Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL — Magpie Murmur

TERM 1 | **WEEK 9** | **THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026**

Coming Events

Fri 27 Mar	Stage 2 AFL Gala
Fri 27 Mar	Scripture - church
Tues 31 Mar	School Photos
Wed 1 Apr	End of term assembly
Thurs 2 Apr	Last day of term 2

TERM 2

Mon 20 Apr	Staff return
25-26 April	P&C Stall-Team Sorting
Mon 27 Apr	Public Holiday
Wed 29 Apr	GRIP Year 6 Canberra

Reminders

Attached:

- GRIP Year 6 Leadership
- Senior Girls note
- Chromebook Offer
- Assembly flyer
- holiday programs
- Canberra EOI
- Stewart House

The term is all but over and we are on the downhill run to the holidays. I know how happy most of you will be to get to the holidays and be able to spend some time with your kids. I know the students are all ready for a break from routine, but I do love how many of them love being at school. The staff are also ready for a break from routine.

We are eggcited to welcome everyone for the Easter Hat Parade next week, with a BBQ, assembly and some Easter fun. We love it when Easter coincides with the end of term so we get to enjoy some extra activities. Special thanks goes to Alana, Ben, Bekie, Priscilla, Beth and Jackie who all came along to help with the wonderful creative mess of Easter hat making last Monday. It was a fantastic morning and the day would not have been as successful without you all helping out. Thank you very much. All of the community are welcome to the assembly next week and siblings (and parents) are welcome to join the Easter Hat parade too!

Today you will find a note attached explaining that we are giving away some old Chromebooks. Please make note of the information that these are being given away 'as is' and no assistance will be provided to families with these devices. We have been given permission to give these away and they have been wiped of anything school based and from the school system. We hope these devices, although older, might be of assistance to some of our families. As noted, these Chromebooks are web-based devices and require an internet connection to be used. They are not Windows products. They will be given away on a first response basis. If you already have a laptop at home for your children, these are probably not an upgrade. Keep that in mind.

Our beautiful chickens have all hatched and are growing very quickly. We had a great result from all the eggs that went in the incubator and after two rounds of candling, a number of eggs were found to be unviable and removed from the incubator. Unfortunately two of the remaining chicks did not make it out of their eggs successfully however everyone else did and they are thriving. We had initially considered auctioning off the day old chicks but that time has come and gone. Bethany (our chicken whisperer) has been on the job from day one, determining males and females and she feels that waiting until the chicks are 'teenagers' is probably the best time to send them home to families who are interested. The chickens are certainly being provided with lots of love and attention here at school and I am very thankful to Jillian and Adrian who will be taking them home for the holidays. I imagine they will be huge by next term. We have all been enjoying this process and I think the chickens have been enjoying being part of the 3-6 classroom to be honest.

As this is my final newsletter for Term 1, I wish you all a very safe and happy Term 1 break from school. It has been a very positive start to the year and we are all looking forward to that continuing. You know I will say all that again next week at the assembly, but just in case you miss it, Happy Easter and have a safe and happy holiday from school.

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School Photos **Tuesday**

Next week we have Tara visiting for take 2 of our 2026 school photos on Tuesday 31 March. All students will be photographed on the day, individually and as a group. If you would like to make an order you can do so online at the Daisy Hill Photography website https://www.daisyhillphotography.com.au/about.

Deadly Science

Students in Years 3-6 enjoyed a great session last week with the Deadly Science crew from Far North Qld. After learning some fun facts about how to make soap, and the plants used by indigenous Australians to make soap, they got the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of their handwashing technique using ultraviolet light. It was quite surprising for some! Overall it was a great learning opportunity. Students really benefit from visiting programs like this and we are thankful to Deadly Science for including us in their program.

Life Ed

We hope that the resources sent home after the Life Education session helped families chat with their children about what they learned with Tegan at this year's visit. Students in K12 learnt about friendships and respectful relationships, Year 3 & 4 about building positive relationships, emotional literacy and emotional regulation, and our senior Year 5 & 6 learnt about decision making, peer group pressure, the impact of drugs and alcohol and staying safe.

AFL Gala Days **cancelled**

Students and families have been informed today that the Stage 2 AFL Gala Day tomorrow has been cancelled. Students should come to school as normal.

Scripture

During Mr Dixon's visit tomorrow, scripture students will be walking across to the church for a special service for Easter.

Easter Hat Making

Thank you so much to the parents and carers coming along to help the students with their Easter Hat creations earlier this week. We look forward to enjoying the parade at the assembly next week!

End of Term Assembly **Wednesday**

Make sure you have Wednesday 1 April free to come down and enjoy the Easter Hat parade, a BBQ lunch and the end of term assembly. Our end of term assemblies provide an overview of the term with a slideshow, presentation of the first nests of the year, and an opportunity to showcase some of the student's learning. Everyone is welcome to join us.
Bring some coins for the BBQ and enjoy a sausage sandwich for $2. Tea and coffee also available. Please use one of the visitor mugs with a lid for safety when children are around.

Premier's Reading Challenge

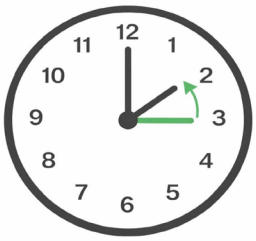
In very exciting news we will soon have all 26 out of 26 students that have logged their first book into the Premiers Reading Challenge. Keep reading and keep logging. A few more hints were sent home last week about some of the guidelines, to help at home.

Chromebooks

Attached to this newsletter is a bright orange note about several Chromebooks we are giving away to school families. The

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Ends Sun, 5th Apr 2026



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Daylight saving ends Sunday, 5th April 2026.
At 3:00 am, clocks go back to 2:00 am — enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

2019 chromebooks are a little old, some need to be plugged in rather than use battery, and some have blocked headphone ports (though no problem with sound) but basically they are all functioning. The devices have been powerwashed and disconnected from the department. They are being offered as is, with no assistance or support offered. There are only six devices and it will be first in best dressed. Read more on the attached note then either jump onto the School Bytes parent portal on the Forms tab and find the Chromebook offer form, or use the return slip on the attached note and return to school.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

In Week 2 next term, Year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. It was a great event last year when Jere and Zee attended so we wanted our Year 6 students this year to have the same opportunity - even though transport logistics are a little more tricky! As it is close to the start of the term we are putting the note out now. Please have the consent done by the end of term ideally. More information is attached.

Day at Wyndham Athletics Skills

Next term students will be travelling to Wyndham to share a day focused on athletics skills in preparation for the Athletics Carnival in Term 2 hosted by our school. A bus has been booked for this whole school excursion to Wyndham. The school is covering the $627 bus cost, with no cost passed onto school families.

Canberra Stage 3 Excursion EOI

Also attached is an early EOI for the Canberra Excursion in Term 3. Please return your EOI by end of this term so that our numbers can be finalised for the organisers.

P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

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 27 March- Bekie/Liz

Get your name down for Term 2!

Vegie Pasties

Sorry we have run out of Vegie Pasties for lunch orders this week. Back next term.

End of Term BBQ Lunch

The P&C is hosting the end of term BBQ next week on Wednesday April 1 at 12.30pm. We are always keen for helpers, so if you are available please email towamba.pandc@gmail.com to let us know.

P&C Catering: Team Sorting

The P&C will be running a cake stall on Saturday 25 April, and a lunch BBQ on Sunday 26 April for the Team Sorting event. Donations of cakes and slices would be greatly appreciated.

School uniforms

At this stage it looks like the new uniform options won't be ready until Term 2.

Friday lunch orders Term 2

Reserve your preferred dates now for next term's Friday lunches. Volunteering at school is a great and easy way to be part of things. Contact Lindy on 0415 964 144. New people always welcome. Digital declaration required.

P&C UNIFORM SALES

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $37.50

Pay online Towamba P&C

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Ac number: 0090 0797
Towamba P&C Assoc.

Coming soon!

Please check availability before making any payment.

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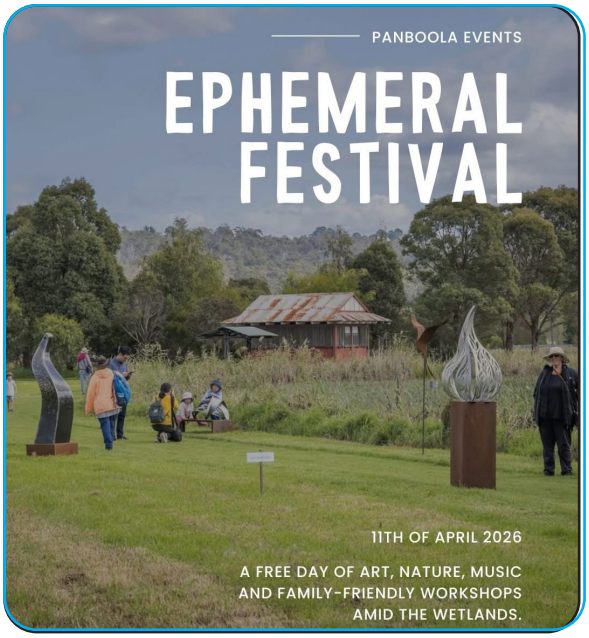
Community News



Towamba
Community Church
Sundays at 4pm

All welcome

Spiral Gallery's Plethora of Postcards

Local adults and children are invited to enter the 15th annual Plethora of Postcards Exhibition at Spiral Gallery in Bega.

It's all about postcard-size artworks! There are prizes for different age groups and different categories.

This year we have two special categories, 'In the Garden' and '15 Years … a Continuous Thread' to celebrate the Postcard exhibition's 15th anniversary.
The exhibition is on from 12 June to 7 July 2026 with submissions due on the 29 May.
This exhibition is a great chance for young and inexperienced artists to have a go, and for the most experienced artist to explore a new direction.

More information online or email:
spiralpostcards@gmail.com