
**Age: 4 years to 7 years old**
**Cost:** $55 per participant (includes the full club pack)
Lots of fun! Lots of games!
SCAN THIS BARCODE TO REGISTER
**Rego Link:** https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/7ad7aa

**2026 PAMBULA PANTHERS SUPERKICK (7-12)**
**ALL GIRLS! ALL GIRLS!**
**When:** Friday 6th March – Friday 27th March
**Times:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm
**Where:** Pambula Public School
**Age: 7 years to 12 years old**
**Cost:** $55 per participant (includes the full club pack)
Lots of Fun! Learning Skills! Playing AFL games
SCAN THIS BARCODE TO REGISTER
**Rego Link:** https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/39c04a

For more information please contact: Glen 0400 567 212

## SESQUICENTENNIAL BEGA SHOW SOCIETY PRESENTS FAR SOUTH COAST

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE SHOW
NATIONAL SHOW
27TH & 28TH FEBRUARY & 1ST MARCH 2026

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## TAI CHI

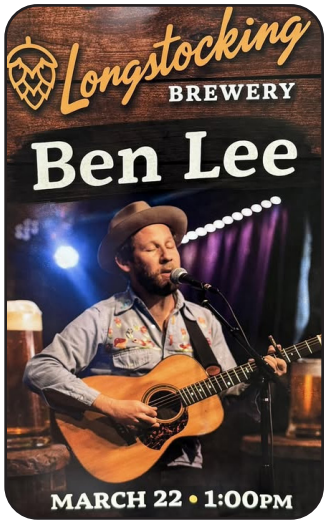
MONDAYS 4:30-5:30pm
Towamba Hall
$15 per session

## MEDITATION

MONDAYS 5:45-6:30
Towamba Hall
$10 per session

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome

**EAT MERIMBULA**
**Sunday 8 March**
**10am start**




## SCULPTURE BERMAGUI

Beautiful Sculptures in a Stunning Location