Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 1 | WEEK 3 | WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026

Coming Events

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

Attached:

- Updates (attached)
- Absence codes
- AFL Special days EOI
- P&C Meeting minutes
- P&C uniform EOI

I know it is a little out of the ordinary to have the newsletter come home on a Wednesday, but we thought this was easier due to the swimming carnival tomorrow. It will go back to Thursdays as this is not a permanent change.

We are very excited to take our team of swimmers to Candelo tomorrow. It is always a very busy day but always very exciting as well. We are thankful to parents and carers for transporting students to and from the pool and we appreciate you supporting the students to get to their events as Ms Wendy and I will have jobs on the day. There will be a staff member from Wyndham who is available to support with supervision on the hill. There was an updated note that went home yesterday for an arrival time of 9:45am for a 10:00am start. When you arrive and before you leave, please find either Ms Wendy or me to sign in/out your children. Thank you.

This year we are very pleased to welcome Katie Hedgcock back to Towamba, in the role of school psychologist. Katie used to support our school when I first started at Towamba and we are very happy to have her back. If you would like your child to meet with the school psychologist, please complete the updated online form and Katie will be in touch with you.

Today's newsletter has a lot of information attached. It is all important information, including updates on end of day routines, digital declaration, working with children, permissions and much, much more. If you have any difficulties with these attachments or do not understand what is being requested or why, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we can work through these with you. We are here to help.

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last night. It was a long one but some very exciting plans have come out of it. It was wonderful to have some new faces in attendance. I greatly appreciate families giving up their time to attend these meetings to discuss different ways to support our families and school. Thank you all very much.

Congratulations and well done to the Year 6 leaders who welcomed 6 visiting principals, Director and PSEO (Public Schools Engagement Officer) on Monday. Our leaders were polite, friendly and helpful to the principals, who all only had nice things to say about our school and students. Well done on your first official leadership job Year 6. It was also lovely to present our leaders with the 'gold badges' this morning. I think the most exciting part for Year 6 was being part of morning tea. We are all very proud of the leadership team already and look forward to working with them this year.

An important reminder for the start of the year is that students should not be at school before 9:00am as there is no supervision on the playground before this time. When students arrive, they need to sit at the picnic tables under the COLA until a staff member comes out for morning playground supervision. We aim to have a staff member on duty at 9:00am, however at times there can be a slight delay. All students must remain seated until a teacher is on duty. Thank you.

Ms Barrow

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Swimming Carnival **tomorrow**

Please be at the pool by 9.:45am ready to go for the first events at 10:00am. Both Ms Barrow and Ms Wendy will be attending but will be tasked with roles on the day. We ask that parents stay to assist and cheer on the students. Adults will need to listen out for announcements and follow the program. In the Towamba area there will be a program with eligible students listed for every event for easy reference. Students nominated as non-swimmers will not be entering the pool but can be a great cheer squad. Bring a folding chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a day at the swimming carnival.

Year 6 Leaders

Thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers who came along and enjoyed the presentation of leadership badges to our Year 6 leaders, as well as participating in a discussion about the responsibilities and importance of being a role model.

2026 Wildcards

Congratulations to the students who had designs selected as one of our six wildcards this year, on the theme of Choose Kindness. Well done Ottilie, Kailani, Oscar, Chloe, Peter and Lenny (absent in the photo).

Beatbox workshop

The MPR was alive with music and beats and joyful cheering and applause, as students enjoyed being part of the performance with visiting performer Jobe from South Australia. He loves coming to our school and usually manages it every couple of years.

School Photos **Wednesday 4 March**

Coming up at the start of next month we have school photos with Daisy Hill Photography. Tara will be providing more information on the various photo packages soon.

2026 Updates

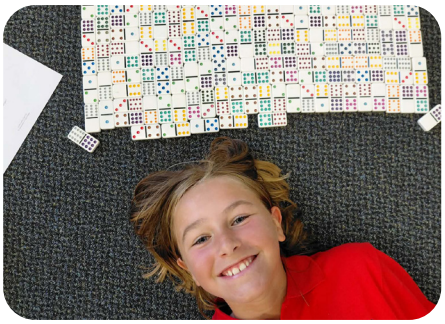
At the start of each year we need to review the information that we have for each family. Attached to the newsletter is an update pack for your family, which includes a print out of your child's profile in our admin system. There are some new consent forms to complete too, especially for our new students. All forms are accessible on the School Bytes Parent Portal but we have popped them all together with links on the page and via email for simplicity.

New school psychologist

Unfortunately our school psychologist Ash moved on during the holidays but we are very excited to welcome back Ms Katie Hedgcock. Katie will be visiting once a fortnight on a Tuesday. You can always check the dates on the school calendar in School Bytes. Make sure you complete the new form if you'd like to use this service.

Logging in from home

During the holidays, the usernames of students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 were changed to the department's new shortened format (student initials and the last 4 digits of their student ID. Updated password placemats for all students will be sent home soon, including the full Learn from Home pack



for our new students. This pack has been developed so that in the event of the school being non-operational (flood, power issues etc) students still have learning activities, with a mix of offline and online options. Keep it somewhere handy for when it's needed.

Book Club

Don't forget that 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. Book orders will be sent home with students on arrival unless we are informed otherwise.

Absences

Thank you so much to the parents keeping up to date with absence notifications via School Bytes. We will be emailing families around 10:30am if we have not received an absence notification. We have attached a page detailing the commonly used codes.

P&C News

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

Tomorrow: Steph

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

Pay online Towamba P&C

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

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $30/37.50

Please check availability before making payment

Term 1 Meeting

Thank you to those attending the first P&C meeting this year (including our AGM). Congratulations to all who have put their hand up to support the students and families of Towamba School. More information on the attached minutes.
Thank you to the volunteers who have accepted positions in the P&C. The 2026 committee members are:

President	Beckie Smith
Vice President	Alana Grant
Secretary	Karen Nelson
Treasurer	Kathryn Dixon
Canteen Coordinator	Lindy Cooper
Uniforms Coordinator	Esther Coen-Graham

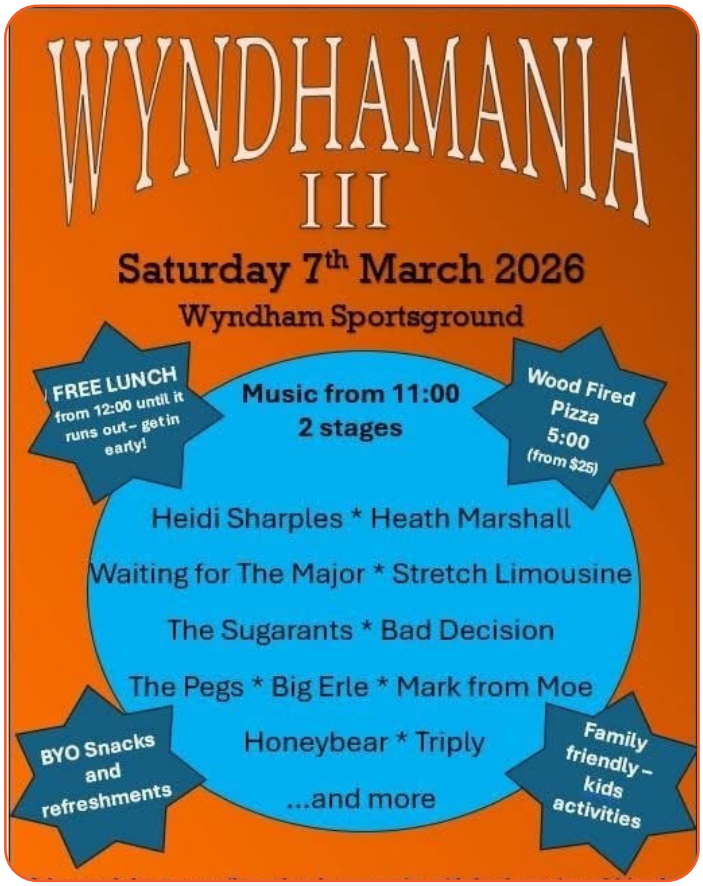
School uniforms

The P&C are making an order of additional shirts and jumpers. We are offering parents the opportunity to express an interest in purchasing so that we can ensure that we have enough ordered to keep a good number in stock. Please see the attached slip and return to the school office by Tuesday 17th when the order will be finalised.

Second Hand Clothing Pool

Our second hand clothing pool is a great way to share uniforms around and reduce costs. Bring in any hand-me-down items to school so other parents can take them for free. At the moment the pool has quite a few size 6 jumper plus 1 shirt, a shirt and 2 jumpers in size 8, a jumper and 2 shirts in size 10, and a jumper and 2 shirts in size 12. There are also some shorts in size 10, skorts in size 6, and long pants in sizes 6, 8 &10. Interested parents are welcome to call into the office for access to the MPR. We will also put these out at the end of term assembly.

Community News



Nethercote Hall
12th February Ring Ray
For bookings ..info
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Towamba
Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome

TAI CHI

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

MEDITATION

MONDAYS 5:45-6:15
$10/$20 with tai chi