Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mini Murmur

TERM 1 | **WEEK 2** | **MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026**

Coming Events

Mon 2 Feb	All students start
Wed 4 Feb	Beatbox workshop
Thurs 12 Feb	Swimming Carnival
Wed 18 Feb	Book Club deadline
Wed 4 Mar	School Photos
11-23 Mar	NAPLAN Y3, Y5
Fri 13 Mar	Life Education
Wed 25 Mar	Deadly Science

This Wednesday

with jobe

THURSDAY NEXT WEEK

Attached:

- Swimming Note (if relevant)
- Book Club

Welcome to 2026 and a fresh new year of learning. I continue to be grateful every time I return to teach at our beautiful little school. It has been wonderful to welcome both staff and students back into the school to bring it back to life after the long summer holidays.

During the holidays we had lots of work done, as we often do. We had new carpet put down in the office, quiet room and the 3-6 classroom. You may recall that we had carpet put down in 3-6 not so long ago and you would be right. That carpet had a very strong odour that stuck around and as no one was able to explain where it was coming from, what was causing it or how to stop it, the carpet has been replaced. We had three large Radiata Pines removed from the playground. These trees were identified in our last tree audit (conducted by a level 5 arborist) as having needle blight and they needed to be removed. One was also impinging on the growth of the Bunya Pine. These three trees have all been removed by Shane Best and his team and the Bunya is already feeling happier. John, our GA was able to create a border around the base of the Bunya which has been filled with wood chips, to support the health of the tree. This action was also recommended by the arborist. Finally, we also had the school treated for pests with Finns Pest Control, so we can all feel a little more at ease. Busy holidays.

I am pleased to formally announce that following a policy aligned recruitment process undertaken in the last few weeks of 2025, John How has been officially appointed as our new General Assistant. We are very happy to welcome John as a part of the Towamba Public School team and look forward to working with him through 2026 and beyond.

In other staffing news we are pleased to advise that the office will be attended five days per week this year by both Nancy and Karen, and teaching staff remains the same as for 2025. All great news.

Welcome to our new students this year, Ember, Dahlia and Jasmine in Kindergarten, Dylan in Year 6 and a welcome return to Kay-Leah in Year 3. We hope you are all very happy to be coming to our school and we look forward to helping you feel welcome and supported.

We have had a relaxed start to Term 1 and the staff were able to have a productive time last week undertaking a range of professional learning, planning and preparation for the year. The return of the students today is wonderful and really does fill our school with energy and happiness. Today the students all created designs for the new wildcard theme "Choose Kindness" and we look forward to selecting our new designs for 2026.

Alrighty! Let's get this show on the road!

Ms Barrow

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Beatbox workshop with jobe **Wednesday 4 February**

Coming up on Wednesday this week we have a visiting performer jobe with his beatbox workshop. We are excited to welcome jobe back to our school. This is a whole school workshop and a fun start to the new school year! The school is covering the cost of this performer.

P&C Meeting **Tuesday 10 February**

All are welcome to our first P&C meeting of the year on Tuesday 10 February after school in the multipurpose room. The meeting wil start with the AGM and is followed by the Term 1 meeting. Most times there is just one meeting a term and it would be great to have some new faces come along. Being involved in the P&C gives you the opportunity to shape the future direction of the group, be informed and lend a hand where possible. Future options for lunch orders will also be discussed. Hope to see you there.

Swimming Carnival **Thursday 12 February**

Next week we have the Far South Coast Small Schools swimming carnival at the Candelo Pool. This is an event for all students in the 3-6 classroom, who will participate either in competitive races, novelty races or cheer squad. Students who turn 8 this year also have the option to attend if they wish. More information is attached, with the permission note accessible on School Bytes. Please have your note completed in School Bytes by Friday this week to allow planning to be finalised. The pool entry fee of $3.80 is included in the consent note so that we can simplify paying pool entry.

Friday Lunches

One of the things the P&C and other parents do is to provide the option of Friday Lunches. Most of this term has already been filled, but if you'd like to be involved let Lindy know and the P&C can arrange to show you how simple it is. Lindy is the current lunches co-ordinator and can be contacted on lindy_cooper@yahoo.com or 0415 964 144.

Newsletters

Our first proper newsletter will be next week (Week 3) and will be sent home with students once a fortnight on a Thursday in the odd weeks. If you also wish to receive the newsletter by email just let us know- send an email to towamba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you to the list. It is also uploaded each week to our school website, and a link sent out on School Bytes. You can see how much we value the newsletter as an important communication tool between school and home.

School Bytes

It is essential to have access to School Bytes as all permission notes and payments are done through School Bytes. It's a one stop shop giving you access to forms, student documents, payment records, attendance and absence notes. If you need assistance accessing School Bytes, please ask.

Book Club

Attached is the first Book Club catalogue of the year. Have a browse and if you would like to make an order for your child you can do so by either using the LOOP online system or sending your order and cash into school. Please complete by Wednesday 18 February 3pm.

FRIDAY Lunches

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	$2.50
Hawaiin/Cheese&Bacon	
Juice or Flav/Plain Milk	$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*

TERM 1 Special pies

- *Thai chicken pie*
- *Cauliflower Blue Cheese Pie*

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

This Friday: Esther

Fri 13 Feb - VACANT
Fri 20 Feb - Karen
Fri 27 Feb- Bekie/Liz
Fri 6 March- Esther
Fri 13 March - Bekie/Karen
Fri 20 March - Steph
Fri 27 March- Bekie/Liz

P&C UNIFORM SALES

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

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $30/37.50

Check availability before making payment